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Todd Herzog is among the finest human beings I've ever encountered. He is warm, sensitive, empathic, thoughtful, thorough, responsible, and incredibly talented as a musician.

At New Community Jewish High School, located in West Hills, California, I am responsible for editing and submission of course descriptions to the University of California (UC) System. Approval of our courses by the UC System is essential for our students when they're applying to the UC System's various campuses.

As one of the first instructors of our music-related courses, Todd was responsible for writing a number of course descriptions. Working on these descriptions with him was, truly, a joyful experience. He put forth Herculean effort, he was unfailingly receptive to feedback, and ultimately, he produced products of the highest quality. In fact, his course description for our Jazz Ensemble class is now used by the UC system as a model of excellence; it is posted on their website for viewing by all California high schools.

While our school community undoubtedly benefited from Todd's work on course descriptions, and from his efforts in the classroom, I believe it is through his music that he had the greatest impact on us. On several occasions, Todd performed for our school, sometimes along with student musicians, other times as a solo artist. His music is beautiful, viscerally pleasing, a medium that reaches those of various ages. And I believe it is all of this because it so very clearly emanates directly from Todd's soul. Creating and performing music is his passion. When he's able to share this passion with others, his heart beats the colors of the rainbow and all those present bask in the glory of his creation.

It is an honor to write on behalf of Todd. I hope to maintain contact with him for the rest of my days.

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