

Meet A Matador



Hi Mats! I am so excited to be joining the Miramonte community as the new vocal and instrumental music teacher. I am teaching choir, jazz band, AP music theory, musical theater, and (coming soon!) digital music production. I have taught music for over ten years including at Seaside High School (Monterey County, CA) and Analy High School (Sonoma County, CA). At the university level I've taught at San Jose State University, and Berklee College of Music's Quito, Ecuador affiliate. I am proud to perform as one half of the musical duo [kartercarl](#). From 2021-2022 I performed as a core member of the Los Angeles-based vocal ensemble Tonality where I performed at the Western Region American Choral Directors Association Conference, Walt Disney Concert Hall, and on the soundtrack to National Geographic's series *America the Beautiful*. As a collaborative pianist I have accompanied many a choir, cabaret, and musical theater productions. In 2023 I directed the Analy High School Chamber Singers in collaboration with 10-time Grammy winner Bobby McFerrin for four performances at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. It was awesome! ([Check out our spontaneous duet here!](#)) I have an undergraduate degree in Jazz Voice from the USC, a graduate degree in Choral Conducting from San Jose State University, and a teaching credential from Sonoma State. Please feel free to reach out to me at coser@auhsdschools.org if you would like to talk about music at Miramonte High School!

About Life Outside of School

- What is one of your hidden talents?
 - I am very good at Pickleball! I try to play a few times a week.
- What is your perfect meal?
 - Anything that is free, cooked by another person, and doesn't leave me hungry!
- Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by? Why is it important to you?
 - Progress over perfection! It's a hard motto to live by, but I try to encourage myself and others to take risks and make mistakes. Creativity and perfectionism are challenging to pursue at the same time.
- What song(s) do you know all the lyrics to? Which song makes you hit the skip button the most?
 - I am terrible at memorizing lyrics! Most of the songs whose lyrics I know are short. A lot of the time I improvise on wordless syllables or (sorry family) will just sing one part of a song over and over again.
- What's in your teacher survival kit?
 - Eight hours of sleep. Snacks, snacks, and snacks. And whiteboard markers.
- Every teacher had a teacher who inspired them to be a teacher. Tell us about your inspiration to be a teacher.
 - I have been lucky to have so many amazing music teachers. One teacher that sticks out was actually a baseball coach that I had. I really appreciated how holistic his approach was. He really cared that we became great human beings above anything else.
- What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?
 - This is the first time in forty or so years that one person has been teaching both the instrumental and vocal courses at Miramonte High School. I'm excited to take on this challenge and to work with students, parents, teachers, and admin to sustain and support this program!
- In which other teacher's class would you like to enroll, even for a day? Why?
 - I'd love to follow John Fowley around for a day. I love the positive culture that he brings for students and faculty.
- If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share? Stop trying to be cool! It's ok to be you.