

BRIAN HERSH '99 WORKS TO "PROMOTE DIVERSITY THROUGH THE POWER OF ART AND EDUCATION"

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Brian Hersh, a 1999 graduate of DePauw University, is serving as Embracing Our Differences' liaison with Florida's Sarasota County School District. The nonprofit organization "uses the transformational power of art and education to celebrate and promote the diversity of the human family."

Sarah Wertheimer, executive director of Embracing Our Differences, stated, "I'm excited to be working with this highly creative person who is passionate about arts education and is dedicated to promoting community-school partnerships throughout our region. Brian is well

known for his approach to arts integrated instruction, and we're looking forward to the fresh perspective and expertise he'll bring to EOD's education initiatives."

An announcement notes, "Hersh serves as the program director for Sarasota County School District's Any Given Child initiative, a partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, for which he oversees the district's strategic approach to arts education. Through his leadership, the Sarasota County School District has launched new arts programs, built new relationships with cultural organizations, and created more sustainable, arts-integrated professional development programs. Hersh previously served as the education and outreach director of the Asolo Rep. He also worked at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts where he oversaw the Meet-the-Artist School Series. Hersh has a Bachelor of Musical Arts from DePauw University, where he also serves on the alumni board."



Hersh says, "I strongly believe that every student should experience all of the arts -- in school and in the community. Embracing Our Differences has a clear mission to promote diversity through the power of art and education. Through art and naturally collaborative efforts, I look forward to working with EOD to help enhance positive culture, empathy, and understanding within our schools, community, and beyond."