

Principal Jane Lucas' twenty-nine-year tenure in the field of education encompasses a vast array of experiences at all levels (Pre-K through Post-Secondary), as well as an extensive corporate management background.

Mrs. Lucas has a Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Education and Music, and a minor in English. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Music with a specialization in Conducting and an emphasis on Neuroscience and Cognition. Principal Lucas also holds a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership as well as the Department of Education Certification for all grade levels in Performing Arts, Educational Leadership, and the Principal's Credential. Mrs. Lucas is extremely excited to be at the halfway mark in her Doctorate of Education Degree at the University of South Florida – Tampa, where she is researching Sustainable Innovation and Educational Program Development.

Principal Lucas began her career in middle school performing arts education, and was the curriculum developer and department chair for Pinellas County's inaugural performing arts magnet school at John Hopkins. During her high school teaching career at Seminole High School, Mrs. Lucas' students have performed in International Festivals as well as at the renowned Carnegie Hall, and she has presented and conducted at national and international conferences around the globe. For her work in this area, Mrs. Lucas is a recipient of the George Washington Freedom's Foundation Medal of Honor. Under her guidance as Department Chair, Seminole High School received the prestigious Department of Education "Music Demonstration School" award. Throughout Principal Lucas' high school teaching career she simultaneously held a full time role as a Manager of Operations for Nielsen, a 24/7 global media company. She has also served as a curriculum designer and adjunct/guest professor for University of Phoenix, University of Tampa, Eckerd College, and The Florida State University.

Prior to her appointment as Principal of Seminole High School, Mrs. Lucas' role was Chief Academic Officer and Assistant Principal at SHS. Throughout her tenure she was a project lead on the Design Team for Pinellas Innovates; a program to infuse personalized and project based learning throughout Pinellas County Schools (PCS), and was a presenter on the team responsible for securing the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant. In addition, Principal Lucas was the district liaison for PCS's "Bridging the Achievement Gap," an initiative to obliterate the disparity in academic success between our white and minority students. Under her leadership, Seminole High's graduation rate leaped nearly ten percentage points in one year, to 97.8%, and for three years running; our African-American graduation rate remains at 100%!

This summer Principal Lucas had the honor of presenting, along with the Seminole High Leadership Team, at the 2018 National Model Schools Conference. Seminole High School was one of only eight schools in the nation tapped for this award, based upon the innovative work of our faculty, staff, students, departments, and academies. Mrs. Lucas is a member of Kappa Delta Pi, ASCD, and FASA.

In her spare time, Principal Lucas loves to travel, read, make music and spend time with her amazing family. An avid adventurer, she loves hiking, scuba diving, rock climbing, and even skydiving!

Mrs. Lucas is hopeful and anticipatory about the future of Seminole High School, and energized to engage in the quest for equity and excellence of all our students, faculty and staff members.