



Mr. Xavier L. Cason

Xavier L. Cason is a native of Winton, North Carolina and has been Director of Bands at Hillside High School since 1997-98. He and his wife, Cynthia are the proud parents of Contessa Sawyer (Tremaine) and David, as well as a wonderful grandson, Jaylen. He holds music education degrees from North Carolina Central University (NCCU) and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to coming to Hillside, he was Director of Bands at both Central Middle School (Whiteville, NC) and NCCU. As an educator, Mr. Cason has numerous awards, including Teacher of the Year at Central Middle and Hillside High, a Teaching Excellence Award at NCCU, "Who's Who Among America's Teachers", a B.C. Powder "Real People" award, and an award from the Nobel Foundation for Outstanding Teaching. As founder of **Throne Life Media**, Mr. Cason has worked extensively in the field of music arranging and composition, having a number of works performed on regional and national television. He has scored almost a dozen original musicals, including a rendition of Irving Truitt, Jr.'s "Cinderah" that was performed in Osaka, Japan in 2001. Currently, he is co-producing Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity" in Durham, NC with Wendell Tabb Productions. This production has been since named one of Durham's "Top Ten Holiday Traditions", and raises thousands of dollars for community causes in the Triangle area and beyond.