

instructor corner

Paul Dattner, A.M., Guitar Instructor

Rhythm, Routine, and Results



Weekly music lessons are a valuable investment, and making the most of that time requires intention from students, parents, and instructors alike. Arriving prepared with tuned instruments, completed assignments, and questions ensures that each lesson builds forward instead of catching up.

Listening plays a central role: students must actively hear their own playing, their teacher's guidance, and the nuances of tone, rhythm, and dynamics that shape musical growth.

Practice should be varied and purposeful. Break sessions into small sections: warm-ups, technique, repertoire, and creative exploration. Slow practice, repetition, and even silent "mental practice" all contribute to steady improvement. Progress in music is rarely linear; some weeks feel like leaps, others like plateaus. Consistency, patience, and reflection help students move through both.

Preparing for performances teaches focus and confidence. Simulating performance conditions at home by playing through pieces without stopping can make a significant difference. Parents can support by creating a positive environment, celebrating effort, and encouraging regular practice without pressure.

Above all, genuine interest is the driving force behind lasting success. Whether music becomes a career, a trade, or a lifelong hobby, curiosity and enjoyment sustain motivation. When students are truly engaged, practice becomes meaningful, lessons become exciting, and progress becomes deeply rewarding.

upcoming events



MAY 2

SAMA Student Bands performing at Twin Bros Burgerz (5pm-8pm)



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Maggie Nemenzo's Birthday



MAY 4

Taylor Mendoza's Birthday



MAY 16

Marissa Garcia's Birthday



MAY 16

SAMA Student Bands performing at 1604 Cantina (5:30pm-10pm)



MAY 23 MAY 24 MAY 30

Spring Recitals at UIW
samusicacademy.com/signup

student of the month

Charlee G. is a bright student who constantly commits herself to excellence. Her radiant personality shines on and off the stage, evidenced by her many performance endeavors. I love seeing her flourish, and am excited to see where her journey continues to take her.



Khadijah Enriquez, B.M., Voice Instructor

student accomplishments



Congratulations to **Natalie D.** for being awarded the highest rating in Solo and Ensemble competition, for both viola and violin!

HAPPY 8-YEAR SAMA ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following students celebrating eight years at SAMA!

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| Valentina A. | George I. |
| Melody C. | Scarlett K. |
| Caleb F. | Haley M. |
| Natalia F. | Maddox P. |



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