

Dana Woolard-Hughlett is the Adjunct Professor of Cello, Chamber Music Coordinator, and String Methods Instructor at William Jewell College. She has also been on the faculty of Graceland University and Illinois Wesleyan University Summer Cello Camp. She studied with Nina Gordon and Carter Enyeart at the UMKC Conservatory for her BA in Music and Master of Music in Cello Performance. She also earned K-12 Instrumental Music Certification from Missouri Western University. Additional teachers include Takorori Atsumi of Arizona State University, Martin Storey of London Symphony, and Paul Olefsky at University of Texas at Austin.

Dana has participated in the Sunflower Music Festival, Penn's Woods Music Festival, Mid America Chamber Festival, and Sessioni Senese per la Musica e L'Arte, Siena, Italy where she performed in a quartet with faculty of the Chigiana Festival. She has taught chamber music at the Inspiration Point Fine Arts Chamber Camp. She co-founded the Lamy Trio, former faculty ensemble at William Jewell College.

As an orchestral musician, she is currently the Principal Cellist of the Liberty Symphony Orchestra. She performed the Saint Saens Concerto with LSO in 2018. She has served as principal cellist of the St. Joseph Symphony, substituted as principal in the Topeka Symphony. She has performed Lyric Opera productions and at the Inspiration Point Opera Festival.

Dana enjoys playing many genres of music and she performs regularly at the KC Repertory Theatre, Starlight Summer Theater, and MTH Theater. She has played with the Kansas City Jazz Orchestra, Hershey Park Pops Symphony Orchestra, Rod Stewart, Michael Buble, Peter Gabriel, Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Frankie Valli, and other pop artists.

As an educator, she teaches privately and has adjudicated for the Missouri All District and All State Orchestra Festivals, various solo and ensemble and large group festivals, KC Youth Symphony and the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra. She leads sectionals in schools throughout the KC Metro and was the sectional coach for 2021 KC Youth Symphony Summer Camp. She was the Co-Director of the Cello Celebration at JCCC. In 2018, she received the Missouri American String Teacher Association Collegiate Teacher of the Year Award.