

Mrs. Johnston holds a B.A. in Music Education K-12 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Nazarene College, a private liberal arts school in Quincy, Massachusetts. She studied piano under Dr. Brady Millican, a concert pianist and professor. In each of the three years she was eligible to compete, Mrs. Johnston won a Performance Scholarship for piano awarded by a panel from the music faculty. Mrs. Johnston worked during her college years as a music department accompanist for voice students, in the college library, and at First Congregational Church of Marshfield as a hand bell, youth group, and choir director. She gratefully was able to raise \$3000 in donations to serve the summer of 1987 as a volunteer children's worker/performer/camp counselor on the island of Trinidad. She was trained for this assignment at Point Loma Nazarene College in San Diego, California. In her final summer of college she was the accompanist and Soprano II in the college public relations quintet "Onesimus". The group traveled from Maine to Virginia as well as performing at an international convention in the Hoosier Dome. Mrs. Johnston student taught 450 hours in the suburban Braintree MA public school system under the high quality, heartfelt mentoring of Ms. Frances Guida. Ms. Guida sent Mrs. Johnston with the recommendation of being the finest student teacher Ms. Guida had supervised in her twenty years of teaching. Mrs. Johnston's four years in college at ENC culminated in a senior recital that featured Mrs. Johnston performing Beethoven's "Sonata Pathetique" in C Minor, Debussy, Bach, Mendelssohn, and Chopin. At graduation in 1990, she was inducted into the Phi Delta Lambda Academic Honor Society for matriculating in the top 5% of her senior class with a 3.7 QPA.