



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

DISTRICT 4-H PROGRAM MANAGER

MELISSA SWENSON

CONCORDIA OFFICE



Melissa's Biography

“Melissa moved to Concordia in May of 2018, after living in Boston for seven years. She earned a second master's degree from Boston University in Arts Administration in 2013. Melissa is an accomplished flutist and graduated from Oklahoma State University with a master's in Flute Pedagogy and Performance in 2008, and she earned her BA in Music Performance at Southwestern College in Winfield, KS in 2006. She recently married Ryan Swenson, Co-Owner of Duis Meat Processing (Concordia, KS) and Smoky River Meats (Salina, KS). In her spare time, she volunteers as a Board member at the Brown Grand Theatre, is active at her church (Zion Lutheran), and performs in Cloud County Community College's Concert Band and Jazz Band.”

If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to and why?

“I'd travel back to the 1920s, to wear flapper dresses and dance the night away with live big band music!”

Have you met anybody famous? If so, who did you meet and where?

“Gustavo Dudamel, Music and Artistic Director of the LA Phil. He was the guest conductor for a Gala event I planned at my last job.”

What is one interesting fact we might not know about you?

“I grew up in South Carolina and was in Hurricane Hugo.”

If you were singing Karaoke, what song would you choose?

““Hakuna Matata” from *the Lion King*.”