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## PROFESSIONAL & TEACHING ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2011-2018** **Founder of The Ultimate Rock Guitar Dojo for Kids™ (Rock Dojo)**  
Developed and created a unique and rewarding method for teaching kids to play, perform, and [compose rock instrumental music](#) based on a simplified belt system. The Rock Dojo after-school music program is currently offered at ACCESS Academy, Beverly Cleary, Irvington School, and Laurelhurst School. **Partnerships:** Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), RACC, Theta Music, P&G Music Trainer, Guitar Center, Portland Music Company, Trade Up Music, Singular Sound, Anytune, D'Addario Foundation.
- 2017 [Author of Guitar For Kids: Rock Dojo the Complete Belt System](#)  
2017 [Author of Guitar For Beginners: Rock Dojo Yellow Belt Edition](#)
- 2015-2016** **Composer and Producer of Music Database for Guitar Education**  
Composed and produced—in partnership with Indigo Groove Recording owner, J. Stu Fessant—a database of 100 + songs designed to teach kids the fundamentals of music.
- 2015 [Author of The Ultimate Rock Guitar Dojo for Kids: White Belt Edition](#)
- 2011-2016** **Contributing Writer**  
Guitar Coach Magazine, Start Teaching Guitar, Subtopian Magazine, Cengage Learning, The Bridge
- 2012-2015** **Guitar Scholarship Initiative**  
Provided access to guitar lessons and musical instruments for underserved children in the Cully neighborhood, Portland, OR
- 2008-2012** **Lead Guitarist**  
E.D. Mondainé & the Belief, Portland, OR, Soul Funk Stew, De La Blue

## EDUCATION

- 2011 **Professional Music Certification**, Portland Community College, OR  
12-Time President's Award Winner for Highest Academic Honors
- 2008-2010 **Berkley Jazz School**

## AWARDS

- 2018 Regional Arts and Cultural Council Project Grant & Professional Development Grant Winner  
2017 Regional Arts and Cultural Council Project Grant Winner  
2016 Regional Arts and Cultural Council Professional Development Grant Winner  
2016 Invitee for the Cultural Leadership Program for Emerging Arts Leadership and Organization (RACC), Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award Foundation Scholarship Winner, Urban League Scholarship Winner, and the Eric Porshman Art Scholarship Winner