



Bands of America Mid-Atlantic Regional Championship

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MUSIC PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

Steve Kuske, Sherwood, OR

Stephen Kuske is in his 27th year with the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Washington. The Evergreen Marching Band has garnered over 250 awards and trophies during Mr. Kuske's tenure and has won Northwest Marching Band Championship five times. In 2009, the Evergreen band was selected from 1400 applicants to march in the Barack Obama Presidential Inauguration Parade in Washington DC.

Before coming to Evergreen, Mr. Kuske served as Director of Bands for three years at Fred C. Beyer High School in Modesto, California. During his tenure at Beyer High School, the group was selected to perform at the prestigious Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in Chicago. The Beyer Marching Band, under Mr. Kuske's direction, won first place at the Bands of America Western Regional and the Western Scholastic Marching Band Championships in California.

Before moving to Modesto, he taught successful band programs in Eugene and Salem, Oregon, including the Sprague Wind Ensemble. Under Mr. Kuske's leadership, Sprague High School placed in the top three at the Oregon State Band Championships during each of his three years at the school and was the Oregon State Band Champion in his last year.

Richard Saucedo, Fishers, IN*

Most recently the Director of Bands and Department Chairman at the William H. Duke Center for the Performing Arts at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana, Richard L. Saucedo retired at the end of the 2012-13 school year after teaching for 31 years. Under his direction, Carmel bands received numerous state and national honors.

The Indiana Bandmasters Association named Saucedo Indiana's Bandmaster of the Year for 1998-99 and named him the state's 2010 Outstanding Music Educator. Saucedo is a freelance arranger and composer, having released numerous marching band arrangements, concert band works, and choral compositions.

Saucedo travels throughout the country as an adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor, and has been a featured clinician at a number of prominent conferences and clinics. He has served as Music Caption Head for the Drum Corps Midwest Judges Guild and as a music judge for Drum Corps International. Saucedo has also served as the brass composer/arranger

for the Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps and was the brass composer/arranger for the Blue Stars in 2013. Saucedo did his undergraduate work at Indiana University in Bloomington and finished his master's degree at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Andrew Shanefield, Drexel Hill, PA

Dr. Andrew Shanefield serves as an instrumental music teacher for the School District of Haverford Township and is a former faculty member at Swarthmore College. He maintains a busy schedule as a composer, arranger, clinician, and adjudicator for ensembles across the world. He is a performing artist/clinician for Yamaha band instruments.

Drew is the current brass composer/arranger for the Crossmen and River City Rhythm Drum & Bugle Corps. He has worked in similar program, design, and caption positions for the Cadets, Cavaliers, Bluecoats, and Carolina Crown Drum & Bugle Corps.

Drew graduated from New York University in 1992. He received a master's degree in music education from Queens College, a master's degree in music performance from West Chester University, and a doctorate in higher education from Widener University. He and his family reside in suburban Philadelphia.

Greg Williams, Acworth, GA

Mr. Williams earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in Music Education from Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. He was a member of the Spirit of Atlanta Drum and Bugle Corps and the Jacksonville State University Marching Southerners. He also served as drum major for both organizations.

Mr. Williams spent his professional career as a high school band director and Fine Arts department chair in the Cobb County School District, located in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. During his career, he received the National Band Association Citation of Excellence three times and was honored as Teacher of the Year twice. He served as Director of Bands at North Cobb High School in Kennesaw, Georgia for 20 years. The North Cobb Bands won many local and regional contests and were selected to perform at the GMEA in-service conference in 2006 and 2012. Mr. Williams was named the Acworth Citizen of the Year in 2016 for his many years of devotion and commitment to the community. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, fishing, traveling, and judging high school bands. He and his wife of 35 years, Dr. Lisa Williams, reside in Acworth, Georgia.

VISUAL PANEL (alphabetical by last name)

Mike Anderson, Eagle, ID

Mike Anderson has been involved in pageantry arts for more than 30 years as a performer, instructor, designer, and adjudicator. Mr. Anderson serves as a program coordinator and

visual designer for numerous programs throughout the United States. In addition to Bands of America, Mr. Anderson adjudicates for many other organizations, including Drum Corps International, Winter Guard International, and Drum Corps Japan. Mr. Anderson is the judges' coordinator for the Indiana High School Color Guard Association and enjoys spending time assisting the Maui Film Festival.

Bret Mascaro, Collegeville, PA

After retiring as a music teacher, band director, and department coordinator for the Methacton School District, Bret Mascaro became the Director of Education for Zeswitz Music in Reading in Pennsylvania. During his 34-year career, Mr. Mascaro served as a Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District President and Festival Coordinator.

In retirement, Mr. Mascaro is the head director for the American Music Abroad Silver Tour and an Assistant Conductor for the Montgomery County Concert Band. Mr. Mascaro has been a designer and instructor for the Crossmen, Troopers, and Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps and many high school bands from across the country. He has presented clinics for Drum Corps International, as well as several regional competitive circuits. Mr. Mascaro has served as an adjudicator across the United States, Canada, and Japan for organizations such as Winter Guard International, Drum Corps International, Bands of America, and several state pageantry associations.

Jeff Young, Indianapolis, IN

Jeff Young is CEO of Dynamic Marching (www.dynamicmarching.com) and is a teacher at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. He is the visual caption head for the Carmel Marching Band (5-time Bands of America Grand National Champions). He graduated with a B.S. from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree from Indiana University. Jeff has been the Division Head of the bands of America Summer Symposium Marching Band Track since 2007. In addition, Jeff was a visual consultant for the Cadets Drum and Bugle Corps, he judges and writes drills, and he frequently teaches clinics on marching and body movement. Jeff hosts a podcast, That Band Life, with Bobby Lambert.

CHIEF JUDGE: Richard Saucedo*