

# East Stroudsburg Area School District

## 2021 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



### **Dr. Kyle R. Glaser**

Kyle Glaser holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Music degree in Conducting from Rutgers University, and a Doctor of Music degree in Conducting from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. From 2000 through 2008 Glaser served as the Director of Bands at East Stroudsburg High School-South, where he directed the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, the Cavalier Marching Band, and the Jazz Ensemble. From 1998 through 2000, he taught instrumental music lessons and conducted the Concert Band at Bushkill Elementary School, was the Associate Director of Bands at the East Stroudsburg High School, and led two jazz ensembles at the J.T. Lambert Intermediate School. Under his direction, bands in East Stroudsburg received numerous Superior ratings at PMEA and PBA Concert Band Adjudications, and in 2002 and 2005 the East Stroudsburg-South Symphonic Band was

selected to perform at the Annual PMEA In-Service Conference as a featured performing group. From 2001 through 2007 Glaser served as the Co-Director of the COTA Cats, a high school honors jazz ensemble that performs in conjunction with the annual Delaware Water Gap Celebration of the Arts Festival. He also served as the interim director of the East Stroudsburg University-Community Concert Band in the fall of 2002. Glaser currently serves as the Associate Director of Bands and Associate Professor of Music at Texas State University. His responsibilities include conducting the Symphonic Winds, overseeing all athletic bands, and teaching various methods classes. He maintains an active schedule as a clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator across the nation. He has contributed several chapters to the GIA Publications *Teaching Music Through Performance in Band* series. From 2017 through 2019 he served as the national vice president for professional relations for Tau Beta Sigma, the national band sorority. Glaser's professional memberships include the College Band Directors National Association, the National Band Association, the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles, the National Association for Music Education, the Texas Music Educators Association, the Texas Bandmasters Association, the International Society for the Research & Promotion of Wind Music, and Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity.

## Amanda Williams



Amanda is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School-North, Class of 2007. During her time in the ESASD, Amanda thrived through her music, academics and volunteerism. She served as secretary for the National Honor Society, was treasurer for Students Against Destructive Decisions, captain of the Color Guard, interned with East Stroudsburg-North's art department, tutored elementary school students at Bushkill Elementary School, sang soprano with the vocal jazz ensemble, women's chorus, mixed choir, played flute with the concert band and threw shot put for the track team. She also graduated third in her class. Throughout these early years, her music studies were her touch stone. She studied voice, piano and flute during her early years, which served her well in her collegiate studies. Amanda earned a

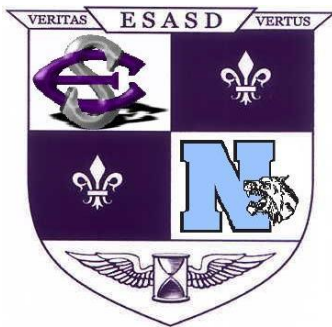
Bachelor of Music degree from West Chester University in 2011, where she was a member of the Honors College and participated in the West Chester Golden Rams Marching Band, West Chester Opera, West Chester Women's Choir, Master Choir and Concert Choir. She was also the winner of the West Chester annual orchestral soloist competition. She then went on to pursue a Master of Music degree in 2013 and a Graduate Performance Diploma in 2014 from Peabody Conservatory of the Johns Hopkins University. At Peabody, she sang with Peabody Opera as both a chorus member and principal. She also served as a cantor, soprano section leader and soloist with the Baltimore Basilica of the Assumption from 2012-2019. Amanda is currently a rising lyric soprano throughout the northeast. Praised as a performer who "carries herself beautifully," "shows great promise" and in possession of both a "warm" and "consistent sweetness of tone and clarity of articulation" by Tim Smith of the Baltimore Sun. She excels in the lyric soprano repertory of the eighteenth and twentieth century, such as works by Mozart, Britten and Mahler. She has made her mark with performances as Fiordiligi in Mozart's *Così fan tutte* and Helena in Britten's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. She is also dedicated to performing the works of living composers. Engagements include her world premiere performance of Edmund Scott Miller's *Yeats Songs*, her participation in *New Music Gathering*, an annual conference/festival hybrid dedicated to music and musicians, performing Francis Pollock's *What Gets Kept* and Samuel Hunter's *Dear Husband*, and her ongoing collaboration with Baltimore's *Mind on Fire* music collective in performances of Missy Mazzoli's *Vespers for a New Dark Age* and Brittany Green's *r\_upTure*. She has also been featured as a soloist in masterworks such as Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and Handel's *Messiah*, and has had the privilege of performing with the Washington National Opera Chorus with the Kennedy Center, the Baltimore Choral Arts Society as a Vocal Fellow and section leader, the Maryland Choral Society, Baltimore Symphony and Lyric Opera Baltimore.



## Dr. Lisa Wong

Dr. Lisa Wong taught choral and general music in the East Stroudsburg Area School District from 1994 to 2006, and was the first choral director at East Stroudsburg High School North when the district split into two campuses in 2000. She led multiple choral ensembles at J.T. Lambert Intermediate School, Lehman Intermediate School, and directed the High School-North musicals from 2000 to 2006. Currently residing in northeast Ohio, Lisa is Director of Choruses for The Cleveland Orchestra. In this capacity, she oversees all choral performances of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and Blossom Festival Chorus. In addition to her responsibilities in Cleveland, Lisa is also an Associate Professor of Music at The College of Wooster. At

Wooster, she co-Chairs the Department of Music, directs the acclaimed Wooster Chorus, and teaches courses in conducting, choral literature, and music education. Lisa serves regularly as a grant panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and remains active as a clinician and conductor with the Ohio Choral Directors Association and the Ohio Music Education Association.



Past inductees into the East Stroudsburg Area School District Music Hall of Fame have included: (2002) Doreen Derr Bondy, Marguerite Cramer, John Eaton, Bernice Nauman, Dr. Kenneth Raessler, Clement Wiedinmyer, Robert Zellner; (2003) John E. Casagrande, Judith Farmer, Stuart Jones, David Lantz Jr., Melissa Mary Lengua, Louis Millard; (2004) Suzanne Anderson, Sallie Ferrebee, Jere Lantz, Stanley R. Schoonover, Michael Silvoy; (2005) Michael L. Ehrlich, Tasitha ("Tassy") Newcomb Gilbert, Steven R. Mathiesen, Larry Zaccaro Jr.; (2006) Jennifer Schoonover, Vincent Yanovitch; (2007) Dr. Katharine ("Katchie") Cartwright, Patrick C. Dorian and Rebecca DeSanto Taylor; (2008) Robert C. Hartman, Susan Farmer Talley, David Springfield and Ly Wilder Tartell; (2009) Samuel DeRenzis, Zachary Giffel, Cory D. Miller and Robert Posten; (2010) Cynthia (Cindi) Bowman Copeland, Daniel Gelber, James A. Martini and Jenny Wunder Galunic; (2011) Michael Drolet, Brian McNulty, Kristen J. Smith and William Stine; (2012) Susan Moore Jordan, Caryn Kerstetter and Jennifer Kitchen; (2013) Christina Caiazzo-Pritchard, Jeremiah Downes, Kathaleen Joffe, Gordon L. Fung and Daniel Omelio; (2014) Robert E. Fetterman, Jr., Peter F. Maaser and Gail Stettler Napoliello; (2015) Kimberly Sisson Conklin, Debbie Myers, Judy Myers and Linda M. Schaller; (2016) Anthony DeAngelis, Robert L. Hickey Jr., and Najwa Parkins; (2017) Erica Hanrahan Ball, Amanda (Sibley) Cunard, and Nicole (Snyder) Rideout; (2018) Deborah Gasdek Booth and Paul Hubbell; (2019) Michael Doherty, Joel Lawrence and Nancy Joy Koch.