

East Stroudsburg Area School District

2015 Music Hall of Fame Inductees



Kimberly Sisson Conklin

Kim earned the distinction of being named the Valedictorian of the ESHS Class of 1976. She began her clarinet studies in 1967 with Clement Wiedinmyer, founder of the East Stroudsburg band program and an inaugural inductee to the East Stroudsburg Music Hall of Fame. Kim was a member of the high school wind ensemble, concert band, marching band, pep band, and jazz ensemble, and performed in PMEA District and Regional Bands and Orchestras. During her junior year, she was a Rotary exchange student to Japan, and as a senior, Kim received the Band Parents Scholarship and the Barbara Fatzinger Memorial Award for Outstanding Senior Band Member and was awarded a merit scholarship to the Eastman School of Music, where she earned a Bachelor of Music with

Distinction degree and a Master of Arts degree in music education. Kim has completed additional graduate study at the Juilliard School, University of Michigan, University of North Texas, New England Conservatory, and Hartt School of Music. From 1989 until her retirement in 2013, Kim taught seventh and eighth grade bands in East Stroudsburg, where her ensembles received numerous Superior ratings at PMEA Adjudication Festivals. In 1996, she directed the JT Lambert Intermediate School Purple Concert Band in a performance at the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Conference, and as a result of the generous support of the East Stroudsburg School District, she was able to commission works by John O'Reilly, Timothy Broege, Andrew Boysen, and Jack Stamp for the JTL Seventh and Eighth Grade Concert Bands, enabling students to work with living composers. Prior to teaching in East Stroudsburg, Kim taught in the Rochester, NY area from 1980-1989, where her elementary and junior high concert bands and jazz ensembles received the highest ratings at NYSSMA Adjudication Festivals. She is a recipient of the NBA Citation of Excellence Award and the Who's Who Among American Teachers Award, and has recorded for Alfred Music Publications and Shawnee Press. Kim is currently a member of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem and serves as a certified adjudicator for the New York School Music Association.

Debbie Myers

Debbie is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1973. As an ESHS student, she participated in marching and concert bands, while also serving as an accompanist for the high school choir. She earned a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Indiana University School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana, in 1977. Debbie was a public/parochial school music teacher for 12 years, and now serves as a private piano teacher, as well as a church choir director/organist. She has been a member of the Beef and Boards Dinner Theater orchestra in Indianapolis, Indiana, since 1991, and in addition, she has served as one of the music directors, and as a full-time accompanist at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana, for the past 10 years, accompanying voice and instrumental students, master classes, chorale, musicals and operas. Currently serving two Presbyterian churches as organist/music director, while accompanying numerous civic groups and other professional theaters, Debbie also serves as a substitute organist/pianist for churches and bell choirs.





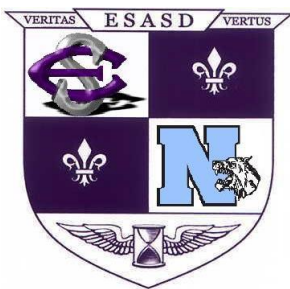
Judy Myers

Judy is a graduate of East Stroudsburg Area High School, Class of 1983. She participated in the ESHS band during grades 9 through 12 and was selected to participate in District, Regional and State band and orchestra. Judy was also honored with selection for the Pennsylvania Governor’s School for the Arts and the Pennsylvania State Lions Band. She earned a Bachelors degree in Music Education and Performance from Ithaca College, where she studied with John Covert. While at Ithaca, she performed in the orchestra and band, winning the concerto competition in her junior year. Judy was selected for the United States Navy Band in Washington, DC, where she served from 1988-1995. While in the Navy band, she performed with the concert band, ceremonial band and various small ensembles,

and traveled with the concert band on recruiting concert tours and on international tours for military tattoos. Judy participated in many high profile ceremonies for national and international dignitaries and presidential inaugurations, and upon separation from the US Navy Band, she performed with the Prince George’s Philharmonic and the Londontowne Symphony. Judy currently serves as a nurse practitioner with the VA Medical Center in Baltimore Maryland.

Linda M. Schaller

Linda earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from West Chester University, Class of 1973. She served as a vocal music teacher in the East Stroudsburg Area School District from September, 1973 through June, 2014—41 years. Linda served the ESASD as the Vocal Music Department Chairperson from 1995 through 2014; as the Assistant Choral Director and Accompanist at ES High School South from 1992 through 2014; as the Accompanist for the H.S. South Choraliers from 1994 through 2014; as the Accompanist for H.S. South Musicals from 1991 through 2013; and as the Accompanist for student senior recitals. She also has served as Accompanist for Pocono Lively Arts Community Theater productions, as the Choir Director of the East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church, as Organist for the East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church, and has served as a member of the Pocono Summer Chorus and the Pennsylvania Music Educators 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 Ferree, 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.

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