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Livermore High Music Teacher Justin Enright Receives Frank Sumares Outstanding Jazz Educator Award

November 15, 2024 - Livermore, CA - Justin Enright, music director for Livermore High School (LHS), was presented with the Frank Sumares Outstanding Jazz Educator Award by The California Music Educators Association (CMEA) Bay Section on Friday, November 15, 2024 at an awards ceremony at San Jose State University. Named after Frank Sumares, a celebrated jazz educator and musician, the award honors individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication to teaching and promoting jazz music.

Recipients of the award have been selected for their excellence in teaching, mentoring, and advancing jazz as an art form within educational settings. The award emphasizes the impact of educators who not only teach musical techniques but also cultivate an appreciation for jazz culture and history among students. **"**I am humbled by this recognition from CMEA Bay Section. It is an honor to have my name added to a list of Bay Area colleagues who I look up to and deeply respect," expressed Enright.

Since joining Livermore High in 2016, Enright has steadily grown the jazz band and orchestra programs in both student participation and level of achievement. In 2023, LHS band and orchestra students were invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of the National Band and Orchestra Festival. And earlier this year, LHS music ensembles and Enright took home the two top honors, Festival Sweepstake and Instrumental Sweepstakes, from the 2024 Worldstrides OnStage Heritage Festival, beating out more than 35 other ensembles across the country.

"We're incredibly proud of Justin Enright for being recognized by the California Music Educators Association with the Outstanding Jazz Educators Award. His dedication to fostering a dynamic jazz program has enriched our students' musical experiences and elevated the arts in our community. This honor is a testament to his passion and commitment to excellence in music education," shared Livermore High principal, Roxana Mohammed.



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