

2009 AWARDS

HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATION AWARD

Mobridge-Pollock High School – Class B

Program Overview

This recognition is given annually to any South Dakota high school whose music programs demonstrate high involvement in music courses and activities. This recognizes the effectiveness of programs that offer attractive music curricula as well as those that excel in the recruitment and retention of students.

Schools which meet the criteria will hold the award for three years, during which time they may reapply for the award at the same or different level of membership. If selected the school agrees to serve SDMEA as resource* on the topics of programming, scheduling, recruitment and retention of music students if called upon.

*Serving as a resource might include examples of:

- ✓ how scheduling allows students to stay involved in music
- ✓ how the school, administration and faculty recruit students into their music department
- ✓ what kind of curriculum is used to retain students

SDMEA DISTINGUISHED ADMINISTRATOR AWARD

Brian Liedtke



As a graduate of Wessington Springs High School, Brian Liedtke attended Northern State College earning a Bachelor of Science degree in 1971. He then completed his Master of Science degree also from Northern State College in 1975. Brian earned a Specialist Degree from the University of Sioux Falls in 2006.

Mr. Liedtke's teaching experience includes elementary positions at West Lyon School in Inwood, IA (1972-1974) and Mobridge School (1974-1991). His administration positions include the Middle School Principal at Mobridge for 3 years and then Elementary Principal at Mobridge School for 13 years. His current position is the Elementary Principal at Mobridge-Pollock School and the

Federal Programs Director for the District.

Mr. Liedtke has received state recognition as a Nominee for South Dakota Association of Elementary School Principals' "Distinguished Principal" award in 2001. His national awards have included the No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School Award for Freeman-Davis Elementary in 2004.

Brian's family includes his wife, Jodi and 2 children, and 4 granddaughters.

SDMEA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO MUSIC AWARD

Dr. Charles Canaan



Charles Canaan had earned degrees from California State University at Long Beach (BA), Western Michigan University (MA) and Arizona State University (DMA). During his career he taught choral music at the secondary level for fourteen years and the collegiate level for twenty-four years. He taught at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa before becoming the Director of Choral Activities at South Dakota State University in 1986, a position he held until his retirement in 2003.

Upon retirement he served as an adjunct voice instructor at the University of Sioux Falls and Lincoln High School (SF). For the past six years he has been the choral director and organist at First Lutheran Church in Brookings and is now in his fourth year as an adjunct voice instructor at SDSU. He continues to remain active as a clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor.

He has directed honors choirs in Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Choirs under his direction have appeared at state, regional and national conventions of the Music Educator's National Conference (MENC) and the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA).

Previous awards he has received include: the South Dakota ACDA's Lifetime Achievement Award (1997), the SDSU Teacher of the Year Award (2002) and National Federation of High Schools Outstanding Music Teacher of the Year award for South Dakota (2004). He and his wife, Joan, reside in Brookings, have three married sons and eight grandchildren and enjoy traveling at home and abroad.

Barbara Newman



Barb Newman has taught general music and beginner's band for over 34 years in the Pierre and Brookings School districts. She now teaches privately and is founder and director of Capital City Children's Chorus, a non-profit organization that services unchanged voices in the Pierre and surrounding area. She has judged regional music contests throughout the State of South Dakota, and has directed high school music festivals, IMC, community choruses, theatre musicals, Episcopal church choirs and is a featured clarinet soloist.

Mrs. Newman is a graduate of SDSU, and has her Level Three Orff-Schulwerk certification from the University of St. Thomas. She is past president of South Dakota Music Educators Association and has served as an Elementary Chair, Membership Chair, and currently Government and Relations Chair. She is also a member of ACDA, National Orff-Schulwerk Association, National Kodaly Association and is on the advisory board for SD Alliance for Arts Education (SDAAE).

Mrs. Newman and her husband Rick are owners of the Zesto Ice Cream Shoppe in Pierre and have two children, a daughter Jocelyn 30, who is a dermatology resident at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, and a son Brendan 24, audio engineer and guitarist in Manhattan, New York.

NFHS MUSIC ASSOCIATION OUTSTANDING MUSIC EDUCATOR AWARD

Clayton Southwick, Rapid City



Clayton Southwick has been one of the dominant voices for high school vocal music in western South Dakota for thirty plus years. His work as the vocal director for Rapid City Central High School and his willingness to share his knowledge and talents impacted high school music across the entire state. As the coordinator of Secondary Vocal Music for the Rapid City Area School District, he had a positive impact on every public high school vocal music student from 1983 until his retirement in the spring of 2008.

Prior to his becoming the vocal music director at Rapid City Central High School in 1978, Southwick taught at Wayne High School (Wayne, NE), Colorado State University (Ft. Collins, CO), Ft. Morgan High School (Ft. Morgan, CO), and Aberdeen Central High School (SD). In addition, he served as a church choir director at various churches in Aberdeen, Wayne, Ft. Collins, and Ft. Morgan. He has directed the Aberdeen Elks Lodge Men's Chorus, the Black Hills Chorale, and the Shrine of Democracy Men's Chorus.

Southwick served as the All-State Chorus local site chair or co-chair on eight occasions. He served a five year term as a member of the SDHSAA Music Advisory Committee with the responsibility for making recommended rules changes for the music contests in South Dakota. He is a respected high school music adjudicator and clinician in the five state area of Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Wyoming, and South Dakota.

Southwick was the recipient of a SDHSAA "Distinguished Service Award" in 2005. In 2005 he received the SD American Choral Director's Association "Lifetime Achievement Award." He was the recipient of the South Dakota Music Educators Association "Distinguished Service to Music" recognition in 2007. Groups under his direction received Large Group Contest Superior Ratings 43 years and individual students have been selected to sing in numerous honors choirs at the regional and national levels including the ACDA North Central and National Convention Honor's Choirs.

SDHSAA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

William G. Evans, Rapid City – Category: Coach & Director



A graduate of Rapid City Stevens High School, William G. Evans earned Bachelor's Degrees in Architecture, Music, and Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He completed Master of Music degrees in both Orchestral and Wind Conducting at the University of Northern Colorado. He is also a graduate of the prestigious Herbert Blomstedt Conducting Institute of California, and fondly recalls summer cello lessons with Leona Marek of Yankton College.

The fall of 2009 marks Evans' 31st year at Rapid City Stevens High School. He also serves as String Coordinator for the district. Starting with an initial group of 7 string players at Stevens, the orchestra program has grown into the current Stevens Symphonic Orchestra of over 140 players.

In 1985, the Stevens Chamber Orchestra, under Evans' leadership, won the Gold Medal at the Young Manhattan Music Festival in New York City. In addition to 29 large groups and hundreds of small ensemble and solo Region Music Contest superior ratings, the Stevens Orchestra has placed a total of 1,012 student players in the South Dakota All-State Orchestra since 1979. Evans has served as Local All-State Audition Chair for 27 years and as All-State Local Host, Co-host, or State Chair 14 times. He has served as a member of the SDHSAA Music Advisory Committee since 2005.

In 1999, Evans was selected by "School Band and Orchestra Magazine" as one of "50 Who Make a Difference-America's Most Influential Music Teachers." He has led student groups to numerous European countries as well as Mexico, Russia, and the South Pacific. In 2001, the Kennedy Center documented his concept of incorporating clinicians and conductors from the National Symphony Orchestra into the local "Strings In Concert Festival" as a model residency.

Study with the world-renowned organ faculty at UNL created a lifelong interest in the pipe organ. Evans' is responsible for the installation of two of South Dakota's largest organs—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral and The Jay Sharp Memorial Organ at Stevens High School. He is in his 31st season as cellist in the Black Hills Symphony, 39th season as saxophonist in the Rapid City Municipal Band, and serves as harpsichordist/cellist for the Black Hills Chamber Orchestra.