

Hall of Fame

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Brad Turner began his music career in 5th grade when he started taking drum lessons from a member of the US Marine Corps Band at Twentynine Palms, California. As the son of a Navy officer, Mr. Turner moved 8 times and attended 10 different schools. During his junior and senior years in high school, the Turner family was stationed in Bethesda, Maryland and Mr. Turner started taking lessons from Dr. Kenneth Krohn. Dr. Krohn was the band and orchestra director at Robert Frost Middle School. During his senior year, Mr. Turner had the unique opportunity to attend high school in the morning and then go to Robert Frost Middle to work with Dr. Krohn and teach his students. This began Mr. Turner's desire to become a music educator.

Mr. Turner enrolled at Arizona State University as a music education major. While at ASU, Mr. Turner participated in the marching band, symphony orchestra, percussion ensemble, and was principal percussionist for the Mesa Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Turner graduated with honors from Arizona State University and moved to the Memphis area. Mr. Turner also holds a Master of Education and an Educational Specialist's in Administration and Supervision degree from Union University.

In July 1999, Mr. Turner was hired as the Director of Bands for Houston Middle School. During his tenure at Houston Middle, Mr. Turner consistently had 300+ students enrolled in various bands including marching band, color guard, percussion ensemble, 3 grade-based bands, honor band, and a jazz band. The bands at Houston Middle consistently received superior ratings and 1st place in multiple local and national festivals and competitions. Performing grade 3 and 4 level music, the HMS Honor Band received straight superior ratings at WTSBOA Concert Festival for 13 consecutive years. In 2012, Mr. Turner was recognized as "Teacher of the Year" for Houston Middle School. After 15 years at Houston Middle, Mr. Turner was asked to help create a new municipal school system in Arlington, Tennessee. In June 2014, Mr. Turner was hired as a district administrator for Arlington Community Schools, where he is currently the Student Information Management Supervisor and PowerSchool Administrator.

Mr. Turner has been very involved with various professional associations, since he began teaching. As a member and past officer of the West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, serving as President from 2008-2010, Mr. Turner has chaired many significant WTSBOA events including, Solo & Ensemble, Concert Festival, and All-West Band and Orchestra Clinic. While serving as an officer, Mr. Turner was instrumental in bringing the All-West Band Clinic and All-West Orchestra Clinic together in the Renasant Convention Center and Cannon Center. By having all students and directors together, this created additional opportunities for students and directors. More students participate in All-West, and directors calibrate and share ideas. Professional development sessions for directors are provided by local music educators, as well as university personnel. He has served as All-West Conference Chair since 2006 through ice storms, multiple site renovations, and COVID-19, all while continuing to provide the students and directors of West Tennessee with a premiere event and venue. Mr. Turner continues to serve as the All-West Convention Chair and manages the All-West Program. Mr. Turner also served as TnMEA All-State Conference Chair from 2015-2021 and is a member of Phi Beta Mu International Bandmaster Fraternity.

Mr. Turner resides in Arlington, Tennessee with his wife Janna, who was the choir director at Houston Middle School. Janna is a former music educator and a retired elementary school administrator. They have three sons, a daughter-in-law, and one grandson. Grant is the choir director at West Collierville Middle School. Bridget is a music educator at Cordova Elementary School. Austin is a manager at an international gaming company. Bryan is a high school senior and an All-State French Horn and All-State choir member who is planning on majoring in music education. His parents, Dr. E.W., and Barbara, are proud of all the work that he has completed on behalf of the students of West Tennessee. Brad and his family believe that all students can be blessed with the love that music education provides.