

Jennifer D'Andrea

Jenny D'Andrea served instrumental music in East Tennessee for twenty-five years. She began her career as assistant band director at Carter Middle School in 1979 with Knox Co Schools, serving until 1984. From 1984 to 1990 she was director of bands at Marion County High School where the band doubled in size and competed in their first concert festivals. Superior ratings in Grade V at the ETSB&OA concert festival and at a variety of marching events were the first in the history of the school. During her tenure the band received and accepted an invitation to perform at the New Year's Day Festival in London, England.

From 1990 to 1997 she was director of bands at McMinn County High School and the concert bands received superior ratings in Grade VI on significant choices from the wind band repertoire. Moving closer to her home in Chattanooga, Jenny took the director's position at Hixson Middle with superior ratings in Grade IV. She completed her career at Oolteway Middle School 2004-2005.

Jenny was president of the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association, the Tennessee Bandmaster's Association and was on the ETSBOA Board of Directors for twelve years. On four occasions she received a Tennessee Outstanding Teacher Award from the Governor's School for the arts.

Mrs. D'Andrea has a proven record of success at each of her teaching venues, taking most to levels of excellence never before attained by the school. I support her nomination for the Hall of Fame without reservation.

Dr. Ric Best
Past President, ETSB&OA