

**Charlie Herron**- nominated by Jenny D'Andrea

Charlie Herron is a native of Kingsport, Tennessee where he attended Ross N. Robinson Junior High School and graduated from Doby's Bennett High School. Mr. Herron served thirty-four years as Director of Bands at Ross N. Robinson Middle School in Kingsport, Tennessee before his retirement. He also served twenty-five years as Choir Master at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from East Tennessee State University in 1971 and a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from East Tennessee State University in 1983. Following graduation, he served two years as Band Director at Unicoi County High School in Erwin, Tennessee before coming to Robinson Junior High School.

Robinson Middle School, Mr. Herron's concert bands have consistently received superior ratings in sight-reading and on stage performance at state concert festivals. In 1988, The Robinson Concert Band was chosen to perform at the Tennessee Music Educators' Association Annual in Service Conference. In 1993, the Robinson Brass and Percussion were chosen to perform in concert with the Dallas Brass.

Herron is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Music Educators' National Conference, Tennessee Music Educators' Association, East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association (Honorary Life Member), National Band Association, Percussive Arts Society. Mr. Herron has received two National Band Association Citation of Excellence Awards. He has received three Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts Outstanding Teacher Awards. He has been recognized five times in the WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICA'S TEACHERS. Mr. Herron is a Pro-Mark Educational Endorser, a member of the VIC FIRTH, inc. EDUCATION TEAM, a member of the D'Addario Education Collective, the Sabian Education Network and an endorser for the Drumometer by DrumDial. He has served as clinician and adjudicator in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia. In 2015, Mr. Herron was one of three Kingsport teachers elected to the inaugural class of the Kingsport City Schools Hall of Fame. Established as the keystone award for former employees, the KCS Hall of Fame recognizes educators that have most impacted the Kingsport educational community during their careers with KCS. Now that Mr. Herron is retired, he teaches private lessons, arranges marching music, writes drum books for marching band show music, holds clinics with drum lines, works with concert bands, concert percussion, percussion ensembles and mentors new band directors. In addition, he is an adjunct instructor with the Elizabethton High School Band and the T.A. Dugger Middle School Band. In his spare time, he plays drum set for The HasBeens, a big band that plays 30's and 40's swing music and also a jazz quintet named Time Further Out.