

Stanley R. Schoonover



Stan Schoonover has led the Fairfax Wind Symphony for all of its' 20 seasons as Music Director. His thirty-two year career in public school education included eleven years as **Music Supervisor** for the **Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools**, widely regarded as one of America's foremost school music programs. Ensembles under his direction enjoyed nineteen years of consecutive Superior ratings and national and international recognition for their outstanding performances, including two **Mid-West International Clinic appearances**, three **National Music Clinics**, the **National Concert Band Festival**, the **Mid-East Clinic**, the **ACB Convention**, and fourteen **Virginia Music Education Association (VMEA) In-Service Conference appearances**. His ensembles have performed on three occasions for the President of the United States. Mr. Schoonover has been an Instructor at **James Madison University**, serves as a **Coordinator** for the Music For All **National Concert Band Festival**, is a member of the **MFA Educational Team**, and the **Midwest Clinic Advisory Committee**.

Mr. Schoonover received his B.Sc. Degree, cum laude, from **Gettysburg College**, and a Master of Music degree from **West Chester University**. Postgraduate work has included study at the **University of Virginia**, **George Mason University**, and the **University of Michigan**. He has studied conducting with Kenneth Laudermitch, Arnald D. Gabriel, William D. Revelli, H. Robert Reynolds, and Anthony Maiello, and considers Robert Zellner, John Casagrande, Jeff Bianchi and Gary Green major influences.

Mr. Schoonover is an active **Past-President** of the **Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA)** and is an elected member of the prestigious **American Bandmasters Association**. He has received numerous **Citation of Excellence** awards from the **National Band Association**, was named to the 2017 Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame, received the 2012 **VBODA Phillip J. Fuller Award** for sustained Musical Excellence, and the 2006 **VMEA Outstanding Administrator Award**. He is the recipient of commendations from the **President of the United States**, the **United States Senate** and **House of Representatives**, the **Governor of Virginia**, the **Virginia State Senate** and **House of Delegates**, and multiple commendations from the **Fairfax County Board of Supervisors** and **Fairfax County Public Schools**, including the **Hobson Award for Fine Arts Instruction** and the Mount Vernon High School **Teacher of the Year Award**. In October of 2004, Mr. Schoonover was inducted into the **East Stroudsburg (PA) Music Hall of Fame**. He is an honorary "Suncoaster", and was an inaugural inductee of the St. Petersburg **Festival of States Band Director Hall of Fame**. Professional memberships include **NAfME**, **Phi Beta Mu**, **Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia**, and the **National Band Association**. In 2017, he received the Albert Nelson Marquis **Lifetime Achievement Award** from Marquis **Who's Who**.