

Richard Brickley



Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1996

Richard Brickley was the second band director at Washington High School, serving in that position for eight years from 1968 to 1976.

He graduated from Coe College with a Bachelor of Music Degree in 1953. After completing a tour of duty with the U.S. Air Force in Korea, he earned his Master's in trumpet performance at the University of Iowa.

The eight years at Washington were the highlight of his entire career with some of the finest students ever to go through a public school music program. Some of his top students included Hall of Famers Tim Daugherty, Bill Davis, and Dennis McPartland. Under his leadership, Washington's Pom Pon Squad performed with the band for the first time in 1969, and Wash's first Jazz Band was organized in 1969-70, adopting the name "Revolutionists". Under Richard's

direction, the Washington Concert Band was the first music performing group from Cedar Rapids to participate in large group festivals sponsored by the Iowa High School Music Association. He especially enjoyed his professional association with Choir director Charles Ashford, orchestra director Jack Ranney, and drama tech director Spencer Pink. Highlights included performance tours to Europe in 1970 and 1974.

Richard completed his career in Colorado working as a music administrator in Grand Junction and Longmont. He was on the Music Committee for the Colorado HS Activities Association and was Executive Secretary of the Colorado Bandmasters Association. One of his greatest professional achievements was his appointment to the Music Advisory Board for the U. of Colorado in Boulder.

