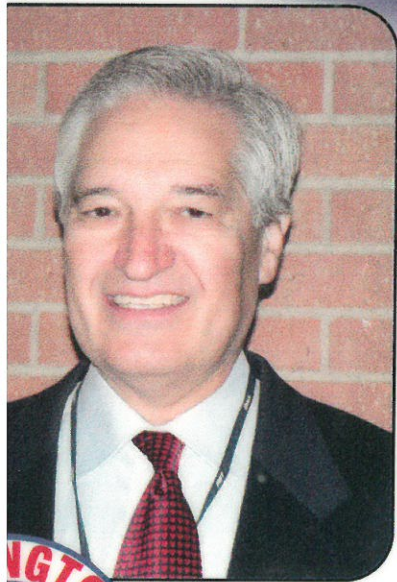


Dennis Goettel

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2006



Dennis Goettel graduated from Washington High School in 1963.

Dennis gained an appreciation for music at an early age taking four years of piano lessons from Ruth Carlson, wife of Jefferson's first vocal music director, Torrence Carlson. Dennis sang on stage in elementary school at Buchanan, and helped produce and sing in an original music theater production as a 7th grader at McKinley. He sang in youth choirs at First Presbyterian Church and was in vocal music all three years at Washington as a member of Mixed Chorus, Men's Choir, and Concert Choir. He had a small role in the 1963 Washington production of *Fiorello* and also performed in MuDaCo.

While in college at the College of Wooster (OH) Dennis was a member of the singing group, Men of McLeod, who performed in kilts and were accompanied by bagpipes. He earned his Master's degree in Secondary School Administration at the University of Iowa in 1977.

In 1986 Dennis became the Associate Principal in charge of Activities at Jefferson for 5 years. He worked with outstanding Performing Arts directors there including Bob Geuder, Jim Erbe, Pete Ekland, Carol Tralau, and Earle Dickinson. In 1991 he was named the Activities Associate principal at Washington for 15 years. Dennis is the first Washington graduate to return as an administrator. He has had the pleasure to work with so many outstanding performing arts directors during this time including Mike Cervantes, Bill Lammers, Gerald Kreitzer, Judy Carmichael, Matt Armstrong, Wayne Thelander, Natalie Brown, Jim Wright, Jim Miller, and Steve Shanley.

Dennis was one of the Founders of the Washington Performing Arts Hall of Fame, helping to develop the criteria and serving on committees for inductee selection. He has narrated the induction of every Performing Arts Hall of Famer to date except his own.

Dennis' two children, Lisa ('92) and Bryan ('96) were very active in music and drama during their Washington years. He has enjoyed his 18 years here as a student, an administrator, and always as an enthusiastic audience member at concerts and performances. Denny will always be a Warrior.

