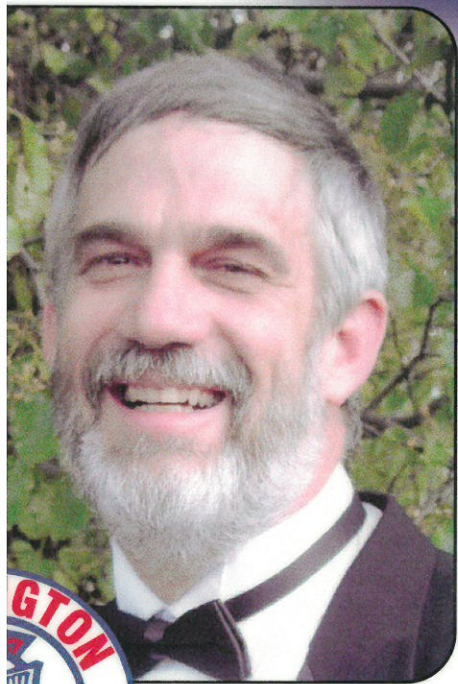


Wayne Thelander

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2005



Wayne Thelander was the Orchestra director at Washington high School from 1991-1998. While at WHS, Wayne added a second Orchestra due to the large participation in the program. He started the Dessert Concerts and the Orchestra performance at Commencement. Wayne saw the need for Patrons of the Performing Arts Hall of Fame and was one of the Founders, understanding the importance of showcasing alumni and their achievements. One highlight was giving Hall of Fame inductees William Scharnberg (horn) and Doug Moore (cello) the opportunity to perform with the Washington Orchestra. During Wayne's tenure the Orchestras excelled at All-State competitions, Solo and Ensemble competitions and the large group venues.

Wayne carries fond memories of his associations with the staff and students on all levels. He enjoyed collaborating with the other directors in the musicals. Some favorites include "dressing" for *"The Pirates of Penzance"*, the dance sequences in *"Crazy for You"* and *"Guys and Dolls"*, and his own children's

participation in *"The King and I"*. He also had the opportunity to travel with his students taking them to Florida, Minneapolis, New York and Washington DC. Wayne acknowledges the dedication of parents, the support from administration, and the hard work of students that made the program what it was and continues to be. Wayne cherishes the friends he made at Washington and enjoys seeing his former students mature and develop as adults and musicians or music lovers.

Wayne is the Director of Orchestras at Iowa City West High School where he has been blessed by being able to teach his own children and teach where he has lived since moving to Iowa.