

Dr. Richard duBois

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1993

Dr. Richard duBois was a vocal music instructor at Washington for the first eight years of the school's existence and was its first Concert Choir Director. He composed and wrote the lyrics to the beloved Washington Alma Mater.

Mr. D, as he was affectionately known during his teaching days at WHS, became a Professor in the Department of Music at the U. of Massachusetts at Amherst, serving as Conductor of the University Chorale and Chamber Singers, teaching conducting and music theory. Dick organized and conducted the University Chorale and instrumental ensembles on 11 international concert tours of Europe, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.

Dr. duBois is also a noted composer. His works include four musical productions, libretti, and music for solo, chorus and orchestra; 40 choral pieces, both a cappella and accompanied with brass, piano, and organ; a Mass for a cappella choir; 10 quatrains of Omar Khayyam for chamber voices; 20 solo songs, both sacred and secular; a Symphony Tree for narrator and orchestra; solo pieces for both organ and piano; choral arrangements of folk and spiritual music; and children's songs and piano pieces.

Dr. duBois served as the Acting and Associate Head of the Music Department at the University of Massachusetts, was the representative to the firm designing their new Fine Arts Center, and is a Past President of the American Choral Directors Association in Massachusetts.

