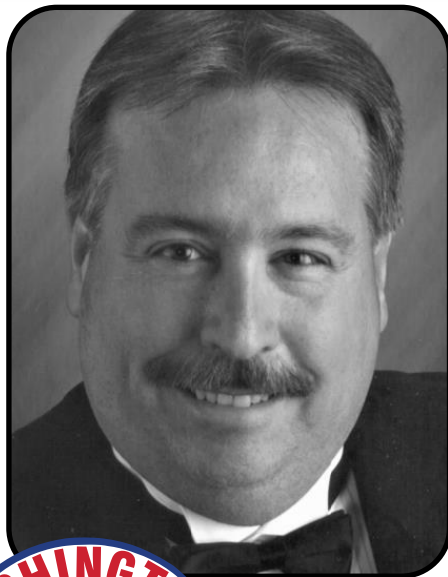


# Jim Miller

Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 2022



Jim Miller started teaching at Washington High School in 2001, beginning a 20-year span that saw unprecedented success for the bands. In time the program gained recognition as the gold standard for band programs in the state.

The Wind Symphony received a division I rating from every judge who saw them at the IHSMA state large group contest, often achieving perfect scores. They were invited to perform at the Iowa Bandmasters Association conference six times. As of his retirement in 2021 they remain the only Iowa band to have ever been selected to attend the prestigious National Concert Band festival in Indianapolis.

The Marching Band evolved shows to be audience friendly which resulted in a close bond between the band and the student body. The Revolutionist earned the privilege of attending the Iowa Jazz Championships every year since 2002. Over 175 students were selected for All-State.

Jim credits much of the program's success to the leadership of principal Dr. Ralph Plagman and great collaboration with his peers. In addition to band directors Steve Shanley and Joel Nagel, he worked with many fine educators including Matthew Armstrong, Natalie Brown, Mike Cervantes, Amy Farley, Gerald Kreitzer, Bill Lammers, Andrew Steffen, and Peter Westphalen. Many supportive parents and outstanding students helped shape the Washington Band program over the course of Jim's tenure. He is honored to have spent the last 20 years of his career as a Warrior!