

# BUILDING BETTER BANDS

## Missouri Bandmasters Association



Tom Poshak is the 2024 MBA Hall of Fame Inductee. Tom was the Director of Bands at Ladue 1973-1985 and at Kirkwood 1985-2001. Tom made an amazing impact on students and teachers in the St. Louis area. Tom is currently the Music Director for the St. Louis Wind Symphony.

### IMPORTANT DATES

November 4-26, 2024

State Audition window open

December 7, 2024

State Band Auditions

December 17, 2024

All-State Paperwork Due

January 14, 2025

All-State Payment Due

January 29-31, 2025

Missouri All-State Band

June 15-18, 2025

MBA Summer Convention

Doyle Edwards received the Butch Antal Service Award. Doyle was an integral person when MBA switched to online registration. He continues to volunteer his time to make the registration and audition process work!



Julie Swope was recently elected as the MBA Vice-President. She is Director of Bands at West Middle School in Columbia. We are excited to have Julie as a member of the MBA Executive Board.

[Convention handouts, survey, and link to purchase recordings are linked HERE](#)

A LOOK INTO HISTORY

MBA PODIUM MASTERS: PAUL AND ELAINE SWOFFORD

LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW WITH HISTORIAN ANN GOODWIN-CLARK

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If you know a business or educational institution that may want to sponsor in the future, send them our way.

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The 55th Annual Missouri Bandmasters Summer Convention was great! Excellent clinics, wonderful concerts, and a wonderful family feeling.

This year brought some new events. Shop Talk was a success and will continue. This allowed band directors to sit down with veteran directors in a small group setting and discuss, or even try, specific topics. The Mixer, formerly known as the spouses luncheon was also well-attended. This event was for any director and spouse or friend they would like to bring. Great connections were made.

### Conference Attendees

- 100 Active members
- 14 Retired
- 10 First Year Teachers!
- 11 Hall of Fame

• 3 College

- 4 performing groups
- 150 musicians
- 85 guests
- 13 Clinicians

• 30 exhibitors

- 14 sponsors
- 1 Associate
- 85 guests

**TOTAL NUMBER 431**

## MBA OFFICERS

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