



Missouri Bandmasters Association

HALL OF FAME

2024 Inductee: **Tom Poshak**

*Inductee Transcript

This year's inductee....

Has numerous Notable Achievements and Honors:

- Instrumental ensembles under their direction consistently earned superior ratings at the MSHSAA State Music Festival.
- Was awarded the Outstanding Music Educator Award for their respective MMEA District.
- Was inducted to their MMEA district Hall of Fame.
- Has had several performances with multiple ensembles at the MMEA Conference

Their SERVICE to music educators has included leadership positions and organization memberships:

- Has been a member of MMEA
- Has been a member and officer in Phi Beta Mu
- Has been a member of National Association for Music Education

Reflections on the 2024 inductee from Colleagues

Begin with Robert Baumann

Our 2024 hall of famer came to our district in 1985 as the high school band director and the district Music Coordinator. They had an immediate impact on the students, staff, community and total music program.

They believed that each level; elementary, middle school, and high schools needed to flourish in order to have a healthy overall program.

I have known them for 35 years and I have watched them have an unwavering dedication to excellence in everything they do.

From Jocelyn Garner

This year's inductee is a wonderful ambassador for music. Beyond the musical direction that they provide, They freely offer mentorship to younger music educators. They epitomize servant leadership and it inspires others to give back and pay it forward.

Former colleague Jeff Melsha

They have always been the most professional and sincere educator and communicator. When they taught the 4 th and 5 th grade low brass classes, the students moved through the band system with an amazingly strong fundamental understanding and skill set.

From colleague, friend, and sometimes golfing buddy KURT BAUCHE

This year's inductee has maintained excellence in band programs at Ladue and Kirkwood High schools.

The need for outstanding leaders in guiding professional teacher organizations is a must. And our 2024 inductee has maintained a visible presence in and around the state in serving as a clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator in the state of Missouri.

From his golfing friend Bob Hansen

Our 2024 inductee is a perfect example of a person that continues to grow and learn even after retirement. That includes band and golf.

Our 2024 HOF inductee is a Graduate of

The University of Michigan for his bachelor's degree in 1970 and his master's degree in 1972.

His Teaching Career

His career began with 2 years in the US Virgin Islands and then to Ladue High School 1973-1985. He took his Ladue High School Band to MMEA in 1982. From 1985-2001 He taught at Kirkwood High School as the director of bands and Music Coordinator. He joined the St. Louis Wind Symphony in 2002. He conducted them at MMEA. He directed the University City Summer Band from 2003-2022.

Our inductee is currently continuing to conduct the St. Louis Wind Symphony and enjoying golfing, family, and Michigan Football.

Family members and special guests Joining us today to help celebrate:

-Wife – Mary Poshak

Friends – Gary and Melanie Tate

It is my distinct pleasure to present