



Steven Barber

Steven Barber is a highly accomplished and resolute music educator with a career spanning over four decades. A 1973 graduate of Greater Johnstown Central High School (Pennsylvania), he went on to earn a Bachelor of Music Education from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1977 and a Master of Science Degree from Indiana University in 1982.

Beginning as a music educator at Henryville Jr.-Sr. High School from 1977 to 1987, Barber founded and developed a competitive marching and concert band program that achieved significant success, including three consecutive appearances at state finals in Class D.

In June of 1987, he joined Homestead High School where his visionary leadership brought local, state, and national acclaim to Homestead's band and music program. Under his guidance the band performed at prestigious events such as the Tournament of Roses Parade, Fiesta Bowl Parade, and various high-profile exhibitions, concerts, and competitions across the country, including Indiana, Florida, Arizona, California, and Washington D.C. The Homestead Spartan Alliance Band appeared in thirty consecutive ISSMA State Marching Band Finals and won five Class A championships during his tenure. The band also appeared four times at the Bands of America Grand National Championship Finals. The symphonic band and jazz ensemble have also received numerous superior ratings and recognition for their outstanding achievements. The band received the prestigious John Philip Sousa Foundation – Sudler Shield Award in 2011.

Throughout his career Barber earned numerous accolades, including the Homestead High School Teacher of the Year Award (1993), Southwest Allen County Schools Teacher of the Year Award (1993), Excellence in Education Award (1993), and Michiana Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award (2015). He was also a semifinalist for the Indiana Teacher of the Year Award in 1994.

Beyond the awards and achievements, he has taken a personal interest in mentoring and inspiring students, instilling in them the values and skills needed to become successful adults, and exemplary musicians, workers, and citizens. Steven Barber created and maintained a long-standing tradition of excellence during his forty years of teaching in Indiana and retired in 2017.