

Stan Schoonover has led the Fairfax Wind Symphony for all of its' 19 seasons as Music Director. His thirty-two year career in public school education included eleven years as Music Supervisor for the Fairfax County (VA) Public Schools, widely regarded as one of America's foremost school music programs. Ensembles under his direction enjoyed nineteen years of consecutive Superior ratings and national and international recognition for their outstanding performances, including two Mid-West International Clinic appearances, three National Music Clinics, the National Concert Band Festival, the Mid-East Clinic, the ACB Conference, and fourteen Virginia Music Education Association (VMEA) In-Service Conference appearances. His ensembles have performed on three occasions for the President of the United States. Mr. Schoonover currently serves as a Coordinator for the Music For All National Concert Band Festival, a member of the MFA Educational Team and the Midwest Clinic Advisory Committee, and is an adjunct member of the faculty at James Madison University.

Mr. Schoonover is an elected member of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association and is an active Past-President of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association (VBODA). He has received numerous Citation of Excellence awards from the National Band Association, the 2012 VBODA Phillip J. Fuller Award for sustained Musical Excellence, and the 2006 VMEA Outstanding Administrator Award. He is the recipient of commendations from the President of the United States, the United States Senate and House of Representatives, the Governor of Virginia, the Virginia State Senate and House of Delegates, and multiple commendations from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Public Schools, including the Hobson Award for Fine Arts Instruction and the Mount Vernon High School Teacher of the Year Award. In October of 2004, Mr. Schoonover was inducted into the East Stroudsburg (PA) Music Hall of Fame. He is an honorary Suncoaster, and was an inaugural inductee of the St. Petersburg Festival of States Band Director Hall of Fame. Professional memberships include NAFME, Phi Beta Mu, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and the National Band Association. In January of 2017, Mr. Schoonover received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who.