

# 2022 Distinguished Service Award Recipients

## DR. KENT KIDWELL

Dr. Kent Kidwell was a member of the music faculty at the University of Central Oklahoma from 1969 until 2008. His teaching duties over the years included director of university bands, music education, conducting, music theory, arranging, as well as the chairman of the music department for eight years. Since 1974, “Doc” (as his students called him) helped the UCO jazz program grow to four 20-piece big bands, several jazz combos, a traditional “Dixieland” jazz band, numerous applied courses in jazz theory, arranging, and improvisation and Oklahoma’s first Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in Jazz Studies. The UCO jazz groups have won numerous national and international honors. The UCO Dixieland bands have been national finalists five times, and were twice named “National Champion Collegiate Dixieland Band”. The UCO big bands have participated in jazz festivals and competitions nationwide, including those at Notre Dame, Disneyworld, and Monterey as well as the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, MENC, and IAJE/JEN conventions. The UCO jazz bands have also participated in European concert tours on numerous occasions over the years.

Prior to UCO, Dr. Kidwell taught for five years in the public school system of Oklahoma with positions in Pauls Valley, Del City, and Norman. His professional playing experience included three years as second trombonist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and principal trombonist with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra for twenty years. During his “playing days” Kent performed with a wide variety of artists, including Elvis Presley, Duke Ellington, Luciano Pavarotti, and everyone in-between.

Kidwell grew up in Ada, Oklahoma and his performance background dates back to his teen years when he played in his father, Austin Kidwell’s dance band and led his own jazz groups in college. He continued to perform and teach nationally as a trombonist and clinician until his death in July of 2018.

## RANDY BROOKS

Randy Brooks’s 37 year teaching career began in 1985. He spent his first 8 years in Snyder, Oklahoma, during this time the Snyder High School Band grew from 43 students to 104 members. The Snyder Band won 2 OBA Class A Championships and OSSAA Sweepstakes in 1990, 91, and 1993. The 1990 Sweepstakes was the first in Snyder school history. In 1993 he took the head position with the Elk City Band, a position he held for 26 years. This is the longest tenure for a head director with the Elk City Schools. During his time in Elk City the band received 26 consecutive superior ratings in marching and concert competitions. His Snyder and Elk City Bands have won 25 Sweepstakes and 4 Outstanding Achievement Awards. Twice Elk City has won a double Sweepstakes with both the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands winning in 2015 and 2016.

The Elk City Band under Brook’s direction has appeared at 3 Sugar Bowls, the Alamo Bowl, 5 Holiday Bowls, and 4 times to Orlando for the Russell Athletic Bowl. Randy has been blessed over the years to work with great assistants that include Kent Barker, David Robison, Brent Evans, Tim DeWitt, and Andrew Hatch.

Randy’s professional affiliations include the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association, the Shortgrass Band Directors Association, Oklahoma Music Educators Association/Music Educators National Conference, Phi Beta Mu, Oklahoma Music Adjudicators Association, TMEA, ATSSBDA and is a life member of Kappa Kappa Psi.

Honors and awards for Randy include – 1989 Southwest Director of the Year, 2001 Oklahoma Bandmaster of the Year, 2009 OkMEA Exemplary Teacher, and 2019 Shortgrass Director of the Year. 2019 Oklahoma Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame. He has served as President of the Oklahoma Bandmasters Association in 1993 and 2008, Shortgrass President and SWOBDA President. He has also served on the OSSAA Music Advisory Committee and the staff of the SWOSU Band Camps for 39 years. Randy retired from Elk City in May 2019 and 2 days later accepted the position of middle school director in Nocona Texas. The Nocona MS band has been awarded the UIL Sweepstakes Award in 2020 and 2021, the first MS Sweepstakes in school history.

Randy has 3 sons. Chase, 25, a lieutenant with the University of Oklahoma Police Force. Cooper, a 2018 Graduate of Elk City, and Cale, a 2020 graduate from Elk City.

## ROZZIE PURDY

Rozzie Purdy received her Bachelor of Music degree in instrumental and vocal music from East Central University and her Master of Music degree in Trumpet Performance from the University of Oklahoma.

During her 34 years of being a music educator, she taught concert, marching, beginner, and jazz band grades 5-12. She also taught elementary classroom music and high school choir. Schools at which she taught include Healdton, Byng, Meeker, Stratford, Davis and Wayne. Being a 3 year All-State member, Ms. Purdy placed emphasis on the importance of students auditioning for All-State, All-District and solo/ensemble contests.

Ms. Purdy’s bands consistently won many superior ratings throughout her career. A few awards stand out which include the selection of the Meeker High School Jazz Band as an OKMEA Honor Band, class 2A in 1995. Also the Meeker High School Band won the 1999 Sweepstakes Award, class 2A. In 2011, the Wayne High School Jazz Band won the Class 2A State OSSAA Championship. While Ms. Purdy was at Wayne, all bands received superior ratings for 13 consecutive years.

Ms. Purdy’s awards include the 1995 Meeker Teacher of the Year, the 1997 Outstanding Jazz Educator in Oklahoma presented by the Oklahoma International Association of Jazz Educators and the 1999 Band Directors Sweepstakes Award presented by OSSAA.

Ms. Purdy’s professional organizations include membership in the Oklahoma Music Educators Association, Oklahoma Bandmasters Association and the International Association of Jazz Educators.

Ms. Purdy says she has worked with many fine administrators, faculty and support staff through the years and is grateful to them and the many band parents that contributed to her success.

In her words: “One thing I always told my bands, whether it was 5th grade, middle school or high school before we played at each contest was, ‘Let’s leave knowing we did our best, that’s all I ever ask of you, the ratings will take care of themselves’ “.

Ms. Purdy retired from public school teaching in 2019.

Presently Ms. Purdy is Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church of Ada where she is organist, directs the adult choir and handbell choir. She has several private trumpet and piano students and plays in a jazz combo for various functions.

# *Oklahoma Small Schools Band Directors Association*

presents the

**2A - 3A - 4A**

**All State Symphonic & Jazz Concerts**

**Mr Richard Saucedo**

**Director of Bands/Performing Arts Dept. Chair**

**Carmel High School, Retired  
Symphonic Band Conductor**

**Mr. Jeff Kidwell**

**Director of Jazz Ensembles**

**Assistant Director of Jazz Studies & Jazz Lab Operations**

**University of Central Oklahoma**

**Jazz Band Conductor**

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

**1:30 & 3:00 P.M.**

**Petree Recital Hall**

**Wanda Bass School of Music**

**Oklahoma City University**

# 2023 2A - 3A - 4A All State Band Concerts

Symphonic Band Selections

Program to be chosen from the following:

His Honor..... Henry Fillmore, ed. by Frederick Fennell

Legacy ..... Richard Saucedo

Let Me Be Frank With You ..... John Mackey

Original Ballad ..... Richard Saucedo

## Jazz Band Selections

Blues in Frankie's Flat..... Frank Foster

Latin Injection ..... Denis DiBlasio

May's Way..... Jeff Jarvis

Moon Juice ..... Paul Baker

'Nuff Said ..... Jeff Taylor



**Jeff Kidwell** is an instructor with the University of Central Oklahoma's School of Music in Edmond. His duties include Trombone Instructor, Trombone Ensemble Director, Director of Jazz Ensembles and Assistant Director of Jazz Studies and Jazz Lab Operations. From 1998 to 2006, Kidwell served as Assistant Director of Bands with the Edmond Public Schools where his duties included Marching Band, Symphonic Bands, and Jazz Ensembles at both the high school and middle school levels. Prior to coming to Edmond, Mr. Kidwell taught in the Norman Public Schools, The University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma City University.

Kidwell is a third generation Oklahoma music educator. Both his father and grandfather were band directors in the state and his mother was a vocal music teacher in rural Oklahoma. He credits his love of music to his parents, public school and college teachers.

Mr. Kidwell is a highly sought-after musician/clinician who has performed with a wide variety of groups from the Count Basie Orchestra to Aretha Franklin and Toby Keith. Jeff has also been a musician for Norwegian Cruise Lines and played for National tours of Broadway musicals such as "Wicked", "The Book of Mormon" and Oprah Winfrey's "The Color Purple". Mr. Kidwell is the trombonist and arranger for one of the Southwest's top party and show bands, "Souled Out" and is the conductor/music director for The Oklahoma Hall of Fame awards presentation which is broadcast annually on PBS.

Kidwell is a Conn-Selmer Artist and has been a featured clinician throughout North America including the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic, the Brandon Manitoba Jazz Festival, the New Mexico State Jazz Festival, the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute Honor Jazz Ensemble and numerous appearances with Oklahoma All-State and All-District honor bands.

Jeff lives in Edmond, with his wife Susan and their three daughters, Madeline, Gracie, and Emma Jane.



**RICHARD L. SAUCEDO**

Richard L. Saucedo retired in 2013 as Director of Bands and Performing Arts Department Chairman at the William H. Duke Center for the Performing Arts at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. During his 31-year tenure, Carmel bands received numerous state, regional and national honors in the areas of concert band, jazz band and marching band. Under his direction, Carmel's Wind Symphony I performed at the Music for All National Concert Band Festival three times (1992, 1999, and 2004) and was named the Indiana State Champion Concert Band most recently in 2013. The group also performed at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago during December of 2005. The Carmel Marching Greyhounds finished in the top ten at the Bands of America Grand National Championship for 17 years under Saucedo and were named BOA National Champions in the fall of 2005. Carmel became one of the few schools to win a BOA National Championship and perform at the Midwest Clinic in the same year in 2005. The Marching Band was the Indiana Class A State Champion four times. The Indiana Bandmasters Association named Mr. Saucedo Indiana's "Bandmaster of the Year" for 1998-99 and he was named the "Outstanding Music Educator" in the state of Indiana for 2010 by the Indiana Music Educators Association. Mr. Saucedo's accomplishments have been highlighted in articles by HALFTIME and SCHOOL BAND AND ORCHESTRA Magazines. He was inducted into the Music for All "Hall of Fame" in 2015 and recently was inducted into the Drum Corps International "Hall of Fame" (2022).

Mr. Saucedo is a freelance arranger and composer, having released numerous marching band arrangements, choral arrangements, concert band works and orchestral compositions. He is currently on the writing staff at Hal Leonard Publishing. He is currently the music ensemble coordinator for the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps in Concord, California and is the Brass Arranger/Composer for the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps in Rosemont, Illinois.

Mr. Saucedo is an Educational Consultant for "Music for All" and "Bands of America." He is a member of the ConnSelmer Division of Education and currently serves as Chief Judge for Bands of America marching band competitions.

## Participating Schools and Directors

Ada.....	Richard Howard	Mangum.....	Brent Andrews
Adair .....	Richard Newhart	Marietta.....	Eric Gallaway/Jake Rhodes
Antlers .....	Andrew Gregg	Marlow.....	Matthew Pitts/Rebekah Corser
Apache .....	Denton Edgar	McCloud .....	Audrey Johnson
Beaver.....	Lindsey Sargent	Medford .....	Zane Radka
Beggs.....	Tyler Reeves	Meeker .....	Bailey Vaughn
Bethany .....	Steven Sharp	Metro Christian Academy .....	George Toumayan/Jeric Davison
Blackwell .....	J. Wayne Hudson	Mount St. Mary .....	Kalbe Benda
Blanchard .....	Jenn Kauffman/Kara VanVickle	Newcastle .....	Ryan Siebert/Taner Jackson
Bristow.....	Ryan McCreary	North Rock Creek.....	Toppie Lincicome
Byng.....	Laura Smith	Oklahoma Christian .....	Andrew Sharp/Vince Norman
Cache .....	Derek Griner/Rob Miller	Oklahoma Union .....	Eric Justin Bates
Carnegie .....	Victoria Tyler	Oologah.....	Jon Matthews/Dave Smith
Casady .....	Jamee Hale/Amie Reardon	Pauls Valley .....	Drew Etheredge/Gunnar Long/Hannah Wilson
Catoosa .....	Matthew Schepers/Asher Shoopman	Pawnee.....	Sean Gartner
Central High.....	Megan Levendosky	Perkins-Tryon .....	Randy Goodnight/Abigail Goodnight
Checotah.....	Ashley Hackler/Alex Warrior	Perry .....	Andrew Houghton/Cody Evans
Chisholm.....	Randy Johnson	Plainview .....	Andrew Price
Chouteau .....	Trevor Berger	Pocola.....	Rob Tucker/April Quinn
Cleveland.....	Nicole Allen/Ardy Ferrell Jr.	Poteau.....	Joey Marsh/Mary Lynn Perkin
Clinton.....	Summer Morgan/Ashley House/Melinda Tarkington	Prague.....	Cari Moll
Comanche .....	Derek Milburn/Jonathan (Jack) Francis	Ringwood .....	Nash Poulter
Cordell .....	Aaron Edge	Sayre .....	Tim Martin
Crossings Christian .....	Michael Brown	Seiling.....	Meagan Stufflebeam
Cushing.....	Danny White/Julian Jussila/Taylor Langston/Ryan Smith	Seminole .....	Steve Johnson
Dale .....	Nick Noble	Sequoyah-Tahlequah .....	Sam Morris
Davis .....	Blade Bigler	Skiatook.....	Keysto Stotz/Bobby Kitchen
Elk City.....	Tim Dewitt/Cassie Barger/Kai Biscaino	Snyder.....	Sarah Kiper
Elmore City - Pernell .....	Stephen McCleskey	Southwest Covenant .....	Bryan Myers
Empire .....	Kim Butler Herring	Sperry .....	Makayla West/Ryan White
Frederick .....	Bruce Edward Franklin II	Spiro.....	Amy Cumpton
Garber.....	Zachary Fisher	Stigler .....	Villette Stamper
Harding Charter Prep.....	Kelli J Taylor	Sulphur.....	Edward Sallee
Harding Fine Arts Academy.....	Emma Potter	Tecumseh .....	John Outon/David Bellows
Harrar .....	John Sook/Tanner Morgan	Tishomingo.....	John (Hank) Patterson/Melany Patterson/Michael Waters
Healdton .....	Kern Farve	Tonkawa .....	Christopher Reeder
Hobart.....	Silvia Sutton	Tuttle .....	Seth Boothby/Katie Batt/Taylor Steier
Holdenville .....	Sam Crosby/McKean Akin	Victory Christian.....	Nelson Rosa
Hollis.....	Victor Amador	Vinita .....	Matt Young
Idabel .....	Teresa Bell	Wagoner.....	Kate Aldridge/DeNario Shoates
Jay.....	Colton Tiger	Walters .....	Lori Jech
Jones .....	Jacob Robbins	Warner.....	James Davis
Kiefer .....	Brian Hayes/Katlyn Baker	Washington .....	Jordan Ford
Kingston .....	Lance Reisetter/John Crook	Watonga.....	Shane Johnston/Lincoln Spurlin
Laverne.....	Bryan Pope	Waukomis.....	Sean Newman
Lexington .....	Jamie Shepherd	Waurika .....	Lonnie Snodgrass
Lindsay .....	Shelby Sanders/Steven Watson	Weatherford .....	Will Fairbanks/Chrisalyne Hagood
Little Axe.....	Kyle Hetzel	Wilburton.....	Kyle Littlejohn
Locust Grove.....	Kandis Smith	Woodward.....	Daci Crockett/Dr. Brett Woodmansee
Madill.....	Kendal Hasty/Samantha Faulkner/Cayden Moreno	Wynnewood .....	Keith Huitt

# OSSBDA ALL STATE BAND 2023

## Piccolo

Arianna Dambold.....Southwest Covenant  
\*Michaela Tucker.....Catoosa  
\*Rayna Padilla.....Wagoner

## Flute

Jada Bell.....Idabel  
Chesnie Stuart.....Marlow  
Hailey Burgess.....Poteau  
Eliza Maylen.....Holdenville  
Laura Mashburn.....Weatherford  
Sadie Crawford.....Blanchard  
Kylie Landis.....Cache  
Hannah Neugin.....Sequoyah-Tahlequah  
Riley Styers.....Plainview  
\*Sarah Ray.....Snyder  
\*Emily Williams.....Perkins-Tryon

## Oboe

Julie Richards.....Blanchard  
Delilah Evans.....Blanchard  
\*Emma Collins.....Dale  
\* Andrea De Leon Barrios .... Crossings Christian

## Clarinet

Rylee Sisson.....Checotah  
Mayson Carpitcher.....Holdenville  
Carlene Johnson.....Garber  
Crayson Jenkins.....Cushing  
Jace Cooper.....Sequoyah-Tahlequah  
Oliver Bright.....Catoosa  
Grace Hahn.....Adair  
May Baker.....Snyder  
William Guill.....Frederick  
Rebecca Winn.....Blanchard  
Gerardo Ponce.....Weatherford  
Allison McGuire.....Kiefer  
Aleisha Greene.....Wagoner  
MaKayla Wilkerson.....Pauls Valley  
Madeline McReynolds.... Southwest Covenant  
Makenzie Stone.....Blanchard  
Miguel Zelaya.....Clinton  
Diana Martinez.....Perkins-Tryon  
\*Mitchell Klehm.....Victory Christian  
\*Liberty Rogers.....Dale

## Alto Clarinet

Audessy Lewis.....Wynnewood

## Bass Clarinet

Jeremiah Kagan.....Plainview  
Shawn Summers.....Washington  
Faith Willis.....Sayre  
Elisabeth Huffman.....North Rock Creek  
\*Allyson Wenzl.....Harrah  
\*Mackenzi Fair.....Dale

## Contra Clarinet

Rylee Elson.....Medford  
Jamie Beller.....Stigler  
\*Emma Sibley.....Elk City

## Alto Saxophone

Elizabeth Swindell.....North Rock Creek  
Ryan Hunt.....Harrah  
Paul Aldridge.....Wagoner  
Emma Nelson.....Blanchard  
\*Noah Schmidt.....Tuttle  
\*Logan Morrison.....Cleveland

## Tenor Saxophone

Camden Trett.....Wynnewood  
Deven Howe.....Harrah  
\*Grady Edmondson.....Southwest Covenant  
\*Caulin Owen.....Catoosa

## Baritone Saxophone

Spencer Barnhill.....Crossings Christian  
\*Christian Harshbarger.....Cleveland  
\*Nathan Covert.....Oklahoma Christian

## Bassoon

Reagan Tollefson.....Crossings Christian  
Jennie Higdon.....Washington  
Chloe Utley.....Blanchard  
Anna Davis.....Beggs  
\*Sarah Daukei-Shea.....Washington

## Trumpet

Nathan Jackson.....Cordell  
Abby Tucker.....Catoosa  
Grant English.....Pauls Valley  
Kaden Williams.....Poteau  
Emilio Osorto.....Bethany  
Keegan Lassiter.....Mount St. Mary  
Anabella Hernandez.....Clinton  
Trenton Ervin.....Snyder  
Gracy Roe.....Blanchard  
Michael Pershing.....Poteau  
Ronnie Blubaugh.....Harrah  
\*Hunter Bonner.....Washington  
\*Jadyn Dykstra.....Waukomis

## French Horn

Nicholas Sewell.....Pawnee  
Morgan Middick.....Comanche  
Kristiana Weed.....Metro Christian  
Charlytte Nowakowski.....Harrah  
Katelyn Lewis.....Newcastle  
Ethan Brazil.....Oklahoma Christian  
Jesse Smyth.....Plainview  
Sydney Hill.....Perkins-Tyron  
\*Grant Thomas.....Poteau  
\*Damien Shelton.....Cushing

## Trombone

Hendrik Widener.....Waukomis  
Luke Acuna.....Oklahoma Christian  
Roberto Garcia.....Lexington  
Nishant Shrivastava.....Casady  
Quinten Corbin.....Tishomingo  
Isabella Vasquez.....Blanchard  
Adam Lindsey.....Cordell  
Jose Rojas.....Ringwood  
Cristin Cinnamon.....Garber  
Micah Carlson.....Harrah  
\*Dustin Whitener.....Pauls Valley  
\*Gauge Cloud.....Checotah

## Baritone

Patrick Carrow.....Cache  
Damyin Allmond.....Tuttle  
Jon Woods.....Pocola  
Eugene Williams.....Perkins-Tyron  
\*Ryley Johnson.....Chisholm  
\*Tobias Acree.....Poteau

## Tuba

Barrett Hoover.....Oklahoma Union  
Ajeet Singh.....Pawnee  
Jessy Thoma.....Tecumseh  
Levi Ballard.....Pauls Valley  
Daniel Lara.....Oologah  
Keegan West.....Southwest Covenant  
\*Blake Madden.....Washington  
\*Joshua Ledesma.....Prague

## Percussion

Caden Hughes.....Tuttle  
Piper Quinn.....Pauls Valley  
Payton Wolfe.....Newcastle  
Kate Boothe.....Washington  
Kaiya Crawford.....Blanchard  
Chase Eccles.....Harrah  
Dylan Kelly.....Cache  
Clayton Hankins.....Blanchard  
Ricky Bell.....Cache  
Chandler Paterson.....Tuttle  
\*Logan Roach.....Cache  
\*Blake Phillippe.....Adair

\* Denotes Alternates

# OSSBDA ALL STATE JAZZ BAND 2023

## Alto Saxophone

Dugan Gibson.....Oologah  
Tansy Brooks.....North Rock Creek  
\*Connor Edens.....Oologah  
\*Seth Vicena.....Metro Christian

## Tenor Saxophone

Shaun Roberts.....Oologah  
Brandon Daniel.....Crossings Christian  
\*Kevin Roach.....Bristow  
\*Nico Kinney.....Spiro

## Baritone Saxophone

Brian Redford.....Wagoner  
\*Alyssa Quimby.....Checotah

## Trumpet

Colson Hall.....Holdenville  
Seth Carter.....Spiro  
Noah Grantham.....Oologah  
Adam Bailey.....Metro Christian  
Garret Ward.....Chouteau  
\*Evan Williams.....Idabel  
\*Aidan Bemo.....Warner

## Trombone

Dennis Daniel.....Crossings Christian  
Ivan Wallace.....Plainview  
Andrew Clark.....Idabel  
Allie Barnett.....Metro Christian  
William Eaton.....Oologah  
\* Kevin Lozano.....Dale  
\*Lankston Pembroke.....Holdenville

## Bass Trombone

Robel Solomon.....Crossings Christian  
\*Ryan Setters.....Lindsay  
\*Lucas Snyder.....Dale

## Guitar

Jace McGill.....Victory Christian

## Piano

Liam McElroy.....Kingston  
\*Keaton Braggs.....Oologah  
\*MacKinzae Nester.....Checotah

## Bass

Shane Edens.....Oologah  
\*Toby Isaac.....Tuttle  
\*Nolan Arnold.....Crossings Christian

## Drums

Kalei Kellogg.....Oologah  
\*Gunner Smith.....Checotah  
\*Levi Ashe.....Wagoner

## Vibes

Moria Moriasi.....Southwest Covenant

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