

PATRICK JOHN HUGHES PARENT/BOOSTER AWARD

PRESENTATION FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

9:00 P.M. AWARDS CEREMONY

The Patrick John Hughes Parent/Booster Award annually recognizes the extraordinary commitment, dedication, support, and sacrifice of music parents and boosters around the world by shining a spotlight on an individual who exemplifies these qualities. The award is named in honor of Patrick John Hughes, the father of Patrick Henry Hughes, a remarkable man who, despite physical challenges that would seem overwhelming to many, excelled as a musician and student. Learn more at education.musicforall.org.



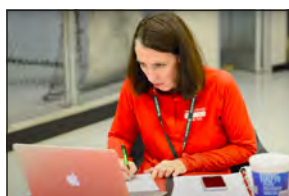
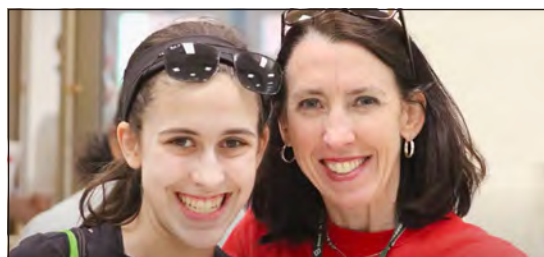
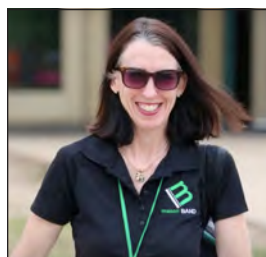
MINDY PATTON 2022 RECIPIENT

Mindy Patton is the embodiment of the phrase “above and beyond” when it comes to the William Mason High School Marching Band and the greater Mason, Ohio area. When band director Edward Protzman arrived at William Mason, he could tell right away that Mindy was dedicated to ensuring the continued success of the band.

Over the years, Mindy has been responsible for arranging travel opportunities, coordinating and implementing medical and mental health programs for the students, planning meals and snacks, and securing monetary and in-kind donations for the band. However, that doesn’t even touch on half of the tasks and responsibilities she takes on. Mindy has built the booster program into a welcoming and professional organization for all that wish to serve the students and staff of the Mason Band program. In his 27 years of

teaching, Protzman has not worked with “a more devoted, professional, caring, and innovative parent organizer.”

In 2020, in the midst of COVID, Mindy rented out a drive-in movie theater so the kids could have a socially distanced and safe, but fun, show theme reveal. She was integral in planning other COVID-safe events like Family Showcase, History Night, and more. On top of all that, Mindy pulled off perhaps the best William Mason Band event yet: organizing a road trip to Lucas Oil Stadium to replicate a Grand Nationals experience in a year when there wasn’t one. Kim Bishop, recording secretary of the 2021 Mason Band Boosters described Mindy as “an incredible, selfless human being with a heart of gold. She devotes endless amounts of time and energy to our program which I will forever be grateful for the rest of my life.”



PATRICK JOHN HUGHES PARENT/BOOSTER AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- 2021 Tom Shrump**
Norwin H.S.
Irwin, PA
- 2020 William Montgomery Jr.**
Bellbrook H.S.
Bellbrook, OH
- 2019 Ann Leever**
Millard North H.S.
Omaha, NE
- 2018 Randy Barnett**
Blue Springs H.S.
Blue Springs, MO
- 2017 Greg Hooper**
McEachern H.S.
McEachern, GA
- 2016 Robert Edwards**
Fort Mill H.S.
Fort Mill, SC
- 2015 Derek Greer**
Owasso H.S.
Owasso, OK
- 2014 Tom Meyer**
Blue Springs H.S.
Blue Springs, MO
- 2013 Dick Zentner**
Norwin H.S.
North Huntingdon, PA
- 2012 PJ Littleton**
Hillsboro Middle School,
Franklin, TN
- 2011 Tom Barnett**
Ben Davis H.S.
Indianapolis, IN
- 2010 Charlie Broach**
Franklin H.S.
Franklin, TN
- 2009 Jim and Ginny Klopfenstein**
Morton H.S.
Morton, IL
- 2008 Dan Adams**
American Fork H.S.
American Fork, UT