



Meet your Band Directors

Joe Meshach is a native of Blairstown, NJ. He is in his first year as the Director of Bands of the Wade Hampton High School Red Guardsmen. Before coming to Wade Hampton, Mr. Meshach was the Associate Director of Bands at Colleton County High School in Walterboro for fifteen years. He was the Director of Bands at Barnwell High School for seven years before that. He holds the Bachelor of Music Education degree from Newberry College.

Cathy Meshach is a native of Lugoff, SC. She in her first year as the Assistant Band Director for the Wade Hampton High School Red Guardsmen. Before coming to Wade Hampton, Mrs. Meshach was the Assistant Director at Colleton County High School in Walterboro for twenty-three years. She holds the Bachelor of Arts in Music Education from Newberry College.

Bands under Mr. Meshach's direction, both in Barnwell and at Walterboro, have received numerous excellent and superior ratings at the various SCBDA sponsored events. During the Meshach's time in Walterboro, the band performed at Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the Rose Parade in California, and the Macy*s Parade in NYC. While they were in Walterboro, the band there also won the AAAA State Marching Championships 8 times. Their bands have received the Outstanding Performance Award fifteen times since 1986.

Mr. Meshach is beginning his eight year as state chairman for the South Carolina All-State Bands. He has also served the South Carolina Band Directors Association as a member of both the Marching and All-State committees, and was the Chairman for the Southern Region for four years before becoming the All-State chairman. Mrs. Meshach is also active in the SCBDA and currently serves on the Winter Ensemble Committee. She previously served on the Solo and Ensemble Committee.

Their professional affiliations include the National Band Association, Music Educators National Conference, South Carolina Music Educators Association, Phi Beta Mu Honorary Band Masters Fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and the South Carolina Band Directors Association.

Mr. Meshach has received several personal awards. He was selected for the *Who's Who in Music* while still a high school student in 1980, the same year that he was chosen to perform with the All-Student Marching Band USA which traveled and performed throughout 7 countries in Europe. He was named to the 1999 and 2000 editions of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. Mr. Meshach was also selected for inclusion in the 2003 and 2004 *Who's Who in America*, as well as the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in the World*.

Mrs. Meshach has also received personal awards. They include *Outstanding Young Women in America*, *2002 Teacher of the Year*, and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

When he is not teaching, Mr. Meshach enjoys watching baseball and NASCAR. Mrs. Meshach loves to cook and take long walks. They both are elders in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Meshach served as the Music Director for the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Walterboro for thirteen years while Mrs. Meshach also sang in the choir. They have been married for 21 years and have a daughter, Jennifer Grace, 12, who will be in the eight grade.