TBA Bandmaster of the Year 2009

Hubert A. "Butch" Almany

Hubert "Butch" Almany grew up in Nacogdoches, Texas, graduating from high school in 1960. He continued with his education in Nacogdoches attending Stephen F. Austin State University receiving his Bachelors of Science Degree with a Music Major in 1965 and Masters in Education in 1968.

Butch's teaching experiences took him to Shelbyville for one year, Overton for two years, Crockett for eight years and Lindale for twenty-two years.

His wife of 44 years, Naomi, was a Business Manager for the Crockett and Lindale School Districts until her retirement in 1995. Their children's careers have kept them in the schools as well. Daughter Elizabeth Bradshaw is teaching in Barcelona, Spain. Son Travis Almany is the Associate Director of Bands at Texas A & M University. Travis' wife Becky is an English teacher at Blinn College in Bryan, and granddaughter Ashley lives and works in Plano, Texas.

Bands under Butch's directorship at Lindale received consistent U.I.L. Sweepstakes Awards from 1975 through 1995. They were also consistent Region T.M.E.A. Honor Band recipients from 1978 to 1995. The Lindale Band finished in the top three in the State Honor Band competition in 1986, 1988 and 1990.

Band competitions at the Sea-Arama Festival in Galveston, Astroworld Festival in Houston, three times at the Smokey Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinberg, Tennessee and the Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville, Tennessee



garnered his bands the honor of being "Outstanding Band" each year they attended.

The Lindale band was selected to lead the Texas Inaugural Parade when George W. Bush became Governor in 1995. The band also performed for George Bush, Sr. during his Presidency.

Butch was instrumental in establishing the National Association of Military Marching Bands. He was one of the charter members and has held office and served on the Board of that organization since it began.

He has also been a member of the Stephen F. Austin Band Alumni Association and has served as president of that organization.

Nacogdoches High School honored him in 2001 as the Nacogdoches High School Distinguished Alumnus.

Stephen F. Austin State University has bestowed many awards to Butch Almany. In 1988 he was inducted into the S.F.A. Band Directors Hall of Fame. In 1990 he received the S.F.A. Distinguished Alumnus Award, and in 1993 he received the S.F.A. Outstanding Music Alumnus Award.

One of his most cherished awards was in 1986 when the newly constructed Lindale High School Band Hall was named the Hubert A. Almany Band Hall.

In 2002 Butch received the Lifetime Meritorious Achievement Award from Texas Bandmasters Association. In 2008 he was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Band Directors Hall of Fame.

Butch retired in 1995 and is staying involved with bands by doing volunteer work with the local band programs, offering clinics to bands and judging contests.

Mr. Almany will be honored during the 2009 TBA Convention/Clinic Members' Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, July 28.