

TBA Remembers



Bob Ingram

July 31, 1933 – January 30, 2011
TBA President 1975

Bob Ingram began his musical career on a Silvertone metal clarinet in the 6th grade band program in Greenville, Texas. While in high school, Bob served as President and student director of the band. In 1951, Bob entered East Texas State Teachers College on a full music scholarship. At East Texas, he served as President and student director of the college band and was a member of the college orchestra and the ROTC marching band. There Bob met his future wife Wanda Woodruff. Bob began his teaching career in the Longview ISD in 1955, and he was director of the Junior High School band until 1957 when he moved to East Mountain High School to be the band director for one year. In 1958, he had the opportunity to move to Sabine High School where the band received four consecutive Sweepstakes awards. In 1960, while at Sabine, he was honored to be inducted into the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu. For a number of years, he served as the fraternity's Chairman of the Hospitality and Program Committee. In 1962, Bob accepted the position as band director and Supervisor of Music for the Greenville High School Band. During his two year tenure there, the band received its first of two Sweepstakes awards. The opportunity to move to the Class AAAAAA Texarkana ISD to become Supervisor of the Instrumental Music Program and to direct the Texas High School Marching, Concert and Jazz Bands came in 1964. Bob remained in this capacity until his retirement in 1992. During this time, the band received many Sweepstakes and first division ratings. The band was privileged to play for four United States Presidents: Johnson, Carter, Ford and Reagan. While in Texarkana, Bob served as President of the Four States Bandmasters Association and was very active in community affairs including serving as President of the Lions Club. He was a charter member of TMAA and enjoyed judging in Texas and the Southwest. One of the greatest highlights of his career was serving on the Board of Directors of the Texas Bandmasters Association where he was the President in 1974-75.



Eddie Galvan

August 19, 1927 – February 15, 2011
TBA President 1973
Bandmaster of the Year 1996

Eddie Galvan earned an Associate of Arts degree from Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and received his Bachelor of Music degree from Texas A & I University in Kingsville, Texas in 1952. His Master of Science degree in Music Education in 1953 was also from Texas A & I. He has done post graduate work at the University of Houston. Eddie's first teaching job was as an Assistant Band Director at Premont High School, Premont, Texas in 1953. He moved to Refugio High School as Assistant Band and Choral Director in 1954. He was the Band Director at Driscoll Junior High School in Corpus Christi for six years, and then he moved to Roy Miller High School in 1962 where he directed the band for ten years. Eddie served in different administrative capacities in the Corpus Christi ISD from 1972-1985. In 1985, he became Assistant Professor of Music at Corpus Christi State University. Eddie's bands were consistent UIL Sweepstakes winners. They received Outstanding Band awards at Six Flags Over Texas and the Buccaneer Days Festival. They also made a 1968 guest appearance at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. Eddie was a member of Phi Beta Mu, TMEA, TBA, and TMAA. He was a guest clinician and performer at many jazz festivals as well as an adjudicator throughout the state of Texas.

From TBA President Don Haynes, Jr.

This past February, the Texas band world said farewell to a legend; a true warrior for music education. Mr. Eddie Galvan of Corpus Christi, Texas, a past TBA president and member of the Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame left this world with many inspired students whose lives he so beautifully influenced. I was not only in his Roy Miller HS Band (class of 1969), Mr. G was like a father, and an amazing mentor over the years. As a Galvan student, I learned from him the great essentials of living life to the fullest. Following in his footsteps as President of TBA is something that made him so very proud. I salute you, Mr. Galvan, for showing me the joy of laughter, the results of hard work, and the confidence generated by your unconditional love for your students. Through me and many others who adored you so much, your life lessons in music and being a good person will live on for generations to come. Your spirit will forever live in our hearts.
