

TBA Bandmaster of the Year 2018

Kenneth Capshaw

Kenneth Capshaw was born in Silver City, New Mexico on September 8, 1947, and the Capshaw family moved to El Paso, Texas when he was two years old. He attended Bonham Elementary and Junior High Schools, and graduated from Burges High School in 1965, where he was a three-year Texas All-State trumpet player. Mr. Capshaw graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education.

Kenneth Capshaw is currently the Assistant Director of Bands at the University of Texas at El Paso. He has been involved in music education in the El Paso community for over forty years, and was a band director in the El Paso Independent School District for twenty-five years. He began his teaching career at Henderson Middle School in 1972, and taught band at Morehead Middle School and El Paso High School. He left the school district in 1981 for the business world, but resumed his teaching career in 1996 to begin a sixteen-year tenure at Coronado High School. The concert, jazz, and marching bands at all of his schools have been consistent sweepstakes winners. The Coronado High School Band received the

Texas Bandmasters Exemplary High School Band Award in July of 2012. Mr. Capshaw holds the assistant principal trumpet position with the El Paso Symphony Orchestra, and is a founding member of the forty-two year old El Paso Brass. He has been a guest soloist, clinician, and adjudicator throughout the Southwest for many years.



Mr. Capshaw is a member of the Texas Music Educator Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association and Phi Beta Mu. He received the Band World Legion of Honor Award in October of 2010 and the Texas Bandmasters Meritorious Achievement Award in July of 2011. He was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame in July of 2013. Kenneth was elected to the American Bandmasters Association in March of 2016.

Kenneth and his wife, Louise, are proud parents of five children, and have seven beautiful young grandchildren along with two foster grandchildren. They are a branch of the very musical family founded by Ross Capshaw, former Director of Fine Arts in the El Paso Independent School District and member of the TBA Hall of Fame.