



Bill Duggan grew up watching the “Pride of Pampa” marching band practice every afternoon near his home. He couldn’t wait to be in the band and soon began his musical career, at the age of ten, as a beginner in the



Austin Elementary school band under the direction of Charles Meech in Pampa, Texas. Bill chose to play the cornet, mainly so that he could play bugle calls for the neighborhood cowboy and Indian battles. He continued at Robert E. Lee Junior High School where he was inspired to become a director while in the bands of Joe DiCosimo. He was tutored by Bill Tregoe in the Pampa summer band camps and was in the Pampa High School Harvester band, “The Pride of Pampa”, under both Fred Stockdale and Harris Brinson.

Bill completed a Bachelor of Music Education degree at West Texas State University in Canyon where he was under the guidance of Dr. Gary Garner and David Ritter. He thought himself a pretty good trumpet player (like all trumpet players do) and decided to pursue a career in performance – that is, right up to his student teaching experience. Student teaching was so much fun that he made up his mind to be a teacher and he never looked back. In 1976 Bill began

working on a master's degree at the University of Houston, where he studied with James Matthews, and completed a Masters of Music degree in Conducting in 1978.

Bill spent his entire teaching career in the Fort Bend Independent School District, a long way from the Panhandle of Texas! He was hired by James Larson in 1974 to be the Head Band Director at Dulles Junior High in Sugar Land. At that time the entire Fort Bend ISD band staff consisted of five teachers who taught together all day; the junior high bands met in the morning and the high school bands met in the afternoon, all in the same band room.



In 1976 he became the Head Director of the new Missouri City Junior High. In 1979 Bill was named assistant band director at John Foster Dulles High



School in Sugar Land and for several years had the wonderful experience of working with the "Dream Team" consisting of David Lambert, Larry Matysiak,



and Richard Cammack, a staff of great teachers that became lifelong friends. Other directors having a great influence include Joe Pruitt, Mary Ballou Running, Robin Watson, Joe Coburn, Jim

Drew, Les Kegley, Dale Koran, Angela Hayes, Frank Cox, Frank Williamson, Anthony Gilreath, Lisa Stiles, Jim Cordani, and Joe Guiterrez.



In 1982 Bill became the Head Band Director and Chairman of Fine Arts of Dulles High School, the largest high school in Texas at the time, and held that position the rest of his career. During his tenure Fort Bend ISD grew from one high school to one of the largest school districts in the state with ten high schools. It was a great experience working with many fine directors in an exciting, growing community that supported the fine arts.



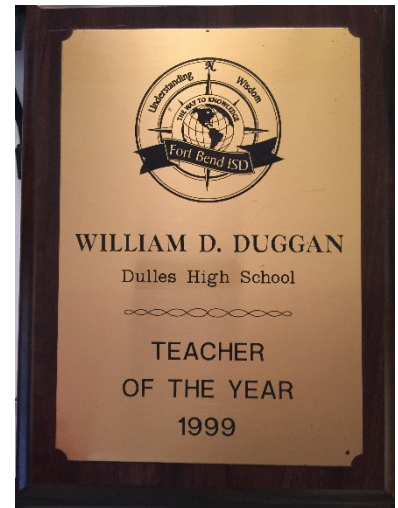
While at Dulles High School, the bands under the direction of Mr. Duggan earned a total of twenty-one UIL Sweepstakes. The Dulles bands won Best in Class awards at festivals and contests all over the country, including Six Flags over Texas, Six Flags Over Mid-America, as well as band festivals in Orlando and Disney World. At the Music City Music Festival in Nashville, the band was selected to perform for several thousand festival participants during the awards ceremony,



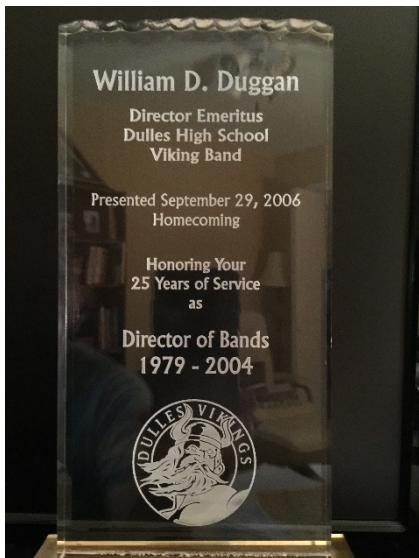
Bill was selected as Dulles High School Teacher of the Year in 1999 and was awarded the UIL Sponsor Excellence Award in 2002. He served as Band Chairman for 8 years



in TMEA Region XVII and as TMEA Region XVII president for 8 years until his retirement in 2004. The Dulles band students surprised him in 2002 by performing "Pictures for the American People", by Jason K. Nitsch, a piece in five movements commissioned by the band senior class of 2002. The band even flew Dr. Garner in to be surprise guest conductor.







Upon his retirement the Dulles Band and Dance Team Booster Club named a college scholarship in honor of Mr. Duggan which is given annually to a graduating senior. In 2006 Bill was named Dulles High School Band Director Emeritus by the Viking Band and their director Joe Pruitt.

Bill was on the Executive Board of the Texas Music Adjudicators Association for six years, including serving as president from 2011-2013. He has remained active as an adjudicator and clinician

since his retirement and currently serves as Executive Secretary for the University Interscholastic League Music Region XIII.

A great number of Dulles band students have become directors or work in music related fields. These students are a great source of pride, as are the many others who are doctors, attorneys, teachers, politicians, airline pilots, and other professionals. Bill believes that his greatest accomplishment was using participation in the band to help build responsible productive citizens. He would like to thank his wife Cheri, who never missed a football game, concert, or contest for thirty years, for her continuing support and understanding,



and son Matt, who was a member of his dad's band and continues to follow the Viking Band at concerts and contests over twenty years later.



Bill thanks Phi Beta Mu and the Hall of Fame Committee for this wonderful honor.