



Scottsbluff High School Vocal Director Receives Nebraska's 2019-20 Music Educator Award

LINCOLN – Brad Ronne of Scottsbluff High School has been named Nebraska's National Federation of State High School Association's (NFHS) 2019-20 Outstanding Music Educator of the Year.

Ronne was nominated for the NFHS award by the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) in collaboration with the Nebraska Music Educators Association (NMEA). Nominations are based upon outstanding service and unselfish devotion to interscholastic music by high school or college music educators. The NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award was first given in 1989.

Ronne holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from Hastings College and a Masters Degree in Technology from Lesley University. He is recognized as a passionate music educator, extremely innovative and a model leader. Ronne began his teaching career in 1994 in Mitchell, Nebraska teaching K-12 general music. He has served as the vocal music director at Scottsbluff High School since 2006.

Ronne was the dreamer and visionary behind the Scottsbluff school district adopting the music technology program that has grown into a state-of-the-art computer lab, full recording studio and three course levels.

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Students are given the opportunity to perform in traditional roles during the high school musical but also get real-world experiences as sound/audio technicians, production directors and light show engineers.

Ronne was honored with the award in Lincoln at the Nebraska Music Educators Association annual awards banquet held on November 22nd.

Nebraska's NFHS Music Educator Award Winners since 2002

- 2002 - Bryan Johnson, Oakland-Craig High School
- 2003 - Dean Dahlke, Bertrand High School
- 2004 - Gene Torrens, Elkhorn High School
- 2005 - Dr. Michelle Bluford, Elkhorn High School
- 2006 - Fred Ritter, Columbus High School
- 2007 - Sharon Hoffman, Bayard Public Schools
- 2008 - Byron Braasch, Lewis & Clark Middle School
- 2009 - Stan Johnson, Shickley Public Schools
- 2010 - Dave Klein, Kearney Public Schools
- 2011 - Cheri Helmer-Rienschke, Papillion-La Vista South High School
- 2012 - William Reichert, Broken Bow High School
- 2013 - Cheri Helmer-Rienschke, *Regional Winner*, Papillion-La Vista South
- 2013 - Rita Stinner, Western Nebraska Community College
- 2014 - Rex Barker, Millard South High School
- 2015 - Patricia Ritchie, Millard West High School
- 2016 - Denise Cotton, Lincoln Southwest High School
- 2017 - Tom Jaworski, *Regional Winner*, Adams Central High School
- 2018 - Debbie Martinez, Millard North High School
- 2019 - Brad Ronne, Scottsbluff High School