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AIM TEACHER OF THE YEAR

2017



SHAWN BASTIAN, NCTM grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah. She and her husband Nathan have been married for 32 years and they have 5 children and 3 grandchildren. They have lived in several places including Connecticut, Washington and Guam where she was able to teach and accompany many choirs. They now reside in Lehi, Utah where she is serving in her dream calling in her LDS ward as Primary Pianist.

Shawn is currently on the AIM board and Performance Evaluations Region Chair for the Utah County area. She has worked as the Davis and Timpanogos Chapter's AIM Chair, Timpanogos Chapter President and loves learning from those teachers she associates with. She participated in the Student Achievement program, as a student, under Merla Little and Zina Riches. After returning home from Guam in 1992, she began teaching privately and at Rowland Hall St. Marks, using the AIM program with her students. Shawn received her National Certification in 2014.

2016



Cindy Hartley is the Utah MTA State Treasurer, having served since 2001. She is also the UFMC State Treasurer, having served since 2011. She is the Utah Federation of Music Clubs (UFMC) Weber Area Festival Chairman. She has also served in the Ogden Chapter as the Vice President over programs. For 8 years, she served as the Lowrey Organ Company Program Director at the Piano Gallery in Riverdale, UT. She worked weekly with approximately 150 Senior Citizens in beginning music classes at the Piano Gallery. She has served as the “Yamaha, Say Yes to Music” Program Coordinator for Weber County. She has been active in the PTA, having served as the Farr West Elementary PTA President. She has also served as a Farr West Community Council Member. She continues to be active in her community and church service. She served for 18 months as a proselyting/welfare service missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Guayaquil, Ecuador. While there she wrote a basic music program to teach music/piano lessons. Years later, that program was expanded by the church and is now taught world-wide in many languages. She began piano lessons at the age of 7. She has studied with Judy Hagen, Ann S. Moulton, Dr. Helena Wubenhorst, Dr. Yu-Jane Yang, and Cheryl Norman. She became a Nationally Certified Music Teacher through MTNA in November 2015. Cindy has taught piano for over 35 years and continues to teach today. She and her husband, Dan, have been married for 32 years and live in Farr West, UT. They are the proud parents of 5 children and 3 grandchildren. Many years ago, I was encouraged by a friend to join UMTA. It has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. It has impacted every aspect of my music career, enhancing my teaching and therefore benefiting my students. Perhaps, my greatest sense of accomplishment comes from the many students who have gone on to become teachers, directly impacting the minds and lives of others.

2015



Norma K. Lambert, NCTM, was reared on a farm in Bern, Bear Lake, Idaho. Her education includes the following: Ricks College AA, BYU BA, Dual certification in Music and Elementary Education. She has taught Piano and organ for 35 years, and was in public education for 3 years. Norma has served in many capacities in UMTA: Sandy Chapter: President, Vice-president, Chapter Directory, AIM Committee several years, and Chapter AIM Chairman for 4 years.

Norma is married, has one daughter, and is currently living and teaching in Sandy, Utah. "I value the AIM program as it is a well-organized path which assists both students and teachers in keeping students, (future teachers) current and balanced in achieving musical knowledge and skills."