



Jack R. Anderson

Jack R. Anderson has had an illustrious career as a music educator in Pennsylvania. In his 42 years of teaching, he served the University of Pittsburgh as Director of Bands for 18 years and Assistant Director for 9 years. Prior to his work at the University, he held teaching positions in the Corry, Greenville, and Keystone Oaks school districts. He has also served as a guest conductor and adjudicator throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

Jack was born and raised in Sharon, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Sharon High School in 1965. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in music from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters of Education in Music from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. During his tenure at Pitt, he took the Pitt Band to 13 post-season bowl games in football, 11 men's NCAA basketball tournaments and 3 women's NCAA tournaments. He also conducted the University of Pittsburgh Symphonic Band. Jack received many individual honors at the college level including the highest national award that can be presented to a music educator, the "Distinguished Service to Music Medal for Marching Band." He also received the "Paula Crider Outstanding Band Director Award" which is presented to an outstanding college band director each year. At Pitt, he was awarded both the Student Government's prestigious "Professor of the Year Award" and the "Outstanding Leader on Campus Award," voted by the student body." In 2013, Jack was named the recipient of the "Roc Spirit Award" given by the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association, and he was recently inducted into the Sharon High School Hall of Fame.

Jack retired in June, 2013, and lives in Scott Township with Peggy, his wife of 44 years. Retirement allows them the opportunity to spend more time with their two daughters, Carrie Fisher (Michael) and Katie Culp (Ken), both Pitt graduates, and their families, including three grandchildren.