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Professor receives music educator award

Sacramento State Music Professor Robert Halseth capped off his 50th year in teaching with a suitable honor, receiving the Music Educator of the Year award from the Capitol Section of the California Music Educators Association.

The University’s director of bands since 1993, Halseth received the award during ceremonies in Sacramento on Tuesday, May 27.

The conductor also has held positions at Carroll College in Wisconsin and the University of the Pacific, and began his teaching career at elementary schools in Fresno. He has conducted the California All-State Band and the United States Coast Guard Band, among many others, and currently serves as music director for the Sierra Nevada Wind Orchestra.

For the past two years, Halseth also has served as conductor, festival director and chief adjudicator for the Andaman Music Festival in Phuket, Thailand, and has conducted the NorCal High School Honor Band.

“Best of all, however, is seeing and hearing the success of my students, especially the 21 students who have earned or are in the process of earning Master of Music degrees in wind conducting from me right here at Sac State,” Halseth says.

Halseth is the 26th recipient of the Music Educator of the Year award. Previous winners include Sac State professors Donald Kendrick and Sue Metz.

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