



Dr. Andy Collinsworth

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In addition to leading the Sonoma State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Chamber Winds Ensemble, Dr. Collinsworth teaches courses in conducting, instrumental music methods and music education. As Director of the Music Education program at SSU, he advises and guides students aspiring to become music educators and supervises graduate students in the single subject credential program in music. He has conducted the non-profit, all volunteer Saint Helena Community Band in performances throughout the Napa Valley since 2012.

Dr. Collinsworth received the Doctor of the Musical Arts degree in Conducting from Arizona State University, and he holds degrees in music education and in saxophone performance from the University of Nevada at Reno. He maintains an active schedule as a guest conductor, adjudicator and clinician. He is the founder and artistic director of the Sonoma Invitational Wind Band Festival, an annual event featuring performances by high school bands from around the state. He also leads the Sonoma Summer Band Conducting and Music Education Symposium, an annual weeklong conducting seminar for high school and middle school music educators.

In addition to his university duties, Dr. Collinsworth is an active member of several professional organizations. He currently serves as President-Elect for the Western Division of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), and as Immediate Past-President of the Bay Section of the California Music Educators Association (CMEA). In addition to these organizations, he is a member of the National Association of Music Education, the California Band Directors Association, the Northern California Band Directors Association, and is an honorary member of the Kappa Kappa Psi band fraternity.

In 2014 Dr. Collinsworth was recognized as the John Swain Outstanding University Music Educator Award for outstanding contributions to music education at the collegiate level by the California Music Educators Association. In 2011, he received the CMEA Don Schmeer/Byron Hoyt Band Educator Award honoring excellence in instrumental instruction and performance.