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Executive Director Emeritus Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

***Ithaca College Recognizes Past-President, Music Educator
and School Arts Administrator***

July 1, 2024 - Westbury, NY – The New York State School Music Association is proud to announce the recognition of executive director emeritus and past-president Dr. Steven Schopp by his alma mater Ithaca College with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

According to the college, the award *acknowledges alumni who have completed at least 40 years of their professional career and/or retired from their lifelong profession... achieving exceptional success in their profession and/or have contributed significantly to the advancement and leadership.*

In 2016, Dr. Schopp concluded fifty (50) years of service to music students throughout New York State, and retired as NYSSMA's executive director in June, 2019. He has served as executive director emeritus since.

As part of a thirty-seven (37) - year career as a music educator and school arts administrator in the Syosset School District, he served NYSSMA as an All-State Adjudicator, Nassau County Area Representative, 2nd Vice President, and President. He has served NYSSMA as Executive Director for the past thirteen (13) years.

He is a past-president of the Nassau (county) Music Educators Association (NMEA) and the Nassau county chapter of the New York State Council of Administrators of Music Education (Nassau NYSCAME).

From 1994 to 1995, Dr. Schopp served as the Eastern Division President of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), from which he also received the distinguished Lowell Mason Fellow Award. The award was named for the "Father of Music Education" and recognizes outstanding contributions to the field.

As Executive Director, he had provided guidance to seven (7) NYSSMA Presidents and he has been a trusted advisor to Council members, county associations, and a great many music educators.

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