



We express our thanks
and gratitude to
**The Choir of
St. Leo's Church**
and
Andrew Gekoskie
(Conductor)
for their participation
in the solemn celebration of the
Morning Prayer
in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna
Vienna, 5th of July 2006

Mag Anton Faber



Franz Weiwurm

National Band Association

The NBA Executive Committee takes great pleasure in awarding a

Citation of Excellence

to

Andrew Gekoskie

FOR AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO BANDS AND BAND MUSIC



Through professional leadership you have inspired and motivated excellence in musical performance. Your record of service to our profession is one of which you may be justifiably proud, and it will serve as a model to others.

David Henry

President, National Band Association

Linda Moorhouse

Chairman, Citation Committee

MAY 21ST, 2004

Date





MENC: The National Association for Music Education

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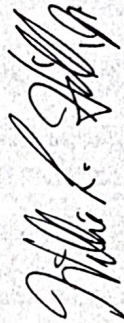
to

Andrew Gekoskie


in recognition of and gratitude for contributions to
the advancement of music education and for support of
MENC's 59th National Biennial In-Service Conference

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 14-18, 2004

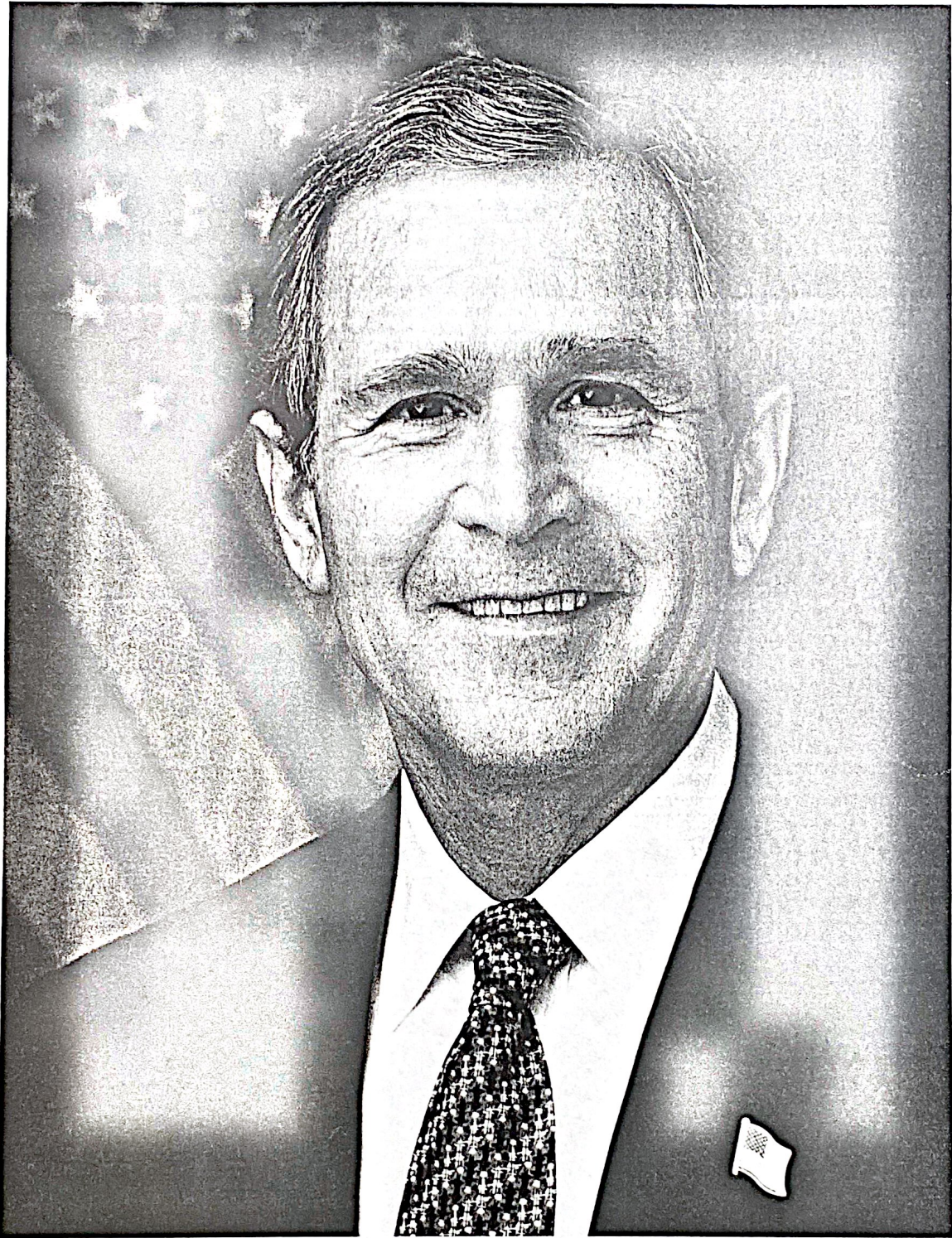


President



Executive Director





*To The Langley High School Band
With best wishes,*

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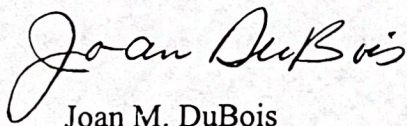
Mr. Andrew Gekoski
Band Director, Langley High School
6520 Georgetown Pike
McLean, Virginia 22010

Dear Mr. Gekoski,

Thank you for your involvement in Saturday's parade for the 2005 Little League World Series Softball Champions. This is the first time a Little League team in Virginia has been so successful. I was proud to see McLean unite in celebration and support of their achievements. This is the kind of community spirit that makes McLean such a wonderful place to live.

I want to express my appreciation for your willingness to help make this event such a success by allowing the Langley High School band to participate. We had a beautiful day and good turn out, but most importantly I think these young women were thrilled by the recognition they received. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Joan M. DuBois

cc: William Clendaniel



The Directors of the 2004 Hershey

MENC: The National Association for Music Education, with the sponsorship of the Hershey Foods Corp., selected 95 students from across the nation for the first ever Hershey's All-USA High School Band. SBO is proud to join these two organizations in saluting the band directors of the chosen student musicians. For more information about the program, visit www.hersheysfundraising.com or www.menc.org/allusaband.



Mark Corey
Addison Trail High School
Addison, IL



Tracey DeRagon
Ballston Spa High School
Ballston Spa, NY



Kristen Meeker
Chenango Forks High School
Binghamton, NY



Lonsdale Walker & Deborah Jones (photo not available)
Colonie Central High School
Albany, NY



Herb Thomson
East Grand Forks Senior High
East Grand Forks, MN



Salvatore Aloe
Ambridge Area High School
Ambridge, PA

Ed Berry
Bay High School
Bay Village, OH

Jay Zimmerman
Bellefonte Area High School
Bellefonte, PA



Deb Knisely
Cinnaminson High School
Cinnaminson, NJ

Martin Antholz
Creighton Community High School
Creighton, NE



Marilyn Van Scoyo
East Hampton High School
East Hampton, NY

Jordan Greenbaum
Arizona School for the Arts
Phoenix, AZ



Michael Danis
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lane High School
Burnt Hills, NY

James Fogarty
Clarkstown High School South
West Nyack, NY



Gary Ruggiero
Danbury High School
Danbury, CT

Shawn Castleberry
Elkmont High School
Elkmont, AL

Russell Logan
Auburn High School
Auburn, AL

Tripp Morris
Baker High School
Mobile, AL

Dalen Favali
Burrillville High School
Harrisville, RI



Kay Vallee
Cohoes High School
Cohoes, NY

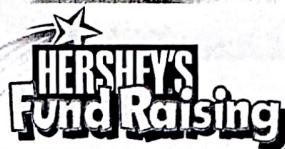
Wayne Smith
Dunmore High School
Dunmore, PA



Keith Carper
Fairland High School
Proctorville, OH



High School Band Finalists



Laway
High School
AL



Amy Birdsong
Hanover High School
Mechanicsville, VA



Myron Schopp
Ipswich Public School
Ipswich, SD



Andrew Gekoskie
Langley High School
McLean, VA



Tedd Gullickson
Mankato West High School
Mankato, MN

so Jiles
& Douglass
School
Marlboro, MD

Steve Cotton
Harrison High School
W. Lafayette, IN



Jeffrey Frazier
Laramie Senior
High School
Laramie, WY



l Shaw
High School
urg, NY



David DiGennaro
Homer Central High School
Homer, NY

Todd Blaser & Greg
DeGier (photo not
available)
Jefferson Senior
High School
Alexandria, MN



William Buzza
Leavitt Area High School
Turner, ME

Natalie Walters
Mexico Academy
& Central High School
Mexico, NY

n Trombley
Memorial Senior
School
n, MA



Mark Borden
Honeoye Falls - Lima HS
Honeoye Falls, NY

Phillip Wharton
Lake Gibson High School
N. Lakeland, FL

Laura Bronkala
& Adam Huff
Lenoir City High School
Lenoir City, TN

Matthew Sheppard
Millard North High School
Omaha, NE

Hedge
High School
castle, IN



Mark Marvel
Indian River High School
Frankford, DE



Erik Hanson
Lanesboro High School
Lanesboro, MN



Tom Higgins
Linn High School
Linn, MO



Rochelle Feldner
Minot High School -
Central Campus
Minot, ND



on
High School
wich, CT

David Jensen
Minot High School - Magic
City Camp
Minot, ND

Monday, June 9, 8:00
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Ensemble Spotlight Series



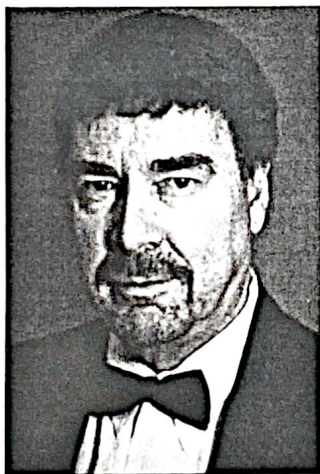
Andrew Gekoskie
Conductor

**Langley High School
Symphonic Band,
McLean (VA)**

Works by C. Williams,
Holsinger, and Ticheli

**Langley High School
Wind Symphony,
McLean (VA)**

Works by Hindemith,
Whitacre, Ticheli, Bolcom,
and Bernstein



Eugene Minor
Conductor

**The Concert Orchestra
of the InterSchool
Orchestras of
New York (NY)**

Works by Elgar, Mozart,
Dvořák, and Stamitz

Monday, June 9, 2003, at 8:00 p.m.

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Langley Band Director Wins National Citation Of Excellence

Andrew Gekoskie, director of bands at Langley High School, has been presented the Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association (NBA). Langley High School is a Fairfax County public school.

The NBA Citation of Excellence, a national award, is presented to outstanding concert band directors. Gekoskie's award was presented to him for professional leadership, for inspiring and motivating excellence in musical performance, and for his service to the profession.

He was presented the award on May 21 by Stanley Schoonover, FCPS music specialist at the US Navy Band Concert hosted by the Langley HS Bands. The Langley Wind Symphony recently was the only high school band that performed at the 2004 MENC National Convention held in Minneapolis, MN this past April.

Gekoskie, who directs Langley High's symphony bands and wind symphony, has been at Langley and an employee of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for two years. He has over 16 years of experience as an instrumental music teacher in Pennsylvania and Virginia and three years as a Supervisor of Music in the Angleton ISD in Texas. Gekoskie is a graduate of Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania and has studied conducting at the Juilliard School of Music, the Hartt School of Music, Duquesne University, and Butler University.

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Andrew Gekoskie

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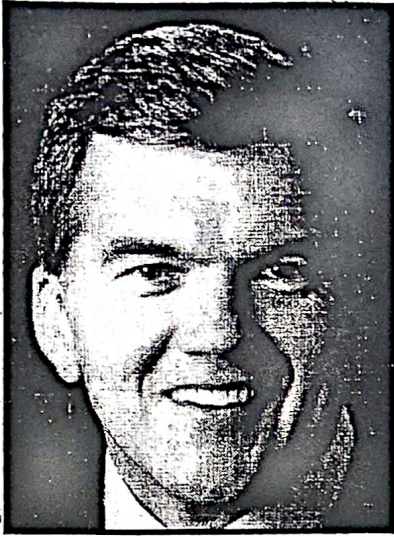
President, National Band Association

<http://www.vboda.org/Temp/langleybandwinsaward.htm>

11/29/2004

Secretary, Executive Committee

May 21, 2004



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
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*Music is the universal language of mankind.
--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

TO: THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC WINDS

It gives me great pleasure to extend my deepest congratulations to you and to Andrew R. Gekoskie for being selected to perform at the MENC Eastern Division Conference in New York City.

When we listen to the beauty and grace of music, we are compelled to recognize the magnificence of the human imagination. As patrons, we gather to applaud this capacity and to acknowledge the rare and exceptional talents of great and historic composers, and their contemporary counterparts. As we begin to understand the significance of a piece of music, we learn about our past and, in turn, our future. Music is not confined by physical boundaries; rather it transcends the expected and creates a world of its own.

Since your formation, you have maintained the highest standards of excellence in the field of musical expression. The dedicated efforts and tireless commitments that each of you has made to master such an inspirational form of expression is truly a commendable undertaking. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of you for ensuring the preservation of one of life's most precious gifts -- the gift of music.

On behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I offer my best wishes as you travel to New York City in representation of your school, your community and your Commonwealth. I am confident that throughout the experience, you will exemplify the character and spirit of your fellow citizens.



TOM RIDGE
February 1999

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, The Cumberland Valley High School Marching Band captured first place in the 1997 United States Scholastic Band Association Championships in Giant Stadium, East Rutherford, New Jersey, on November 8, 1997; and

Whereas, The one hundred fifteen member band, comprised of musicians and color guard, is under the able leadership of band director Andrew R. Gekoskie. To its great credit, the Cumberland Valley High School Marching Band will be performing in the 1999 Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona, which will be held from December 28, 1998, to January 3, 1999. It has also been selected as one of only eighty bands from across the nation to compete in the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 12-14, 1998; and

Whereas, Instilled with a spirit of teamwork, commitment and the pure joy of playing an instrument and performing, the Cumberland Valley High School Marching Band is an exceptionally talented, extremely well-trained and disciplined group of young people bound by a common goal to exceed the highest standard of excellence.

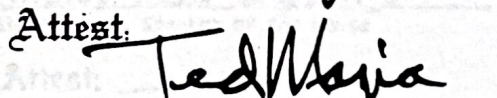
Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Cumberland Valley High School Marching Band on this crowning achievement; affirmatively states that the band has brought a notable measure of pride and prestige to itself, the community and this State through its meritorious accomplishments; offers best wishes for continued success in the years to come;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Patricia H. Vance on October 24, 1998, be transmitted to the Cumberland Valley High School Marching Band.


Patricia H. Vance, Sponsor




Matthew Ryan, Speaker of the House

Attest:

Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is always proud to recognize the achievements realized by its youth in the spirit of competition, commitment to a goal and unity of purpose; and

Whereas, The Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Band won the Bands of America Class A National Championship recently held in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

Whereas, Under the expert guidance of director Andrew R. Gekoskie, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Band's eighty-five members competed against forty-nine other bands from schools with a student population of between eight hundred and nine hundred. Prior to its victory in Indiana, the band captured the Bands of America's Regional Competition held in Bensalem.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Band on the great honor which has been bestowed upon it; notes with pride the hard work and commitment which the band members manifested in earning this meritorious accolade; offers best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Paul W. Semmel on December 26, 1996, be transmitted to the Northwestern Lehigh Marching Band, 6493 Route 309, New Tripoli, Pennsylvania 18066.

Paul W. Semmel

Paul W. Semmel, Sponsor



Matthew Ryan

Matthew Ryan, Speaker of the House

Attest:

Ted Mazia

Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House

County of Lehigh

Pennsylvania

Office of County Executive

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band competed among 80 bands in the most prestigious band event held in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band was named the Bands of America Class A National Marching Band Champions at the Grand National Championships held at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana;

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band scored highest in the Class A division and received awards in the categories of "Best Visual" and "Best General Effect;"

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band is only one of three bands from Pennsylvania to be named Class A National Champion in the twenty-one year history of the Bands of America Grand National Championships;

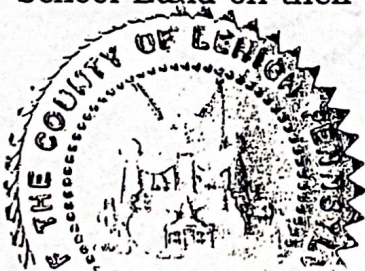
WHEREAS, Andrew R. Gekoski has demonstrated outstanding leadership as director of the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band; and

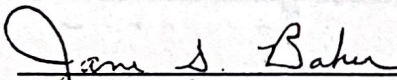
WHEREAS, Band Director Andrew R. Gekoski and the members of the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band are to be commended for their award-winning performance and for their dedication to the ideals of the Bands of America mission which promotes positive self-development;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane S. Baker, Lehigh County Executive, on this twelfth day of December 1996 do hereby salute the

**NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH HIGH SCHOOL BAND
ANDREW R. GEKOSKI, DIRECTOR**

and urge all citizens, schools, businesses and organizations to join in congratulating the members and families of the Northwestern Lehigh High School Band on their superior performance in a national competition.




Jane S. Baker
Lehigh County Executive

Senate of Pennsylvania



HARRISBURG, PA

Congratulations

In the Senate, January 7, 1997

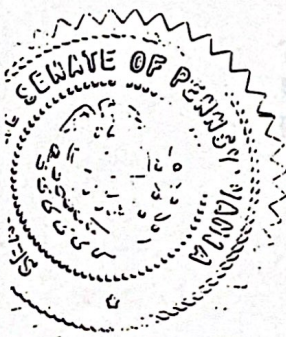
Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is always proud to recognize its young citizens who, through their outstanding achievements, bring distinction to themselves, their community and this State; and

Whereas, The Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Unit captured the Bands of America National Class A Division Championship held November 7-9, 1996 in Indianapolis, Indiana; and

Whereas, The first band from the Lehigh Valley area to compete in the Bands of America competition, which included seventy-nine other high school bands from across the country, the Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Unit had previously won the Bands of America's regional competition held in Bensalem. The unit is under the expert leadership of director Andrew R. Sekoskie.

Now therefore, the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania congratulates the Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Unit on its richly deserved recognition; heartily commends the members and their director for their ability, dedication and tireless pursuit of excellence; offers best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors;

And directs that a copy of this document, sponsored by Senator David J. Brightbill, be transmitted to the Northwestern Lehigh High School Marching Unit.



Attest:

Mac R. [Signature]



Cumberland Valley High School
Andy Gekoskie, Director
6746 Carlisle Pike
Mechanicsburg, PA. 17055

October 7, 1998

Andy;

Congratulations on a superb night of music at your home band show this past weekend. Even though the rains came, it did not diminish the tremendous job that you and your entire organization did to present a first class competition. All of the bands did a great job in performing in less than ideal weather conditions and are all to be congratulated for a job well done.

I was especially impressed with your band and how professional and organized your entire staff and kids were not only during the performance, but also throughout the entire day's events. Being part of marching programs as long as I have, I understand how hard and demanding a job that you, your staff, parent organization, and administration have. Please give all areas of your program my congratulations.

Pearl is very proud to be associated with programs like you have at Cumberland Valley and anything that we can do to help in continuing the education of today's young people, is certainly a top priority at Pearl Corporation.

Enclosed are several Pearl logo stickers for your marching bass drums that are starting to wear off, and also the problems with your 6" quint tom-toms will be addressed and new drums will be sent to you as soon as possible. If there is anything further that I can do for you and your organization, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "TOM".

Tom Becker
District Sales Manager
Pearl Corporation