

Terry Sanders



Terry Sanders received his degrees in Music Education and Computer and Information Science from Troy State University. He studied percussion under Dr. Samuel Frederick, while marching with the “Sound of the South” Trojan Band. He also studied percussion privately with Sergeant Carl Griggs of the United States Marine Drum and Bugle Corps. Terry was the Co-Percussion Caption Head and arranger for the Florida Wave Drum and Bugle Corps from 1980 - 81. Mr.

Sanders was the Director of Percussion at Escambia High School in Pensacola, Florida for 30 plus years. Under his direction, the Escambia HS Percussion section won over 40 High Drum Caption awards. Mr. Sanders was the founder of the award winning, Escambia HS Diamonds Indoor Percussion Ensemble. Starting in 1997, the Escambia HS Indoor Percussion Ensemble won numerous WGI Regional Titles and was a WGI finalist or semi-finalist in Every Scholastic Percussion Classification from 1997 to 2019. From 2016 to 2018, Terry served as the Program Coordinator for Freedom Independent Percussion Ensemble. In 2016 the group was a first time finalist and in 2017 the group was the PIO Bronze Medalist. During his tenure at Escambia HS Mr. Sanders was responsible for creating the largest PAS Day of Percussion Marching Clinic in the Southeast United States. Doing clinics and master classes with the marching arts leading percussion instructors and educators.

Terry actively serves as a championship level adjudicator for fall marching competitions and indoor percussion competitions across the country. He is currently an official WGI Percussion Judge. Terry currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Gulf Coast Color Guard and Percussion Circuit and he has served many years on the WGI Percussion Advisory Board, most recently in 2016. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity and he is an active member of the Percussive Arts Society and currently serves on the PAS Marching Percussion Committee and the PAS Diversity Alliance. Mr. Sanders currently serves as the Program Coordinator and as a percussion and design consultant for Southwind Drum and Bugle Corps.

Terry is currently an Educational Artist endorser for Innovative Percussion, the REMO Drum Head Company, Sabian Cymbals and the Pearl /Adams Drum Company. Terry, his wife Regina, his 2 daughters and his German Shepherd Duke, all reside in Pensacola, Florida.