

**Phi Beta Mu – Nu Chapter**  
**Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Recipients**  
**Presented in Hershey, Pa. in March of 2015**

1. **COL. JERE W. FRIDY (USAF ret.)** is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where he was solo cornetist and president of the famed Penn State Blue Band. Fridy served as solo cornetist with the 553rd Air Force Band, the ANG Band of the Mid Atlantic. In 1976, he assumed command of the band. Under his direction, the band developed into one of the finest concert bands in the reserve forces and toured extensively. The band received the coveted Eagle Award and the Air Force Meritorious Service Award for its outstanding tour performances. He is also the associate conductor of the New Holland Band in New Holland, PA, and conductor of the Band Camp for Adult Musicians at Allegheny College. Jere was Vice-President of the Nu Chapter from 1967 to 1969, and received the Outstanding Bandmaster Award from Nu Chapter in 1986. NAFME recognized Jere in 2009 for his contributions to Music Education by naming him a Lowell Mason Fellow Recipient.

2. **ARLINGTON (ART) P. KAHLEY** is a Charter Member of Nu Chapter from 1959 in Harrisburg at the PMEA Meeting. He was awarded the Outstanding Bandmaster from Nu Chapter 1989. A Navy musician, he entered public education after leaving the service. Art directed the York Suburban High School band from when the school was formed in 1958 until retiring in 1984. Under his direction the Suburban band performed for a number of high profile events including The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, The Orange Bowl Parade in Florida, and for a home game in the 1970 World Series in Baltimore. Art founded the Pennsylvania Ambassadors of Music, leading them on a number of tours and performing in over 25 different countries during his career. Art received a Bachelor's degree from West Chester, and his Master's degree in Music Education from Penn State University. He also attended the Peabody School of Music. He is past director of the York City Band, York College Band, past member of the York Symphony Orchestra, and one of the organizers of the York Youth Symphony Orchestra. Art is an active member of the PA Music Educators Association, Musical Director for 23 International Concert Tours, recipient of the Arion Medal for Distinguished Musical Service from the York Chorus, and the Outstanding Bandmaster award from the Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Mu in 1989, an international bandmasters association. He remains an active Nu Chapter member serving on and leading the induction ceremony each year at the annual chapter meeting.

3. **DR. OTIS D. KITCHEN** was the Director of Bands at Elizabethtown College, in Lancaster, PA from 1965-96, a span of 31 years. After his retirement, Otis was named Director of Bands Emeritus at Elizabethtown. A graduate of Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, the Navy School of Music, Northwestern University, and received an honorary Doctor of Music from the National Conservatory of Mexico. Otis is Conductor Emeritus for the Lancaster County Youth Symphony and also the Wind Ensemble, of which he was founder. He also founded the annual

Lancaster County Music Camp at Elizabethtown, and served as its director for many years. Throughout his career he has enjoyed an international reputation as a music director, conductor, performer and adjudicator. Otis has served as Coordinator of the Vienna Music New Year's Eve Festival, and served as a music director for the Invitational Mexican Music Festival in Mexico City. He is a past recipient of the Citation of Excellence award from the National Band Association, and was named Nu Chapter's Outstanding Bandmaster in 1985.

**4. DR. STANLEY F. MICHALSKI**, is a Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Music and Conductor of Bands at Clarion University of Pennsylvania. His distinguished career spans fifty-five years as a conductor, educator, performer, clinician, and adjudicator. Dr. Michalski currently serves as Coordinator of Instrumental Music for the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools in the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Charlotte, NC. He also serves as the Associate Conductor of the Carolina Wind Orchestra. Michalski received his B.S. Degree, cum laude, in Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University in 1956. In 1958, he was awarded a Master of Education Degree and earned the Doctor of Education Degree from the Pennsylvania State University studying conducting under Dr. James W. Dunlop. Prior to his professorship at Clarion University, Dr. Michalski served as Supervisor of Music in the public schools of Harrisburg, PA from 1956 to 1958, and from 1959 to 1961, held a similar position in Mifflintown, PA. In addition to being a charter member of Nu Chapter in 1959, Dr. Michalski was the Outstanding Bandmaster in 1982. He is the author of numerous published articles on music education, bands, and low brass and was the founder and conductor of the Clarion University Summer Band and Jazz Workshops and Band Front Clinics. He was the first recipient of the Clarion University Student-Alumni Golden Eagle Award presented to a faculty member for efforts in furthering the reputation and best image of Clarion University. In 1973, Dr. Michalski was elected into the membership of the prestigious American Bandmasters Association, the professional association of master conductors and musicians. In the same year, he served as President of the Eastern Division of the College Band Directors National Association. Dr. Michalski has served as tuba soloist, clinician-adjudicator, and guest conductor in forty three States, Canada, Australia, Mexico and Europe where is served as conductor for the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna for six years. His conducting assignments have included concerts throughout Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, England and France. He has also served as guest conductor with the U.S. Air Force Band, the U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Army Band (Pershing's Own), the Armed Forces Bicentennial Band and the U.S. Army Field Band.

**5. ROBERT F. ZELLNER** was the Director of Bands at East Stroudsburg Area High School in East Stroudsburg, PA, from 1956 to 1968. He then moved on to Gettysburg College in 1968 as a Professor of Music, later receiving Professor Emeritus status after his retirement in 1997. Robert served as Nu Chapter President from 1978-1979, and was the Nu Chapter Outstanding Bandmaster in 1980. In 1981, Robert founded the Pennsylvania All-State Lions Band. He was twice invited by PMEA to conduct the All-State Bands in 1978 and 1989. He is a recipient of many awards including the Order of the Silver Horn for his accomplishments in the field of school music in 1968, National Federation of Musicians Club's Special Award of Merit in 1974, First Chair of America "Distinguished Bandmaster of America" award in 1976, The Nu Chapter Outstanding Bandmaster

Award in 1983, The Nation Band Association's Citation of Excellence Award, the 1988 Lions International Presidents Award and in 2000 he received the District 7 Distinguished Service Award. A native of Nazareth, Pennsylvania, where he received his early education, Zellner was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree by West Chester State College in 1954, and a Master of Arts Degree by Lehigh University in 1960. He has also studied music education in graduate programs at Trenton State College and the University of Maryland.