

NHMA David Lockart Memorial Scholarship

The NHMA David Lockart Memorial Scholarship is a tribute to the life and legacy of David Lockart, a man who believed that music lifts the soul of humanity and that character is defined by honesty, kindness, and responsibility.

This is a \$750 scholarship that will be given to two seniors that are an NHMA member and who have demonstrated high musical standards, provide leadership, embody a positive attitude and influence in the community at North Hunterdon High School.

Who Was David Lockart

David's distinguished career spanned over three decades, including 31 years as the choral director at North Hunterdon High School and more than twenty years as the music supervisor for both North and Voorhees. His leadership extended to directing musical theater productions, conducting the N.J. Region II Honors Choir, and leading his award-winning Chamber and Show Choirs on tours across the United States and Europe. An accomplished educator and author, he also wrote the "Teacher's Guide for AP Music Theory," published in 2007.

Even in retirement, David remained a musician at heart, once noting, "Once you're a musician, you're always a musician." His passion was most evident when directing a choir. This was beautifully captured during a scholarship concert held in his honor prior to his passing on January 30, 2020. Over 100 former colleagues and students joined the Concert Choir on stage to perform one of his favorite pieces, Peter Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Despite being overcome with emotion, David directed the performance to a standing ovation.

David's educational journey took him from the University of Delaware to the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, eventually earning his master's degree from the University of Illinois. Today, his influence remains a constant presence at the NHHS Music Department and NHMA, where we continue to use the logo he helped design.

The NHMA David Lockart Memorial Scholarship formally known in 2011 as Dave Lockart Scholarship for Musical Excellence stands as a lasting tribute to a man who was truly wealthy in friendship and spirit. We continue to remember him and the music he left within us all.



To apply for the scholarship please click here <https://forms.gle/phnsjA83aLgEC4xC9>

For more information about David Lockart you may visit the following websites or a combined document created from the websites.

Website:

https://www.nj.com/hunterdon-county-democrat/2011/06/longtime_choral_director_at_no.html

<https://www.chandlerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/david-lockart/>

Document:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wqUsatMWumXNU3OlnxnsP7KDh3k0mx19/view?usp=sharing>

Penned Tribute and Video by Heidi Peterson:

When David past away Mrs. Heidi Peterson current teacher at NHHS and a former student of Mr. Lockart and who also inspired her conducted an online song tribute to him. You can find that video here https://youtu.be/ELmvq2aDgUQ?si=ZZ9_d2BHYSjyPdPc

This video was created to honor the life of a wonderful friend, teacher, and mentor, David Lockart. It was created with the contributions of 40 alumni of North Hunterdon High School spanning over 20+ years of Dave's career. May his legacy inspire others to follow in his footsteps of music and positively impacting the lives of others.