

2013 ALUMNI FELLOW

O. Richard Bundy Jr. '70 Edu, '87g A&A

O. Richard Bundy Jr. is director of the Penn State Blue Band and professor of music education at Penn State. He also conducts Penn State's Concert Band. An active guest conductor and adjudicator, Bundy has conducted ensembles and presented clinics throughout the eastern United States and Canada.

Bundy was a trombonist with the U.S. Continental Army Band and then served as band director and instrumental music instructor for the Iroquois School District in Erie, Pa. He received a master's degree from the University of Michigan and returned to Penn State to pursue his doctorate. He joined Penn State's School of Music faculty in 1983. After 13 years as assistant director, Bundy was named director of the Blue Band. From 2001 to 2005, he also was assistant director of the School of Music, part of Penn State's College of Arts and Architecture.

Bundy was named Bandmaster of the Year in 2001 by the Pennsylvania chapter of Phi Beta Mu, the national bandmasters' fraternity. In 2005, the Blue Band won the prestigious Sudler Trophy, presented annually by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

Bundy is the recipient of several other awards, including the 2008 Advisor of the Year Award from Penn State's Office of Student Activities; the 2009 President's Award for Engagement with Students; the 2011 Penn State's Lion's Paw Medal; and the 1991 College of Arts and Architecture's Alumni Award. He maintains professional memberships in several associations, and is past president of the Eastern Division of the College Band Directors National Association.

Bundy and his wife, Christine, are life members of the Penn State Alumni Association. They have four children, all Penn State alumni.

