

The Lagunitas Music Foundation will award \$10,000 of summer music scholarship funds to the St. Charles East High School Band Program in memory of William Carroll. This scholarship will be used to send STCE band members to the Birch Creek summer music camp with a full tuition scholarship.

Three schools have been selected for this award. St. Charles East High School, St. Charles, IL (Jim Kull, Director), Wheeling High School, Wheeling IL (Brian Logan, Director), and Hanna High School, Brownsville, TX (Mike Kuntz, Director). These schools were selected because Bill Carroll taught all three of these Band Directors when they were Bill's students at Buffalo Grove High School.



William Joseph Carroll
June 29, 1934 - July 4, 1981

"Kids will have their whole lives to work. This is the time to be exposed to arts, culture, good literature, music, and dance" -Bill Carroll

This sentence embodied the work and life of band director, teacher, musician, husband, father, and friend to all who knew him, Bill Carroll. Mr. Carroll taught at North Boone County High School for 16 years and three years at Buffalo Grove High School, Buffalo Grove, IL, before his sudden death in 1981, at the age of 47. Mr. Carroll's passion and tremendous musicianship, combined with his respect and high expectations for his students, created an atmosphere of joy, excellence, and musical harmony of the highest caliber. Mr. Carroll didn't just teach music, he used music as his vehicle for teaching life. He was a man of tremendous talent and greater humility. Mr. Carroll played trumpet in Chicago's Civic Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and numerous other ensembles. He was also an accomplished jazz lead player, soloist, and vocalist.

Mr. Carroll has been gone for 29 years, yet his legacy lives on through the hundreds of students who annually, and unknowingly, pay tribute to him through their work with Mr. Carroll's students who are now teachers. Because of the generosity of the Lagunitas Music Foundation we are honored to present a scholarship in memory of our teacher of life and music, Mr. Bill Carroll.

A personal message from Mr. Kull –

I was fortunate enough to have some wonderful teachers growing up, which is a big reason I decided to become a teacher as an adult. My grade school and junior high directors, George Galvan, Gail Crosson (who is teaching at Elmhurst College now) and Dave Leigh gave me a great fundamental foundation to pursue music. My high school band directors, Bob Rogers and Bill Carroll, were very influential to me as a high school student. I had Mr. Carroll as a teacher my junior and senior years, and he literally changed my life as a musician. He was one of the finest trumpet players I ever heard, and he was very inspirational and devoted to the success of his students, both as musicians and people. He was tragically killed by a drunk driver in 1981.

A friend of mine from high school has turned into quite the businessman, and is funding summer camp scholarships for students in three different high school bands taught by Bill Carroll's former students to honor his memory. He is giving \$10,000 to students at Wheeling High School here in Illinois (Brian Logan director), Hannah High School in Brownsville, Texas (Mike Kuntz, director) and to our students, for a total of \$30,000. Freshmen, sophomore and junior band students are eligible for these scholarships. **The intent is to fully fund the camp. If you are interested, please have your student give a letter telling us what camp they would like to attend, while expressing how this opportunity would change your life and impact the other students in our band program. Please turn in these letters to Mr. Kull by Monday, January 31st.** We will select recipients and notify them by Friday, February 4th. I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity and please contact me with any questions.

Jim Kull