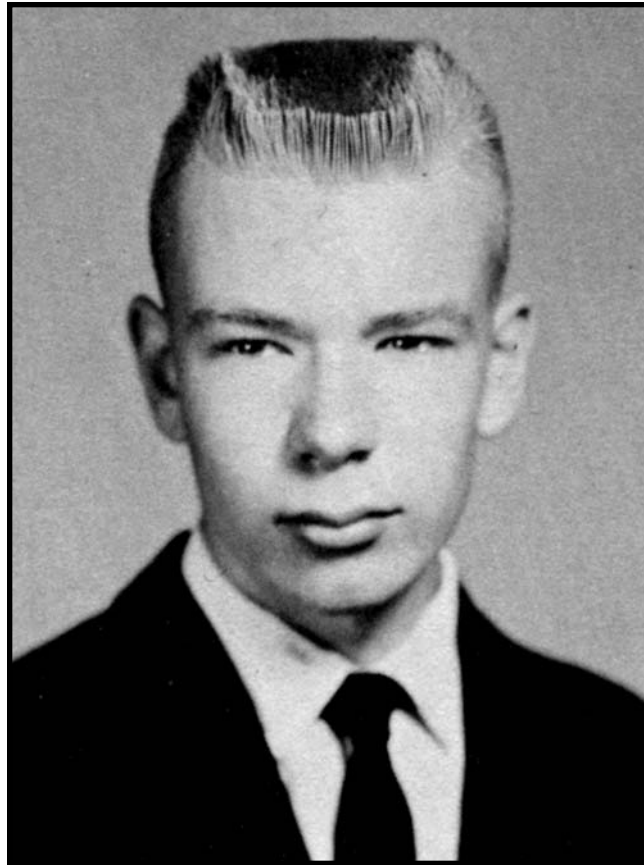


Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Dr. Arthur E. Ostrander
College Dean, Musician, Textbook Author
Class of 1960

It was already apparent to members of Watchung Hills' first graduating class that Arthur Ostrander was "going places." A member of the very first Student Council from 1958-1959, he became Student Council President in 1958-1959, chairman of the Assembly Committee, and was voted by ballot among senior class members in 1960 as having "Done Most for the School."

Even more recognized was Art's great interest in music studies. He played in the orchestra from 1958-1960 and served as president of the band from 1957-1960—the first three years of the existence of both the band and the school!

Art's talents and his love for music inevitably led him to a career in this field. He received his B.A. from Bowdoin College (Maine) and both his master's degree and Ph.D. in Music Theory from Indiana University. Eventually he himself became a teacher of music, and then, an administrator, at Ithaca College, New York, from 1971-2008.

He chaired the graduate programs in music beginning in 1978 and went on to serve as Dean of that nationally renowned School of Music at Ithaca College from 1985 to 2008). The institution has an enrollment of 600 music majors and a faculty of 90 — of whom 65 are full-time.)

In a wider circle, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Schools of Music, the national accrediting organization for all college and university music schools and departments, comprised of over 600 members. He was then named Senior National Accreditor from 1998 to 2009.

Art's talents were shared with an even wider audience; he has co-authored college textbooks used throughout the United States: "Music Sources" and "Contemporary Choral Arranging" (Prentice Hall).