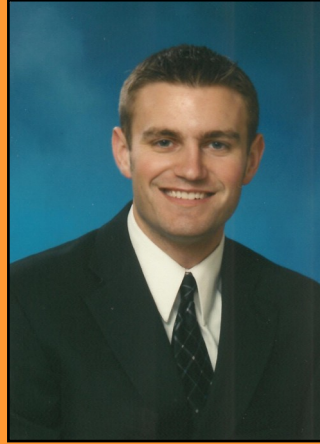


A. A. Stagg Music Director Biography



Robert Mecozzi

Bob Mecozzi is currently in his second year as Director of Bands at Amos Alonzo Stagg High School. Mr. Mecozzi received his undergraduate degree in music education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While at the university, Mr. Mecozzi studied trumpet with Dr. Michael Ewald and Ronnie Romm and studied conducting with Dr. Joseph Manfredo, Dr. Louis Bergonzi, and Daniel Neuenschwander. Mr. Mecozzi has also performed in various ensembles under the direction of Dr. Thomas Caneva, Dr. Kenneth Steinsultz, and Dr. Peter Griffin.

As director of bands, Mr. Mecozzi conducts and oversees the administration of all concert bands and jazz bands, in addition to the Marching Chargers, Pep Band, and Percussion Ensemble, as well as various chamber ensembles. Under his direction, the Stagg Bands have received numerous outstanding and superior ratings at festivals and contests throughout the state.

While completing his undergraduate degree, Mr. Mecozzi was heavily involved in several professional organizations and extracurricular activities. Mr. Mecozzi served as section leader in the Marching Illini for three years, and served as Assistant Director and Director of the Orange and Blues Band, a subset-performing group consisting of thirty of the finest musicians in the Marching Illini. Mr. Mecozzi also served as secretary and president of the UIUC chapter of the National Band Association, and is still an active member of Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Mu Alpha, and MENC.

Mr. Mecozzi was named an Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music Education, received the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Academic Achievement Award, and was named a Bronze Tablet recipient, given to students who finish in the top 3% of their college's graduating class.