

Jeanne Christensen Biography

For the past 31 years, Mrs. Jeanne Christensen has had the pleasure of being a music educator at the high school level. Mrs. Christensen has spent these years in the San Diego Unified School District which is the second largest district in the State of California. Her Band program at Mira Mesa High School is the largest in the district and one of the largest in Southern California. Music has always been her love and teaching her passion. Mrs. Christensen teaches Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and A.P. Music Theory.

Mrs. Christensen (aka Mrs. C) was born and raised in San Diego, California. After graduating from Clairemont High School, she attended the University of San Diego where she earned a B.A. in Music and earned a M.A. in Educational Leadership from National University. Mrs. Christensen has built a strong foundation of music education and performance opportunities for her students each year. In addition to teaching high school instrumental music, Mrs. Christensen is the current President for SCSBOA (Southern CA School Band & Orchestra Association). She is also sits on the board of CBDA (California Band Directors Association) and actively participates as a member of CMEA (California Music Educators Association) and is a Past-President of the Southern Border Section of CMEA.

Mrs. Christensen has been honored to receive multiple music educator awards over the years and is frequently invited to be a guest honor band conductor. She received the John Philip Sousa Legion of Honor Award in 2019, was awarded with "50 Directors that Make a Difference" in 2018, and was CMEA's Band Educator of the Year in 2016.

Going to National and International events has been a highlight throughout Mrs. Christensen's career with her students. She has traveled with the Mira Mesa HS Band to locations which include: performing in the Opening Ceremonies of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games in Australia, representing the State of California in the National Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C., working at The Juilliard School with the conductor of the Metropolitan Opera, performing at the United Nations in New York City, performing with her wind ensemble at the Kennedy Center and Carnegie Hall, representing Southern California in the 2016 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California and last month she was honored to march once again in the 133rd Tournament of Roses Parade.

The two mottos that guide Mrs. Christensen's teaching are to be "All In" and to "Make a Difference". She is supported along this journey of teaching and life by her loving husband, Marlin.