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## **Brookwood High band director named one of nation's best**

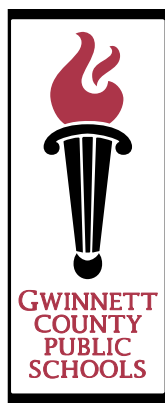
Brookwood High School's Dr. Laura Stanley has been named in **School Band and Orchestra Magazine's "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" list**. The honor recognizes outstanding music educators from each state. Dr. Stanley, who has taught at Brookwood High School for 16 years, says she's humbled by the recognition.



"I am thrilled to have been chosen as an honoree in the 2018 December 50 Directors Who Make a Difference edition of School Band and Orchestra Magazine," she said. "I'm not comfortable in the spotlight, to be honest, but any chance to spotlight my students and our program is time well spent. I've only taught at Brookwood High School and there is no place I'd rather be!"

School Band and Orchestra Magazine has compiled its "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" list for more than two decades. Directors are nominated by current and former students and colleagues, musical instrument retailers, parents of band members, administrators, friends, former band directors, and sometimes a spouse of a director. Dr. Stanley was nominated by one of her current students.

"I am elated and honored more after finding out that one of my students nominated me. I strive for my students to trust and confide in me and continue to develop relationships with others. I hope to model for my students that many choices in life are positively affected by music. Music is a beautiful and universal language that shouldn't end with high school graduation; therefore, I hope my passion for music and compassion for others combine to instill a sense of community and belonging," Dr. Stanley said.



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