

BRYAN AMES

Born and raised in Monticello, IN

Attended Twin Lakes HS where his band director was Chuck Kubly

Graduate of Ball State University, Bachelor of Science

Has taught at Knox Community Schools and Plymouth Community Schools

Has served as IBA District Rep and ISSMA Zone Rep

Was recognized as Knox HS "Most Inspirational Teacher (6 times) and Plymouth HS "Most Inspirational Teacher (9 times); Quinlan and Fabish "Outstanding Music Educator Award"

Most memorable performance: In 2000, the Knox marching band was the Class D state champion runner-up. This was in a season where (due to construction) we lost our practice field and we did not have a stadium for home games. We had to practice on a sandy patch of grass behind the school and we had to travel to our "home games." We also suffered the loss of a student on the Thursday before Regionals. This was a season in which our students and staff overcame every obstacle that was placed before us. It was one of the most challenging, humbling and emotional seasons I have ever taught and witnessing students and parents literally doing anything they could to keep their "heads above water" and to make the absolute best of every situation we faced was something that has permanently stuck with me. It has been over two decades since that season, and I still vividly remember how much that entire year impacted me and how I teach. That season set the course for many years to come in that program.