

2020 Hall of Fame Inductee – Kathy Enyart

Kathy has held the position of Executive Director or Contest Director of the Iowa State Dance/Drill Team Association for 40 years. She is a charter member of the Iowa State Drill Team Association and has served on the ISDTA Board of Directors since its inception in 1986 and was presented the first ISDTA Lifetime Membership Award. Kathy has served on the National Dance/Drill Team Directors of America board and was presented the DTDA Lifetime Honorary Membership in April of 1998 and has been named to the National Top Ten Directors and the Top Five Directors of America both nationally and regionally. Kathy served on the National Dance Alliance Advisory Board for two terms. At the 2003 ISDTA State Competition, Kathy was awarded the honor of “Ambassador of Iowa Drill Teams”. She is the producer of the ISDTA Championship Show, which is aired on Iowa Public Television every year showcasing all of the championship routines. In February 2011, Kathy was honored with the Iowa Dance Theatre Performing Arts Award presented by the Iowa Dance Theatre for her outstanding dedication to dancers in Iowa.

Kathy coached the Central College Dance Team in Pella for four years, which won regional and national honors under her leadership. She is the founder and was the director of the award-winning Monroe High School Drill Team for 15 years, being crowned state champions in pom, dance, prop and novelty categories. Her teams performed 15 years consecutively at the Girls State Basketball Tournament halftimes and made appearances at Worlds of Fun, University of Iowa, Iowa State University and at the National Drill Team Pageant in California.

Kathy is also the originator and director of the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team for 39 years which is a 290-member honor dance team which is featured at the Girls State Basketball Championships every March in Wells Fargo Arena. In 2009 Kathy had the privilege of assisting with the “Shawn Johnson and Friends” Show held at Wells Fargo Arena featuring Shawn Johnson and her “Dancing with the Stars” partner Mark Ballas.

Kathy is a national certified adjudicator and has judged for over 35 years nationwide for several state and national competitions including USA Nationals in Anaheim, California, Champion Nationals in Orlando, Florida, MA Nationals in Fort Worth, Texas, and UDA High School Nationals. Kathy has judged for the Miss Iowa USA beauty pageant and Miss Teen Iowa along with judging both University of Iowa and Iowa State University dance team auditions. Kathy has served as a judge for over twenty-five years for the Bill Riley Talent Show at the Iowa State Fair. She has assisted with halftime productions at the Citrus and Hall of Fame Bowl games and also traveled to Brisbane, Australia and assisted with the World’s Fair Opening Ceremonies. Kathy served on the National All-Star Drill Team Staff in Dallas, Texas for two years and has been a presenter at state and national dance team conventions. A proud moment for ISDTA was in 2012 when the Iowa Hall of Pride welcomed ISDTA and the opening of our Dance Exhibit.

Kathy graduated cum laude from Central College in Pella majoring in physical education and human physiology and was the recipient of the Central College Outstanding Alumni Award for her work in physical education and dance/drill teams.

Kathy and Doug live in rural Monroe and have two children and four grandchildren. Manager. Andrea was formerly both a member and head coach of the Central College Dance Team. She also choreographs for the All-Iowa Honor Dance Team.