

Sandy Cordes

Sandy Cordes is a 1964 graduate of Smith-Cotton High School. After graduation she attended Central Missouri State University where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She later returned to CMSU and received a Master's Degree in Music Education. Upon completion of her undergraduate work, for 20 years Sandy taught vocal and instrumental music in Leeton, Chilhowee, Otterville, and Cole Camp schools.

In 1989 she returned to Sedalia where she became the director of Vocal Music for Smith-Cotton High School. During her tenure at Smith-Cotton, the vocal music program blossomed into one of the finest in the state. The success of the program led to Sandy becoming a leader among her peers through the Missouri Choral Directors Association and the Missouri Music Educators Association. Through the Missouri Choral Directors Association she has held offices including a term as

State President for four years. As a member of the Missouri Music Educators Association, she has served as West Central President, Choral Vice President, and Elementary Vice President.

After retiring from Smith-Cotton in 2003, she has continued to serve the music community as an adjudicator, a trainer for adjudicators, and vocal coach. She is the founder and director of The Vocal Connection, a private voice studio in Sedalia. Many of our current students seek her expertise so her influence is still felt on our program today.

Inducted in Smith-Cotton Activities Hall of Fame, 2013

