

# David Emmitt Turner

Big-name performers and big-time musicals – David Emmitt Turner has a lifetime of connections to both.

A member of Smith-Cotton High School's Class of 1966, Turner went on to study at the prestigious Berklee College of Music in Boston. During that time, he performed in backup bands for Ike and Tina Turner, Bobby Vinton, Trini

Lopez, Jimmy Durante and others. He also was in the orchestra for Broadway touring companies for performances in classic musicals including "West Side Story," "South Pacific," "Bye Bye Birdie," "Fiddler on the Roof," "The King and I" and more.

During his Smith-Cotton days, Turner played in the band and orchestra, earning letters all four years. His freshman year was under the direction of fellow Hall of Fame member Bob Cummings, and the rest of his S-C career he was instructed by Jerry Schroeder. In Turner's senior year, he was named outstanding instrumental musician. He performed in the Spring Variety Show every year of high school, participated in intramural sports and was a member of the Letterman's Club.

Turner's involvement with music included performing with the Air Force Band, accompanying S-C show choirs' performances for 20 years and owning Shaw's Music in downtown Sedalia. He also played for the Liberty Center's musical productions and was president of the Sedalia Symphony Band for several years. He served as a Sedalia School District 200 Board of Education member for nine years (1996-2005), and was the board president from 1999-2005.

Turner is a third-generation graduate of Smith-Cotton. His wife, Marcia, also is an S-C alum, as are their two children, Molly and David. Nominator Mike Albin said of Turner: "I have worked with Dave for many years with the show choirs; he always is in great humor with a smile on this face. I believe he has earned the right to be honored with the Hall of Fame."

***Inducted in Smith-Cotton Activities Hall of Fame, 2018***

