



BETH SALYERS

Beth Salyers dedicated her life to the color guard activity, starting as a performer in the Oakland Crusaders and then directing color guard programs around the country for the rest of her life. Beth was married to her college sweetheart, Paul Salyers, for almost 40 years before his death in 2018 and the couple were inseparable as she taught the color guards for all of the bands he directed for all of those nearly 40 years.

Beth's career as a guard director began in Oklahoma with stops at Catoosa and Enid, where she took the program to Scholastic A Finals in 1990 and then on to a World Class Finalist in 1991. She then moved to Missouri and took over at Hickman Mills where she elevated the guard to 17th in Scholastic World Class in 1995. This is where she also helped start MCGA as the organization's first Treasurer in 1994-1995 before moving to California.

While in California, Beth worked with numerous winter guard programs including the 2001 Scholastic A Finalist Arlington High School. As she continued being involved in growing the activity, her involvement with the Winter Guard Association of Southern California (WGASC) led to her induction in the WGASC Hall of Fame in 2010. Beth's guards in WGASC were consistent medalists and champions in numerous classes of competition.

Among the thousands of students Beth impacted in her life, dozens are still involved as directors, choreographers, instructors, and judges around the country. After one year of "retirement," Beth passed away in March of 2022 after a brief fight with cancer.

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