

**Jonathan Owen** is currently in his 30th year as a choral director and is in his 13th as a member of the South High School staff. Prior to teaching in Parkway, he taught in the Conway (elementary, jr. high and high school), Nixa (high school) and Springfield R-12 (Kickapoo High School) school systems. Mr. Owen has served as a clinician and adjudicator in Missouri, Kansas and Mississippi. Choirs under his direction consistently receive "1" Superior ratings and have often been "Judges Choice Award" and "Sweepstakes" winners.

At South High, Mr. Owen teaches Concert Choir Mixed, Concert Choir Treble, Chamber Choir and Advanced Chamber Choir (Chamber Singers). He also conducts the Male Chorus and Female Chorus. In addition, he works with two A cappella groups: Bella Voce (Beautiful Voice) and VoiceMale. The program at South High has grown from approximately 63 students in the fall of 2005.

Mr. Owen has served as accompanist for the South Central District, playing for the SCMMEA Elementary and Middle School Honors choirs, the SCMCD High School Honors Choirs, the St. Louis Suburban MCDA 11-12 Honors choir and the Parkway All-District Honors Choir. He has served Missouri Choral Directors Association as the South Central All-State Coordinator, the St. Louis Suburban District Representative and is currently MCDA President. In July 2009, Mr. Owen was awarded the Outstanding District Director for the St. Louis Suburban District of the MCDA.

Mr. Owen has been a Missouri State High School Activities Association music rules interpreter, in both Springfield and St. Louis and has served Missouri Music Educators Association as the state Choral Vice President. He also has performed as a soloist with various choral ensembles, most recently singing the baritone solo in Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana".

Mr. Owen earned a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Missouri State University ('03), and Bachelors in Music Education and a certificate recital in voice from Evangel University ('88). He has postgraduate credits from Northwest Missouri State University and The University of La Verne and Missouri Baptist University. He has been recognized in Who's Who Among America's Teachers, was recognized as a Springfield R-12 Teacher of the Month in 2000, 2001 and 2004 and was the Springfield Area Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 2002. At South High, Mr. Owen was recognized as a finalist for 09-10, 15-16 and 16-17 South High "Teacher of the Year" and also received NHS Teacher of the Month in May 2010.

Mr. Owen is a member of the American Choral Directors Association, Missouri Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Educators, Missouri Music Educators Association and the National Education Association. Choirs under his direction have performed eight times for the membership of the Missouri Music Educators Association ('92, '96, '01, '03, '05, '11, '13, '15) and also for the National Music Educators Convention in Nashville ('02).

He has been married to Patty for 28 years, and they have three children; Garrett (20), Lauren (18) and Ben (16).

