

Jane Haffner

Jane Haffner began her career of excellence in music and volunteerism even before graduating from Lyman Hall High School in 1962 where she was selected and attended Laurel Girls' State and the CT All State Music Festival. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Western Connecticut State University and a master's degree from Central Connecticut State University. Jane is a past president and current member of the Wallingford Symphony Board of Directors. She also served on the Board of Directors for the American Choral Directors Association and was a 25 year member of the New Haven Chorale. Eventually returning to her high school alma mater as a teacher, Jane became a favorite of her students and colleagues. She simultaneously taught music *and* the importance of giving to the community as she prepared choruses for Wallingford civic performances including town hall ceremonies honoring Martin Luther King Jr., as well as town wide and Senior Center Christmas events. Vivace, an honors singing group established by Mrs. Haffner, notably performed at the Sandy Hook remembrance at the CT state capitol. In addition to being a certified adjudicator for CT All State chorus auditions, serving as choral director of twelve Lyman Hall musicals, and leading as the Art and Music Department Coordinator, Jane chaired multiple faculty committees at Lyman Hall, among them Student Assistance Team, the NEASC Evaluation, the LHHS Renovation, and the LHHS 100th Anniversary Celebration Committees. These many accomplishments led to Jane Haffner being honored as a Lyman Hall Teacher of the Year and now as a most deserving Distinguished Alumnus.