

Ben Keller

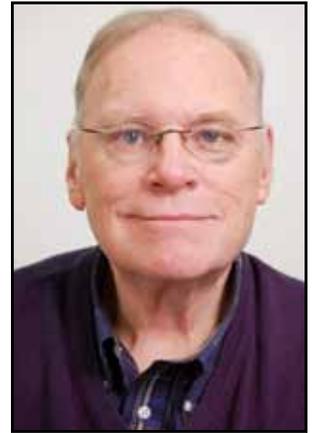
City and state: Lakewood, WA

High school attended: Clover Park High School

Graduation year: 1968

Colleges attended/degrees earned:

- Bachelor of Arts in Education and Master of Music, Pacific Lutheran University
- Doctor of Musical Arts, University of Arizona



Current career/job:

Choral Director, Chair, Arts & Communications Academy at Lakes High School

Describe your current career/job:

I teach 220 singers in six sections of choral music; Lancer Link Advisory; and am involved in many initiatives and academy business.

Describe the path you took from high school graduation to where you are today:

I knew what I wanted to do early on, so went to PLU with that intent, after earning my bachelor's degree, I taught for three years in Clover Park School District's junior high schools; returned to PLU to obtain my master's degree, then taught in Reynolds School District in Oregon for four years prior to my doctoral studies at UA.

How did your experiences in Clover Park School District help prepare you for this path?

I sang in excellent Hudtloff and Clover Park choral groups, which were among the best in the state at that time.

Who was the most influential teacher or administrator to you as a student in the district? Why?

Harry Sannerud (Custer sixth-grade), Gaylen Masters (ninth-grade English at Hudtloff), Will Elliott and Richard Nace (CPHS choirs)

What was the most valuable thing you learned while attending school in Clover Park School District?

The value of teamwork and a good work ethic. Do you have any favorite memories from when you attended school in Clover Park School District? All the choral concerts, baseball in junior high with Coach Amburgy and players like Steve Banks and Wayne Anderson

What advice do you have for Clover Park School District students?

We have great teachers and great opportunities at Lakes—put down your electronics and take advantage of what's offered, especially in our fantastic new buildings. Memorize the Lakes Way!

What opportunities exist in your career sector for new graduates? Is post-secondary education required for this field?

There are many opportunities in Music Education every year. A 4-year degree is required.