



EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY

Department of Music

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Dustin D. Seifert, a native of Lancaster, Ohio, is Chair of the Department of Music, Director of Bands, and Associate Professor of Music at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU). Professor Seifert received the B.M.Ed., summa cum laude, from The University of Akron and the M.M.Ed. with an emphasis in instrumental conducting from the University of Illinois where he was the recipient of the Guy M. Duker Award. His mentors include Richard L. Cass, Michael R. Golemo, Robert D. Jorgensen, Tucker R. Jolly, James F. Keene, Gary E. Smith, Mark E. Moore, and Deborah A. Confredo.

In addition to his administrative duties as Chair of the Department of Music, Professor Seifert is also responsible for the operation and organization of a comprehensive undergraduate instrumental program. Dustin conducts the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Greyhound Sound Marching Band, and teaches applied euphonium and tuba. Professor Seifert leads courses in low brass teaching techniques, techniques of marching band, band and wind ensemble history and repertoire, secondary instrumental methods, and beginning and advanced conducting. The ENMU Bands offer several important outreach events annually including the Green and Silver Classic Marching Band Festival, Hound For A Day marching band immersion event for high school students, and the ENMU Band Director Workshop - "The New Mexico Thing".

Widely honored as a Music Educator and conductor, Professor Seifert was elected to membership in the prestigious American Bandmasters Association in 2022. He received the "Spirit of Eastern Award" in 2004 acknowledging outstanding contributions, dedication and loyalty to ENMU over a sustained period. He was the 2005 recipient of ENMU's Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dustin has been recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus in Music Education by The University of Akron School of Music and as Music Educator of the Year by the New Mexico Music Educators Association.

Prior to his appointment at ENMU, Professor Seifert served as Assistant Director of Bands at Iowa State University (ISU). At ISU, he conducted the University Band and Musical Pit Orchestra, designed drill for and rehearsed the Sudler Trophy winning ISU Cyclone Football Varsity Marching Band, taught low brass methods, applied low brass, and courses in music education.

Dustin is a member of the New Mexico Music Educators Association, National Band Association, National Association for Music Education, College Band Directors National Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honorary, and Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honorary. He is an honorary member of national honorary band fraternities Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity.

Professor Seifert was appointed to the New Mexico Music Commission in August of 2020 by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. He currently serves as Southwest Division Chair for the National Band Association, Executive Secretary for the Southeast New Mexico Music Educators Association, is a member of the Collegiate Advisory Council of National Association for Music Education, and served as Music Director of the Clovis (NM) Community Band for eight seasons. He is a Past President of New Mexico Music Educators Association.

Dustin is an active clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator throughout the region, state, and nation. He has conducted honor bands in Alabama, Alaska, Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, and Texas. When not musicing, Dustin and his family are very involved in numerous community service projects. Professor Seifert is not above taking a pie in the face to benefit an ENMU student organization or the United Way of Eastern New Mexico. He resides in Portales, New Mexico with his wife, Meredith, son, Stratton, and daughter, Sawyer Jean.