



## **David Moellenkamp – Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to the Los Alamitos Unified School District Teacher of the Year, LAHS Choir Director, Mr. David Moellenkamp. He is an extraordinary teacher, his choirs have won numerous State and National Championships, and his choir performances are spectacular. Hundreds of students are building confidence and friendships, improving performance skills, connecting to the school and community, and having a ton of fun while singing and dancing.

Mr. Moellenkamp is in his 25th year of teaching and his 9th year at Los Alamitos High School. He teaches Music Education Classes at Cal State Long Beach and is a Lecturer at Vanguard University. He also spent 14 summers directing and teaching at Stagedoor Manor in New York and now partners with LAEF to offer summer workshops for our students. Over 100 of his students have performed on Broadway or starred in major motion pictures. He has presented workshops at the Arizona and Missouri Music Educators All State Conventions and is an adjudicator and clinician for Choral Festivals across the United States and abroad.

In addition, David is the 2016 Kennedy Center Stephen Sondheim Inspirational Teacher of the Year, a finalist for Grammy Teacher of the Year, and was the PTSA Teacher of the Year. In 2015, he was named the Orange County Department of Education Outstanding Secondary Music Educator of the Year. Fame National Show Choir Series awarded him with Aspire Choir Director of the Year, and last year, he was featured in Playbill as one of the most influential educators Inspiring Broadway's Youth.

Please join me in congratulating David on this recognition. We are honored to work with him and to have him represent the excellence we have in Los Alamitos Unified School District.