

Jerry Cumberland Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship Fund

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A rental trumpet and the junior high marching band ignited a lifetime passion for music in a young Jerry Cumberland. His devotion and talents during high school led him to selection for the renowned Mississippi All-State Lions Band and the USA Band and Chorus. Music then took center stage of his life at The University of Southern Mississippi where Cumberland, a music major, participated in The Pride of Mississippi marching band and The Bug Tussle barbershop quartet.

However, it was when Cumberland began his career as a band director that he discovered his true calling as a teacher, mentor and role model for the thousands of kids he would direct over his more than 30-year career. "The greatest thing is when the light comes on in those kids, when they are so excited about what they are preparing to do, and you know that you have had a part in it," said Cumberland in 2011 upon his induction into the Mississippi Gulf Coast Band Directors' Association Hall of Fame. Cumberland's accolades also include Band Director of the Year and membership in Phi Beta Mu, the National Honorary Band Directors' Fraternity. He also shared his gift of music as the minister of music in local churches.

The Jerry Cumberland Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship was established to honor his legacy by students impacted through his life work. The goal is to provide recipients with \$1,000 a semester for four years. Recipients must demonstrate a passion for music, audition before a selection committee, have a minimum 2.0 grade point average and provide letters of recommendation.

For more information on the Jerry Cumberland Scholarship or how you can support his legacy, contact The Greater PineBelt Community Foundation at 601.583.6180 or visit www.PineBeltFoundation.org.

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