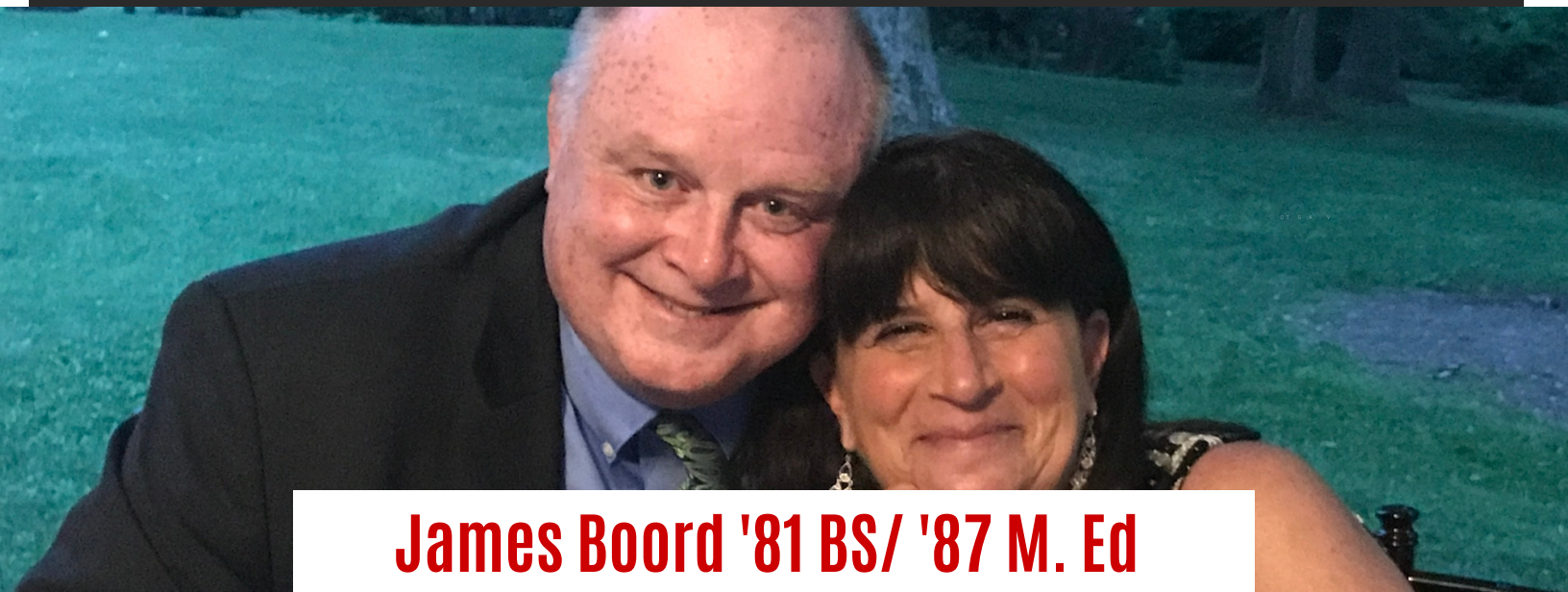


ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING BOBCAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



James Boord '81 BS/ '87 M. Ed

Rising Sun, MD | Retired

Student Organizations

Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Brass Ensembles

Describe FSU in 3 Words

Great total environment

Accomplishments

Music Coordinator ACPS 1996-98
Music Supervisor HCPS 1998-2015
Research on the connection of reading and instrumental music on at risk students 2007.
Presented at the National Association of Boards of Education in San Francisco

Why did you choose Frostburg State?

I came to Frostburg to work with an outstanding Band Conductor, Robert Bianco who I met during a visit he made to Annapolis HS. Also, the school was small teachers were able to give me the attention I needed to succeed.

What is your favorite memory as a student?

I had so many memories I carry with me. It was one of the highlights of my life. My favorite though was graduating with my BS and the look on my parents faces.

Which professor Influenced you as a student?

I really can't pick one single professor. The entire department was important to my success,, even the teachers who I didn't take classes from involved themselves in my opportunities.

What advice would you give to a student currently studying your major?

I spent the last 19 years of my career as a Music Coordinator/Supervisor. Beginning music teachers need to be prepared to do all aspects of music education. Too many students prepare themselves only for one part of the program. I have seen too many young teachers struggle because their depth of knowledge wasn't sufficient to handle the placement they accepted. My education at FSU (FSC at the time) gave me that opportunity where many schools, I can name, did not give their students. Music Education may require you to teach at any level and any aspect. This diversity of experiences helped me succeed as a supervisor for the total music program.