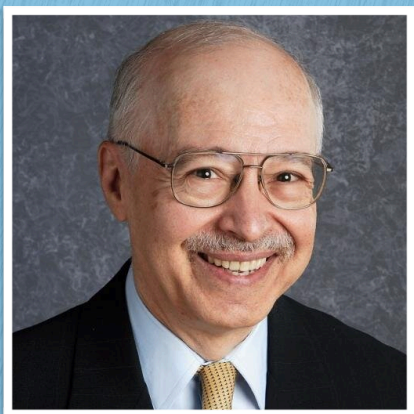


Biographies



Mr. Joseph Pizzo, a 48-year veteran middle school teacher and adjunct prof., teaches lang. arts at BRMS, has hosted two DisruptED TV features, hosts *A Spot of Poetry*, is the AMLE National Educator of the Year for 2020, and is the current NCTE Historian. Pizzo and Piascik are both WDHA-FM Teachers Who Rock and members of the NJ Schools to Watch Leadership Team. An author and poet, Pizzo is one of the first inductees into Ch. 9's A+ for Teachers Hall of Fame, as well as a WMGQ-FM Teacher Who Makes Magic. Having served on various NJ Department of Education Committees, Pizzo is a former President of NJCTE and has been named the Educator of the Year for NJCTE and NJAMLE. Pizzo serves as a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor, as well as an usher and lector at church.



Dr. Kenneth Piascik has always been dedicated to performing a wide range of music and providing the best education at the university and public school level. Dr. Piascik is also very proud of his private studio, AmusiK Studio (est. 1991), in which many of his students are actively involved in music.

At Black River Middle School, Piascik has been an active leader with their "Schools to Watch" designation and many professional development workshops. Dr. Piascik was a semi-finalist for a Grammy, a WDHA Teacher who Rocks, and the SBO NJ Band Director of 2019 to name just a few recent honors.

He is endorsed by Marimba One, Vic Firth, and Sabian.