

## **Boise Chordsmen Director is honored with Pesky Award**

The Pesky Award for Inspirational Teaching recognizes kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers in Idaho and beyond who make a major difference in the lives of their students through their passion and caring. Alan and Wendy Pesky, founders of the Lee Pesky Learning Center, created the award with the College of Education through a mutual vision to honor and recognize inspiring teachers.

Each of the four teachers selected for the awards received \$2,000 and their schools received \$500 each. It is the only award known of its kind in the country.

Rich Lapp, Timberline High School, Boise School District, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade choir teacher received the award in 2015. Kara Brocksome nominated Lapp and said he pushed his students to be better every day. "He taught me that caring and patience is key to being a good teacher. He led with love and high expectations that showed his students that he cared about our success as students and as future citizens of the community."

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