



## Far Western District

### Hall of Fame

#### Russ Young – 2016



*Far Western District Statement of Policy states: "The Objective is to Honor the all-time Far Western District "Greats", individuals who have unselfishly, with dedication and devotion, performed through the years in the highest degree of service to the Far Western District."*

*After a few remarks, 2016 Hall of Fame Chairman Richard Lund, began the presentation:*

The barbershopper that I have the distinct privilege of introducing to you as our newest honoree being inducted into the Far Western District Hall of Fame is a long-time barbershopper of more than 37 years.

He has been an assistant director and a front line director multiple times and for numerous chapters. He has sung in two Far Western District Champion quartets, and one of his quartets medaled four times back in the nineties placing as high as third internationally. He has coached many choruses and quartets over that 37-year career including a recent International Senior Quartet Champion.

He has been a certified judge in the Singing category for 18 years and was on the Category Board of Review for 3 years and served as the Category Specialist for another 3 years. He served as the Far Western District Associate Contest and Judging Chairman for 6 years. He then became the Executive Vice President of the Far Western District for 2 years, followed immediately as the Far Western District President for 2 years, serving a total of 12 years on the FWD Board of Directors.

He is responsible for the design and manufacture of the large metal medallion on the front of this very lectern that I am standing behind that honors our beloved Hall of Fame member, Doug Maddox.

He currently serves the Far Western District as the head of the District Production Coordinator Team that oversees all of the audio and visual enhancements for all of our District Conventions. He has Emceed many contest sessions for Far Western District Conventions and served in numerous other convention activities.

He was the FWD YMIH chairman for several years and served as a clinician for many one day Festivals and weekend Harmony Camps. He was on the founding board of the FWD Chorus Directors Guild, with Howard Mesecher, Lloyd Steinkamp, and Lou Laurel. He has served on the Harmony University faculty in the Directors College as well as the BHS committee that started the Youth Festival at Midwinter Conventions.

In summary he has, for the past 37 years, actively and unselfishly, with dedication and devotion served both the FWD and the BHS in all of the many areas that I have detailed before, and comes now to be our next inductee into the Far Western District Hall of Fame:

I introduce to you, Mr. Russ Young!!

*March 11, 2017 - Sacramento, California*