

R.C. "Chief" Davidson

Class of 1917

Davidson received a music degree from Vandercook University in Chicago. He played professionally, directed and organized several city bands. He returned to Texas in 1927 and began teaching at McLean High School, organizing the school's first band. It was here that his students knew him as "chief."

In 1935, Davidson began teaching in Plainview High School and remained until his "first" retirement 35 years later. He then taught at Wayland Baptist College until his "second" retirement in 1964. Teaching, however, is still part of his life with private lessons in his Plainview studio.

The Texas Bandmasters Association named Davidson Bandmaster of the Year 1957. On October 15, 1976, he was honored at a half-time ceremony at Jacksboro High School. It has been said of him, "he is to the State of Texas and those who knew and love him what Sousa is to the World."