



MEET YOUR CONTEST STAFF

Meredith De Maagd

Tabulator



Meredith is one of NTCA's "old timers." 2020 marks her tenth anniversary with the circuit as a tabulator! She also tabulates for multiple WGI events throughout the season. She is currently in her last semester of graduate school, completing a masters in accounting. When not faithfully tabulating scores, Meredith works as an

accountant and robotic process automation specialist at a natural gas exploration company in Fort Worth. Although she never performed in the pageantry arts, she was a band director for a decade and loyal fan for over twenty years. She loves the excitement of contest days and strives to make the lives of performers, directors, and adjudicators a little less stressful.

Scooter Spicer

Contest Director



NTCA has been an extension of Scooter's life since 1996 as he's served in the roles of performer, instructor, Vice-President of the circuit, and now Contest Director. He's instructed guard at many local high schools in DFW including Fossil Ridge, Trinity, Garland, Rowlett, McKinney, McKinney North, Desoto, and Waxahachie to name a few. He is currently the Principal for a school in Oak Cliff (Grades Pre-K through 8) but also taught high school Computer Science, entrusted as a testing coordinator, and worked as an Assistant Principal over the last seventeen years. Due to the demanding role of Principal, Scooter has not continued teaching guard. However, serving as a Contest Director allows him to be part of a great activity that he's loved for over three decades.

Will Torres

Timing & Penalty Judge



Will began his NTCA journey in 2016 as a contest director, then moved into serving as a timing and penalty judge in 2017. He also judges T&P for WGI events. He works full time at Tarrant County College as a learning and development specialist and adjunct instructor. Will was in marching and concert band all through high school and college, going on to perform with Glassmen and Phantom Regiment. He is also involved in the activity as a technician, designer, and consultant. The pageantry arts is a family affair for the Torres family. His wife, Anna Torres, is a colorguard director in the circuit. The creativity, dedication, and passion required of the instructors and students makes it a truly unique and rewarding activity to be a part of. Participating in the marching arts activities as a student helped Will develop maturity, work ethic, and attention to detail that led him to become a personally and socially responsible adult.

André Almandariz

Unit Check-In Representative



Andre has been part of NTCA for the last eight years both as a performer, director, and now staff member. He currently directs the Kennedale High School guard program and volunteers with WGI at their local events. He was part of the low brass section at Mansfield Legacy High School in both marching and concert band, and also performed in their colorguard program. Andre went on to perform with Black Gold Winterguard for three seasons and The Academy DBC. He loves giving back to his colorguard community through NTCA and WGI, that gave so much to him over the years. Andre is committed to instilling a love of the art in the next generation of performers and educators.

Dr. Shawn Hart

Sound Engineer/Announcer



Shawn is our other long serving staff member having announced for the circuit and WGI since 2002. He's currently the Associate Director of Bands and Percussion Coordinator for Mansfield Summit High School in Arlington. He received his Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. While at UNT, Dr. Hart performed with the Grammy-nominated North Texas Wind Symphony. Dr. Hart enjoys playing disc golf and table wargames in his spare time. But most of all enjoys spending time with his wife, Shilloy, and their daughter Autumn.