

Susan Meyer Patterson, Director of Bands

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Susan Meyer Patterson graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Music in 1990. There she was a member of the UT Longhorn Band, the UT Symphony Band, and was Principal Trombone in the UT Wind Ensemble. Currently in her 30th year as a Texas band director, she has taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. Mrs. Meyer Patterson began her career in Katy ISD where she held positions at Cinco Ranch High School, McMeans Junior High, and West Memorial Junior High. After 15 years in Katy, she moved to The Woodlands, Texas, and was the first band director and music teacher at Joel Deretchin Elementary for two years. Mrs. Meyer Patterson is currently in her 13th year the Director of Bands at McCullough Junior High, where she conducts the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band 2. Bands under Mrs. Meyer Patterson's direction have received consistent superior ratings and Best in Class honors at UIL Concert and Sightreading Contests and music festivals across the state. She has been listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" on three separate occasions and was also named Teacher of the Year at Deretchin K-6 School in 2007. She has also been a clinician for the Texas Bandmasters Assn.

Clinic/Convention, SHSU Band Director's Workshops, and is a frequent presenter for Conroe ISD Staff Development. The McCullough Junior High Wind Ensemble was selected as a 2009 Winner for the National Wind Band Honors Mark of Excellence and was a state finalist in the 2011 TMEA State Honor Band Competition. In 2019, the McCullough Wind Ensemble placed 5th in the TMEA 3C State Honor Band Competition and in 2017, was the TMEA 3C State Honor Band 2nd Runner Up. Mrs. Meyer Patterson's professional memberships include Phi Beta Mu International Band Fraternity, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Women Band Directors International, Sigma Alpha Iota, and Tau Beta Sigma. She was the Middle School Coordinator for TMEA Region 9 from 2008-2014 and is an active adjudicator, guest conductor, and clinician throughout Texas. She is married to composer/arranger Merlin Patterson and they have two beagles: Rachmaninoff and Serenade.

Andrea Maher, Assistant Director of Bands

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Andrea Maher has taught band in the North Houston area for 21 years. She taught in Conroe ISD beginning at Knox JHS and continued teaching at Branch Crossing JHS. This is her 15th year at McCullough, where she conducts the Symphonic Band and Concert Band 4. Her bands have consistently earned the UIL Sweepstakes Award in Concert and Sightreading. Her bands have also earned Best in Class Awards at various festivals. She is a member of the Texas Music Adjudicators Association and the Texas Music Educators' Association. Mrs. Maher earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Louisiana State University where she studied horn with Richard Norem and Bruce Heim. She was also a student of Linda Moorhouse, with whom she studied conducting. She was a member of the LSU Wind Ensemble and the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. Andrea Maher is married to Rich Maher, and together they have a precious 6 year old, Allison, and a wonderful fur baby, Abby.

Lilia Gonzalez, Assistant Director of Bands

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Lilia Gonzalez is one of the Assistant Band Directors at McCullough Junior High. She conducts Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 3. She is happy to be a part of this team and help continue the success of the McC Band program! Ms. Gonzalez is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, where she played Clarinet in the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, and Orchestra of the Pines. She was also a member of The Lumberjack Marching Band, playing clarinet and performing in the color guard. Previously, Ms. Gonzalez was the Assistant Band Director at Irons JH for four years. She conducted the Symphonic Band and Concert II Band. Under her direction, the bands had earned numerous awards including Best in Class and UIL Sweepstakes. She spent her first two years of teaching as the Assistant Band Director at Mance Park Middle School and Huntsville Intermediate School in Huntsville, TX. She is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, and Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. Ms. Gonzalez enjoys traveling and spending time with her precious niece. She is also looking forward to planning her wedding with her fiancé.