

McCullough Band Staff



**Andrea Maher,
Director of Bands**

Andrea Maher is the Director of Bands at McCullough Junior High School. She has been teaching band in the North Houston area for 25 years. She has loved spending her career in Conroe ISD. Since joining the McCullough JHS staff 18 years ago, she is proud to be one of the "McC Band Ladies" in The Woodlands High School feeder system. Her bands have consistently earned the UIL Sweepstakes Award in Concert and Sightreading Contests. Her bands have also earned Best in Class Awards at various festivals across the state.

She is a member of the TMAA, TBA TMEA, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

Andrea earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Louisiana State University. She was a member of the LSU Wind Ensemble under the direction of Frank Wickes. She was also a student of Linda Moorhouse with whom she studied conducting.

Andrea Maher is married to Rich Maher. Together they have a precious 10 year old, Allison. The Maher family enjoys cooking together and spending time with family and friends.

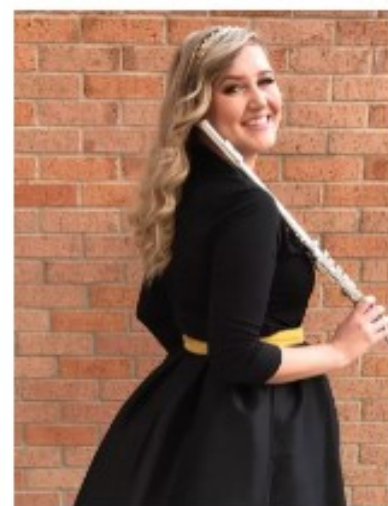


**Lilia Gonzalez Penny,
Assistant**

Lilia Gonzalez Penny has been an Assistant Band Director at McCullough Junior High in Conroe ISD for the past five years. Prior to joining the staff at McCullough, Mrs. Gonzalez Penny was the Assistant Band Director at Irons Junior High. Under her direction, her bands have consistently earned numerous awards including UIL Sweepstakes and Best in Class. Mrs. Gonzalez Penny spent her early teaching years as the Assistant Band Director at Mance Park Middle School and Huntsville Intermediate. Mrs. Gonzalez Penny recently completed her eleventh year of teaching.

A native Houstonian, Mrs. Gonzalez Penny is a proud former student of Region 9. She 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 is a member of the TMEA, TBA, and an alumna of Tau Beta Sigma Honorary Band Sorority. Mrs. Gonzalez Penny enjoys traveling and spending time with her extended family. She, her husband, Aaron Penny, and their two cats, have a sweet baby girl, Amillia, who is almost 3 years old.



**Kaela Babin Henley,
Assistant**

Mrs. Kaela Babin Henley is excited to be in her fourth year of teaching at McCullough Junior High School. She is a 2020 graduate from Sam Houston State University where she studied music education with Matthew McInturf and applied flute with Kathy Daniel and Lana Kuscer.

During her time at Sam Houston State University, she was a member of both the Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra for nine consecutive semesters. Mrs. Babin Henley was the winner of the Sam Houston State University Concerto Competition and played solo flute with the Symphony Orchestra. Mrs. Babin Henley was a member of a flute quartet that played at TMEA, Texas Flute Society, and participated in local performances.

Mrs. Babin Henley is a 2015 The Woodlands High School graduate.

Mrs. Babin Henley is a member of TMEA and an alumni member of Sigma Alpha Iota. She was a student teacher at The Woodlands College Park High School and Collins Intermediate School. She loves playing with her cat, Carlie, and the newest addition, Daisy.