

Tony De La Rosa

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Tony De La Rosa is the Head Middle School Band Director and is a native of Beeville, Texas where he graduated from A.C Jones High School. Mr. De La Rosa graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from Texas A&M University-Kingsville. While there, he performed with The Pride of South Texas Javelina Marching Band, Concert Band, Wind Symphony, Trumpet Studio Ensembles, Jazz Band, and the Mariachi Band. During this time, he received several accolades including co-winner of the first Conducting Competition directing the Texas A&M University Concert Band in the performance of Chorale and Alleluia by Howard Hanson. He was also given the opportunity to work with the Javelina Marching Band Director as a Technical Music Advisor to the Pride of South Texas and privileged to work and direct one of the trumpet music ensembles. In addition to being a music advisor, Mr. De La Rosa also assisted the mariachi instructor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville in the arranging and transcribing of mariachi music, as well as advising on stylistic performance of the genre. While completing his degree, he was also asked to travel to Indiana University to give a masterclass on the styles, articulations, and understanding of traditional to contemporary mariachi music to a new program being adopted.

Mr. De La Rosa has also performed around the South Texas area as a professional musician with several mariachi ensembles and currently performs with the Corpus Christi Wind Symphony. In addition, he has arranged and recorded mariachi tracks with Grammy nominated Elida Reyna and Jimmy Gonzalez of Grupo Mazz. More recently, he has recorded with new Tejano star "Lucky Joe" on his most recent album.

Mr. De La Rosa lives in the Annville area with his daughter, Maricarmen, a member of the Texas All-State Band 2021-2022 / 2022-2023 who is currently pursuing a career in Criminology and Forensic Science, their cat, Daisy and their budgie, Yoshi.