

Mr. James R. Spence is in his sixth year as the Director of Bands at Berta Cabaza Middle School. Prior to his appointment in San Benito CISD, Mr. Spence served as the Assistant Band Director at Progreso ISD, helping lead them to their first ever sweepstakes recognitions in both Concert & Sightreading Evaluation and at the Pigskin Marching Jubilee. Since his appointment in San Benito, the BCMS Bands have enjoyed consistent Sweepstakes ratings at UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation. Mr. Spence conducts the BCMS Wind Ensemble and instructs Beginner Band students on French Horn, Cornet, Trombone, Euphonium, and Tuba.

Mr. Spence attended Raymondville High School, and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Instrumental Music Education from Texas A&M University – Kingsville where he had the opportunity to study under the tutelage of Dr. Chris Carrillo, Dr. Christine Ennis, Dr. Daryn Obrecht, Dr. Gary Leopold, and Dr. Jack Burt. He regularly performed within University concert ensembles and was a proud member and marching technician for The Pride of South Texas: The Javelina Marching Band.

Mr. Spence's professional affiliations include the Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Bandmasters Association, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, and The Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Outside of education, Mr. Spence performs regularly with the Heart of Worship at Lifeline Church in Harlingen.

Amanda Chamberlain is originally from Laredo, Texas where she attended United High School and was an active member of the Mighty Longhorn Band. She decided to continue her musical education at Texas A&M University Kingsville where she earned a chair playing clarinet in both the Wind Symphony and Kingsville Symphony Orchestra. She was also a member of the Javelina Marching Band and participated in multiple chamber groups and ensembles. She received her bachelor's degree in instrumental music education in 2013.

Ms. Chamberlain served as both a middle school and high school band director for five years in Donna I.S.D. before she began teaching for San Benito I.S.D. She is currently the assistant band director at Berta Cabaza Middle School where she conducts the Symphonic Band and instructs all woodwind students in grades 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>.

David Jimenez currently serves as an Assistant Band Director for Berta Cabaza Middle School specializing in percussion and conducts the BCMS Concert Band. David attended the University of Texas at Brownsville where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education in 2012.

His percussion teachers included Armando Medrano, David Lopez, and Dr. Tom Nevill. While attending UTB, he actively performed as a member of the Wind Ensemble, Rio Bravo Percussion Ensemble, marimba quartet, the UTB Drumline, and "Marimbalacran" (Mexican marimba group). Aside from university ensembles, David has marched with DCI's Revolution Drum & Bugle Corps from San Antonio, TX in 2008 and 2009. He also marched indoor drumline with the Revolution Percussion Ensemble in 2011, all under the tutelage of Carlos Botello who served as percussion caption head for both groups.

Mr. Jimenez has previously taught in Brownsville I.S.D., as well as served as Assistant Director with the San Benito High School Mighty Greyhound Marching Band and Indoor Drumline where he focused on the drumline and front ensemble sections. He provided private instruction to members of the percussion studio that regularly prepare and participate in the annual TMEA All-State auditions.

David resides in Brownsville, TX where he lives with his wife Betzy and his two children, Derek and Addison Rose.