



## Highlands High School Orchestra

# Alfred V. Balderrama Director abalderrama@saisd.net

There are beginning and advanced orchestra classes. Students learn to read music and play an instrument. Students perform and participate in concerts and competitions at the District, Region and UIL levels.





### Meet the Directors!



Ms. Lozano
Technical Director
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Mrs. Smith
Theatre Director
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This is my 3rd year here at Highlands, I teach all technical theatre courses both beginner and advanced. I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas and I received my bachelors degree in Theatre Arts from UIW with my minor in Education. I am passionate about making theatre magic happen both on stage and off!



This is my 8th year as the Theatre Director at Highlands and my 11th year teaching. I am originally from Nashville, Tennessee. I studied Theatre Education and Ballroom Dance at BYU in Provo, UT. After graduating, I moved to Houston and began my teaching career with Aldine ISD. I've been obsessed with theatre since my 11 year old self discovered musicals! I am an active member of the San Antonio Theatre Community and have even won two Broadway World Awards. I love sharing my passion for the arts with my students!





# Ms. Rachel Alvarado ralvarado fesaisd.net

I grew up in San Antonio and graduated from UT
Austin with a batchelors in Art History. I am
currently working on my Masters in Arr Education at
Texas Tech. I am excited to be in my 5th year at
Highlands.

I teach the upper division drawing courses, Art IV, AP 2D Design, AP Drawing, and AP Art History.



### Ms. Marissa Holquin

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I grew up in El Paso, Texas and moved to San Antonio for college. I graduated from St. Mary's with a B.A. in Art Education during 2018. Since then, I've been at Highlands!

This is my 4th year at HHS. I teach Art 1 and upper level painting classes. for Art-2 and Art.



### Visual Arts











Visual Arts

#### Choir Teacher

**ABOUT ME** 



Email: ccerda1@saisd.net



Courses I teach: Treble Choir 1, Tenor-Bass choir 1, Mixed Chorus 2&3, Varsity Choir 3&4

Hi my name is Mr. Chris Cerda and I am so happy to be the new choir director at Highlands HS this year!

I grew up from the west side of San
Antonio. I went to The University of
North Texas where I graduated with a
Bachelor's in Music Education with a
Concentration in Voice.

Concert Cho



I have participated in UNT Opera, UpFront! Choral group, various musicals, and have taught private voice/piano! I love to teach my students how to be better performers and musicians! I am anticipating on being active in the San Antonio Opera and Musical Theatre scene and hope to spread the love of those genres to my students!

My favorite Opera I was in

Choral Ed seniors before student teaching







# MARIACHI TEACHER Cirilo Campos

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#### **About Me**

I was born in San Antonio, graduate of Fox Tech High School class of to college and received my bachelors degree from Texas State University in Music Education and continued to seek higher education at the University of Texas at San Antonio where I earned my Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. I am a professional musician outside of education and my wife and I have 5 beautiful children.

#### INTEGRITY

#### CHARACHER

Pride



Performance







The Mighty Owl Band
The Mighty Owl Band
Saturday

Band students also compete individually. They go through an audition process for District, Region, Area, and All-State. We have had more and more students represent us at the District, Region, and Area levels these past two years.

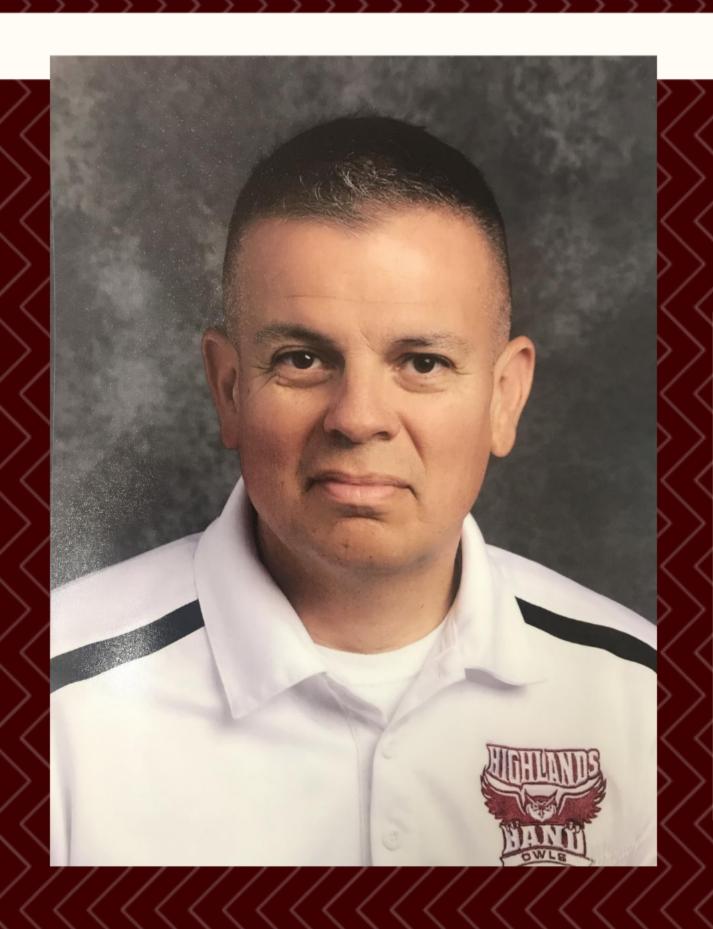
The Mighty Owl Band has earned two consecutive Superior ratings in Marching and Advanced to Area H Marching Contest this past season. The Mighty Owl Band's results at Area Marching Contest were the best results in the history of Highlands.

The Wind Ensemble has earned two consecutive Superior ratings at Concert and Sight Reading Contest in Concert. They also participated at the Tobin Center Invitational which is where only the best bands are selected to perform based on a recording audition process.

The Midnight Owls Jazz Orchestra is in the building process. We were ready to attend a couple of festivals this year, but due to the pandemic, that will now be on hold until next year. We are just working on developing an understanding of the jazz style and for other students to see it as an opportunity to grow as a musician.







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#### RAY LOZANO

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS
PERCUSSION DIRECTOR
MUSIC APPRECIATION INSTRUCTOR



# Bachelors in Music Education The University of Texas at San Antonio

Assistant Band Director with the Highlands Mighty Owl Band from 2012-2017 and 2018-present



#### HIGHLANDS MARCHING DRUMLINE

Awarded Best Percussion

2019 Southwest Drums Along the Medina Marching Festival

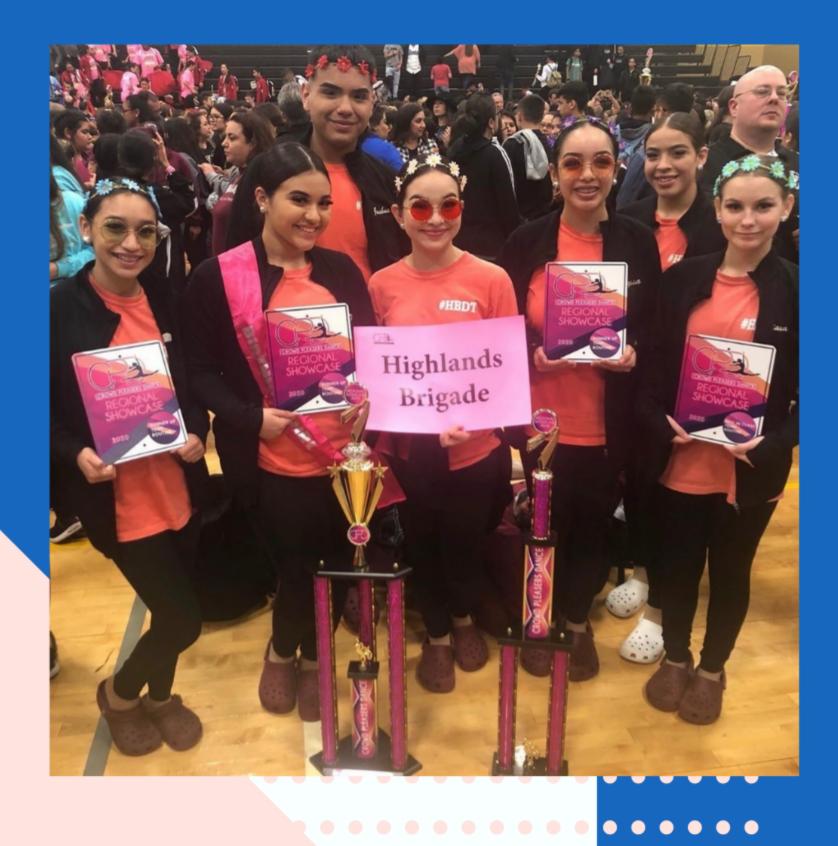
2019 SAISD Marching Showcase

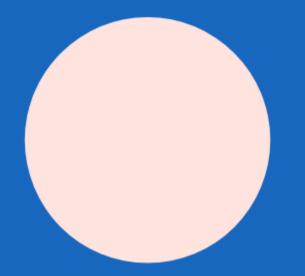




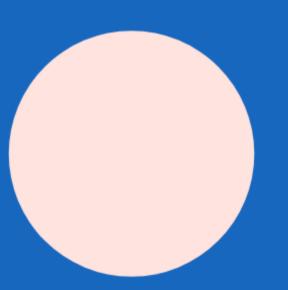
### Dance Teacher & Brigade Director



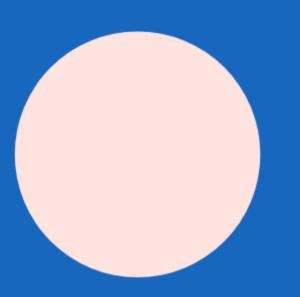




I am the director of the Highlands Brigade Dance Team



I am from Edinburg,
Texas. Graduated from
Texas State in December
2019. I was also a Texas
State Strutter.





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