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Professional Summary

Dedicated, award-winning educator, writer, administrator, and director with over 25 years of leadership in Speech, Debate, and Theatre. Proven expertise in program development, district and regional UIL leadership, campus administration, online course design, budgetary allocations, campus coordination, logistics, testing, and coaching for multiple events.

Education and Credentials

Degrees

- **M.A. in Drama** (Performance/Directing Focus) — *Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX*
Professional Paper: Improvisation and Experimentation with Mythology
- **B.A. in Communications** — *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX*

Certifications & Leadership Programs

- **Principal Certification Program** (18+ Graduate Education Hours) — Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
- **Texas State Board Certification** — Secondary Speech, Business Management, Principal Administration, and Drama
- **TSI Site Manager / Test Administrator Certification** (2021-Present)
- **L.E.A.P. (Leadership Experience for Aspiring Principals)** — Northwest ISD Leadership Preparatory Academy
- **Certified Campus Administrative Intern** — Northwest ISD
- **Certified Trainer:** *Thinking Maps* Instruction and Presentation

Current Positions & Leadership

Director of Speech and Debate | UIL Academic Coordinator | Instructor of Theatre & Speech | TSI Testing Coordinator

Steele Early College High School | Roanoke, TX

- Oversee campus Speech, Debate, and UIL Academic programs, coordinating logistics, competition schedules, and student recruitment. Additional responsibilities include coaching, attending, judging and travel for all competitions, as well as facilitating the materials and needs for all campus UIL Sponsors.
- Direct testing administration, site compliance, and logistics as TSI Site Manager.

Adjunct / Dual Credit Professor of Theatre (2017 – Present)

Tarrant County College and embedded at Steele Early College High School | Fort Worth, TX

- Instruct core higher-education courses, including 1310 *Introduction to Theatre* and 2366 *Introduction to Cinema*

Professional & Organizational Service

Texas Speech Communication Association (TSCA)

- **Nominee for TSCA Archivist** (2026)
- **TSCA Interpersonal Communications Chair** (2023 – 2024)
- **TSCA District Chair** — Region 11 (Multiple Terms)
- **TSCA Oral Interpretation Chair** (Multiple Terms)
- **TSCA Theatre Chair** (Multiple Terms)

University Interscholastic League (UIL) & State Leadership

- **UIL One-Act Play Certified Adjudicator & Critic Judge** (18+ Years of Service across 1A–6A)
- **UIL Regional Advisory Committee Member** (2012 – Present)
- **UIL Region 11 Congress Clerk**
- **Texas Forensic Association (TFA) World Schools Debate State Representative** — Region 2 (2020 – 2024)

District & Institutional Governance

- **District Education Improvement Committee (DEIC) Chair** — Northwest ISD (2020–2021, 2023–2025)
- **DEIC Committee Member** — Northwest ISD (2018 – 2026)
- **Faculty Advisory Council Member** (2012-2016)
- **Department Chair** — Northwest High School (2007 – 2021)
 - Managed department budgets, facility operations for the Performing Arts Center, and supervised 15–20 faculty members.

Awards, Honors & Achievements

Recognition / Award	Sponsoring Organization / Context	Year
UIL Sponsor of Excellence Award	University Interscholastic League	2025
Secondary Educator of the Year	Northwest ISD	2023
Educator of the Year	Steele Early College High School	2023
Diamond Level Coach Award	National Speech & Debate	2019

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	Association (NSDA)	
Ruby Level Coach Award	National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA)	2017
Speech Coach of the Year	Guyer High School Annual Tournament	2013-2014

Forensic Coaching Highlights

- Qualified **91+ Students** to the Texas Forensic Association (TFA) State Tournament.
- Qualified **121+ Students** to UIL Regional Competitions and **32+ Students** to UIL State.
- Qualified **31+ Students** to NSDA National Tournaments.
- Coached national placements including **7th in the Nation in Dramatic Interpretation** (NSDA / Harvard) and **5th in the Nation in Prose Interpretation** (NIETOC).

Previous Academic & Instructional Experience

- **Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts** — Mountain View College, Dallas, TX (2005 – 2013)
Courses Taught: Acting I, Voice and Diction, Film Appreciation, and Intro to Theatre. Directed and designed productions for the MVC Performance Hall.
- **Outreach Instructor & Guest Director** — Creative Arts Theatre and School (C.A.T.S.), Arlington, TX (2000 – 2001)
Directed community outreach programs and youth productions in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of America.
- **Hired Forensics Coach** — University of Texas at Arlington (1997 – 1998)
Coached 10 national qualifiers for AFA-NIET.
- **Assistant Forensics Coach / Instructor** — Rice University, George R. Brown Forensics Society (1995 – 1996)
Qualified 12 individual events to AFA-NIET; team earned 4th Place Overall in School Sweepstakes nationally.
- **Assistant Coach** — James Martin High School Forensics Program (1992 – 1994)

Selected Theatrical Directing & Design Credits

Academic & UIL Directing Highlights

- *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui* — UIL One-Act Play (**5A State Qualifier**)
- *Tartuffe, Woyzeck, Richard Cory* — UIL One-Act Play (**Regional Qualifiers**)
- *The Insanity of Mary Girard* — UIL One-Act Play (**Area Qualifier**)
- *Big: The Musical, Dearly Departed, All in the Timing, The Birthday Party, Everything I Need to Know I learned in Kindergarten*
- Directed over forty major plays and musicals throughout academic tenure.