

SPIRIT OF WAXAHACHIE INDIAN BAND BOOSTER CLUB NOMINATIONS, 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Team and general membership, appoint all Committee chairperson(s) with approval of the Executive Board, and serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees, standing or otherwise, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Robin Jeter	Jeremy DeLay	Autumn Yarbrough	

Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, assume all duties and responsibilities of the President. The Vice President shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees, standing or otherwise, with the exception of the Nominating Committee

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Raquel Longoria	Raquel Longoria	Kristin Trejo	

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and disbursing funds for the organization, for paying all bills in a timely manner, for maintaining appropriate records of all transactions, checking P O Box weekly, and for reporting the current financial condition to all meetings of the general membership and Executive Team. This position may appoint a Financial Secretary to assist with duties. The Treasurer shall receive, record, and distribute any or all fundraising funds throughout the year.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Chrissy Holmberg	Georgia Dixon		

Director of Volunteers: The Director of Volunteers shall oversee the staffing for all activities or committees that require volunteers, with the exception of Chaperones. The Director shall supply all documentation (sign in/sign out binders) at all concession stands to ensure proper monetary credits. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Breanna Williams	Robin Jeter		

Director of Concessions: The Director of Concessions shall be responsible for purchasing stock for all concession stands, managing the concession facilities, and supervising the managers of each concession stand. The Director will also work with the district on any and all repairs to concession stands and support equipment. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
unfilled	Nashika Tabor		

Director of Fundraising: The Director of Fundraising shall serve as a chairperson of all club-sponsored events that raise funds for the boosters, which includes, but is not limited to, fundraisers, Cowboys raffle, spirit nights, Jazz Cafe, and/or any other fundraising events or programs. The Director will work with the Director of Special Projects to organize all events including, but not limited to, the Jazz Cafe. This Director will work closely with the Director of Communications to advertise for any/all events and sponsors. This Director shall be responsible for managing the placement of the band student posters throughout the city of Waxahachie business' windows during the Fall marching season. The Director must create and maintain an up-to-date sponsor list for proper advertising in programs and/or events. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Cindy Cantero	Cindy Cantero*		

Director of Special Projects: The Director of Special Projects shall serve as the organizer of all club-sponsored special projects and/or activities, with the exception of those specified elsewhere, to provide meals and/or snacks. This Director will organize and provide supplies and food for all special projects and/or activities, such as Ice Cream Social, UIL/Area week activities, and contest food. This Director will also work with the Director of Fundraising on all band activities including, but not limited to, the Jazz Cafe. This Director will serve as the organizer of the year-end banquet. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
unfilled	Kathleen White		

Director of Communications: The Director of Communications shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the general membership and of the Executive Team, type minutes of meetings, print and pass out at the next general and Executive Team meeting, and have the approved general meetings minutes posted on the band website. The approved minutes from the Executive Board meetings shall be securely kept and available to elected officers upon request. This Director will also attend to matters of general correspondence, be responsible for all communications of the boosters, as well as promoting/advertising all club-sponsored events and band activities. This Director will work closely with all committees and Directors to promote band performances and fundraisers, ensuring the community is kept informed through newspaper, magazine, radio, chamber of commerce, online calendars, social media, and/or any other avenues required.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
unfilled	Zenella Strickland		

Director of Uniforms: The Director of Uniforms shall be responsible for maintenance, distribution, and tracking of all high school marching and concert uniforms. This Director must be available to work registration and be continuously proactive in uniform care and maintenance throughout the school year. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties in this office. This Committee will serve as uniform inspectors on a weekly basis, particularly during marching season to actively identify and correct uniform issues.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Autumn Yarbrough			

Director of Logistics: The Director of Logistics shall be responsible for handling the packing, loading, and transportation of booster equipment, coolers and/or any other equipment, away game food such as “bandwiches”, required by the band. This Director or a member of the committee should be able to get off early on Fridays for away games, be available for Saturday competitions, and have good navigation skills. This Director shall also work with the Director of Special Projects as needed. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
unfilled	Bill Lockridge		

Director of Props: The Director of Props shall work closely with the band directors and prop designers to ensure all props are completed. They will also be required to load/unload props at games, contests, and rehearsals. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office. This Director will work closely with the Director of Volunteers and the Director of Logistics to ensure all needs for games, contests, and rehearsals are met. This Director must be available for all games, contests, etc. where props will be needed.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Ben Rice	Chris Burkhalter		

Director of Chaperones: The Director of Chaperones will recruit and train new chaperones on procedures. This Director will assign chaperones for games, contests, and any other event where chaperones are required. This Director will work closely with the band directors on needs for the band activities. This Director will create and maintain a system that allows chaperones to keep records of student attendance. This Director will work with band directors with student ineligibility or absences to adjust/amend attendance before each event. This Director will assign chaperones to help with various tasks such as uniforms, props, meals, etc. This Director will ride the bus to/from all activities to monitor students and their safety. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Kareece McKie	Jennifer Johnson		

Director of Guard: The Director of Guard shall be responsible for assisting color guard members during the marching and winter season, communicate with the Executive Team on any needs or concerns for the guard, help the color guard during band registration and uniform fittings, coordinate the cleaning of uniforms and assist the Treasurer in collecting guard fees. This Director will organize the yearly winter guard competition held at WHS, if applicable. This Director may create a committee to assist with any or all duties of this office.

CURRENT	NOMINEE	NOMINEE	NOMINEE
Lakedra Smith	Lakedra Smith*		

*these positions do not currently have a “new” nominee, and the board members currently holding the position agree to serve another term with ET approval.

2024 Nominating Committee: Rich Armstrong, Rebecca Lockridge, Rosalind Mitchell, Tiffani Carter, Dominic Godfrey.

PRESIDENT

Jeremy W. DeLay



I have been a steadfast supporter of the Waxahachie band programs since my son started playing the baritone in the 6th grade. Since that time, I have volunteered my time working concessions, packing lunches, and helping with various fundraising events with my wife Bethany. I graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005 during which I was a proud member of the Corps of Cadets and the Fightin Texas Aggie Band. In my professional career I am currently the Sr. Operations Manager for DH-Companies overseeing all installations across the United States and a team of 50+ professionals.

I spent over 11 years in band programs starting in Jr High all the way thru a D1 college program, and that made me into the man I am today.

I will work to ensure that our children have the same positive experiences as I did, as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow.

Autumn Yarbrough



Hi, my name is Autumn Yarbrough, and I currently serve the WHS Band as the Director of Uniforms.

A little bit about myself, I am a Hachie native, born and raised. My husband and I have been married 27 years and have 3 boys 2 of which were and are a part of the Waxahachie Band program. I have held multiple leadership positions in a hospital environment as a Medical Laboratory Technologist. I am blessed to be in a place where I can take some time off, allowing more volunteer opportunities with the band. As well as getting to spend this last year with my youngest son, Jayden, who will be going into his Senior year. It's been a privilege to serve this band program for 13 years straight between Jr. High and High school including 3 years as an Executive Board Member. I am excited to continue.

Through the years of serving this award-winning band program, I've developed a great working relationship with the directors where I have learned that it requires so many parts. Not just at the high school level, but also our junior highs!

It definitely begins with the amazing dedication of our band directors, staff and our hard-working kids, but it also requires us, the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Our support no matter how much plays a huge part in the success of our children, these directors and the band program on a whole. Helping others succeed, shine and have a good time brings me the most joy, and I am excited for the opportunity to inspire inclusiveness and support our band family.

VICE PRESIDENT

Raquel Longoria



Hello, I am Raquel Longoria. In 2021, we relocated to Waxahachie from Red Oak. I've been married for nearly 20 years, and together with my husband, we are blessed with two wonderful daughters, Olivia (Sophomore) and Ava (8th grade at Finley) who bring endless joy to our lives. I've proudly served at Methodist Dallas Medical Center for over 15 years where I started my career as a Unit Assistant in the Emergency Department while going through EMT-Paramedic training. I continued in the ED working on my education until graduating from UTA with my Master in Nursing in 2019 allowing me to take my state boards, successfully obtaining my Nurse Practitioner license. At Methodist I am a proud member of the leadership team instrumental in developing a pioneering nuclear radiation program aimed at treating various types of cancer.

In addition to my family commitments and professional endeavors, I've found great fulfillment in my involvement with this amazing band program. My journey began when my eldest daughter joined the band as a freshman in 2022. I tapped into my extensive healthcare background to secure a role as a chaperone and began volunteering my medical expertise at home football games administering first aid care to this fascinating band and quickly began traveling with them to away games, competitions and overnight trips with the goal of enabling them to safely continue honing their craft.

As a Spanish speaker who deeply cherishes my culture, I understand the importance of bridging cultural and linguistic gaps within our community. This knowledge enables me to offer valuable assistance to the dedicated band directors and staff and believe that with their guidance, I can act as a connector between the band program and WISD families who wish to join the band but may feel hindered by language or cultural barriers. My goal is to ensure that every member of our band family feels supported and empowered to thrive, while also infusing a spirit of joy and camaraderie.

As I seek re-election, I am humbled by the opportunity to continue as your Vice President. My commitment to fostering harmony, hard work, and a love for fun within our band family is stronger than ever. Above all, my ultimate priority will always continue to be the health and well-being of the children I serve in order to help them uphold the values that make our Spirit of Waxahachie Band program truly exceptional.

Kristin Trejo



Hello, I am Kristin Trejo and I am running for vice president of next year's band boosters board. I currently have a senior, a sophomore and a 6th grader in the band program. Over the years I have served the boosters as a junior high rep, feeding the students, working in all levels of concessions, helping in fundraising and putting on events. This next year I hope to promote teamwork and an atmosphere of professionalism as we support our kids achieve excellence.

TREASURER

Georgia Dixon



My husband and I moved to Waxahachie in 2001 and immediately loved the small town charm of our tree lined street and watching parades from our porch swing! Like the town, our family grew and we were blessed with two daughters. Our eldest is completing her first year at university and Sydney, a sophomore in Fall '24, plays trumpet and has introduced us to all things BAND!

I have been a nurse for 32 years and was happy to be able to volunteer in that capacity this past year while chaperoning some of our home and away games. I also worked concession stands and took my first big band trip, chaperoning at Winter Park and learned so much at the heels of some amazing band moms and dads!

I know I will learn even more next year, but can also offer skills and experience acquired while serving on other boards in the community for the past 15+ yrs: Ellis County Early Childhood PTA - Treasurer, VP, President; Ellis County Equine Assoc.- Secretary; and four years on the Advisory Board of a local private school as secretary, VP, and President. Currently, I serve on the Faculty Association committee at Navarro College, where I am an associate professor and program coordinator for the Voc. Nursing department on the Waxahachie campus.

I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to organizational success by supporting an environment where professionalism and mutual respect are modeled and our band can thrive.

DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS

Robin Jeter



Hi! I am Robin Jeter. I have been honored to be your Band Booster President this year. I have served on the board 2 years, one as Vice President. I am married and have 4 sons. Luke Jeter will be a senior next year. I am a former teacher and nurse. I have loved all the things involving the band: Chaperoning, Concessions, Feeding kids, Uniforms, Bandwiches, Logistics, Pit Crew, Nursing and every other moment with the band. I am running for the position of Volunteer Coordinator this year. I would love to get to know you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

DIRECTOR OF CONCESSIONS

Nashika Tabor



Greetings!!! My name is Nashika Tabor. There are only a few things that I am passionate about in my life: my relationship with Jesus Christ, family/friends, cooking, and my career. I am very involved in my church working with the Outreach Ministry as the food distribution coordinator, a Youth Choir Director, member of the Youth Board, Women's Ministry Event Coordinator, and member of the repass committee. Let's just say that I like staying busy.

I have been married 22 years to Makelvin Tabor. We are the proud parents of one daughter Nahlia Tabor, a clarinet player who will be a 10th grader next school year. This year, I have enjoyed working with the Spirit of Waxahachie Band Boosters chaperoning, distributing food, and the most enjoyable: working visitor's concessions.

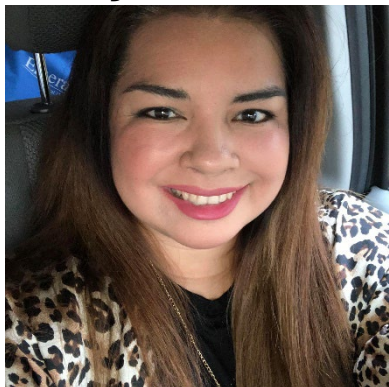
Working with food is not new to me. During my life, I have intermittently worked in the food industry. I've been a movie theater concession worker, a restaurant kitchen manager, and a caterer.

I have absolutely loved working in the education system for more than 25 years as an English teacher, Instructional Coach, and as a Reconnection Facilitator. I operate with a servant's heart treating others the way I want to be treated.

I would love the opportunity to serve as the Director of Concessions

DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING

Cindy Cantero



Hi band family! My family and I moved home to Waxahachie in 2021. My husband and I have been married for 22 years and have 5 kids, four of who've been in a band program as early as elementary school. My current band child is Elayna, a junior in Colorguard and former trombone player. So I've been an active band mom for the past 13 years! I am also a proud former band member and former drum major with the Keller High School Indian Band. Watching my parents being active and supportive of their daughters and the other children in band, inspired me to be that same kind of parent to my children. I have been a Girl Scout troop leader, PTO board member, and presently serve and volunteer with other local executive boards for nonprofits in the Waxahachie community. In doing so, I have headed many projects and events to bring attention to the organizations I serve, and additionally have developed strong business relationships with both small and corporate businesses. While at the WHS band booster, I have volunteered as a chaperone for many games and competitions, and managing the north concessions stand during football season! Forever Proud to be a supporter of the Spirit of Waxahachie Indian band as a parent, volunteer, board member, and community member!!

DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

Kathleen White



Hi, I am Kathleen White. I moved to Texas in 1998 and met my husband, John, two years later. We married in October of 2001 and have two beautiful daughters, Becca and Hannah, who are the lights of my life. Becca is a junior in college and Hannah is a junior at WHS. They play the alto saxophone and have been active members of the band since sixth grade. I am originally from the mountains of Tennessee. Growing up, my family and I moved a lot but we eventually settled down in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where I developed my love for music and football. I was fortunate to spend my Friday nights on the field as a percussionist and later as a drum major my Saturday nights on the 50-yard line in Death Valley. GEAUX Tigers. Band in Louisiana was very different than band in Texas now. There was no booster club and very little support from the school administration. I believe our Waxahachie Band kids are extremely blessed to be in a program that provides them with so much support. After having kids in the band program for nine years, I know that they are expected to deliver excellence on and off the field. I believe that giving them anything less than excellence in return is doing them a grave disservice. "Good enough" is not a part of my vocabulary when serving our kids. There is a word used in Louisiana called "lagniappe." It means "a little something extra" and that is what I try to add to everything I do. Whether it is a goody bag of candy, an extra pat on the back, or a picture of them on a banquet table, these kids deserve all of the "lagniappe" the Boosters have to offer. I have been feeding, photographing, and hosting events and parties for the band kids for over 15 years. First with my niece and nephew, and now with my own kids. John and I worked alongside the former Special Projects co-chairs. This was when I became known as the "Cupcake Lady." We sat on the board together and I assisted John when he later sat on the board alone. My job is to organize everything and he is the one who helps get it all where it needs to be. We have been extremely blessed to work in tandem with a team of talented individuals who make coordinating all of the competitions, events, and so much more look so easy. I believe that a booster (whether on the board or not) is someone who supports the directors and makes their lives easier, believes in the program, and anticipates and meets the needs of the kids. I take great pride in those things but the greatest reason I do what I do is I truly love these kids.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Zenella Strickland



Hi, my name is Zenella Strickland let me tell you a little about me I'm originally from Louisiana and moved to Texas in 1996 where I met my husband Randy, we have been married for 25 years and we have 3 beautiful daughters Bryanna (21) who attends Tarleton State University, Morgan (16) Sophomore Clarinet and Skylar (11) 5th grade at Dunaway Elementary. We move to Waxahachie in 2018 from Desoto and we love it here. My education background is mostly administration; I have three degrees Associates in Register Respiratory Care, Bachelors in Hospital Administration, and a Master's Human Resource Management. My Husband and I both longtime workers of the Federal Government. This will be my third year being a part of the band/ band boosters and I must say I am enjoying it. I have been spending time getting to know some amazing people and many who I can now call my friend. I have had many opportunities in many areas such as, Chaperoning, Concessions, and assisting with uniforms and many other areas where I could assist. Coming in as a freshman parent was a little overwhelming but I just observed and saw where I could fit in, and it has been a blast. Now another opportunity in communications has presented itself and I must say I am excited. To many I may seem quiet at first but once you get to know me, I can be very talkative and fun to be around. I love children and I'm a mother to all. I treat all kids like they are my own. I love being part of the WHS Band/ Band Booster Family and I would love the opportunity to serve as your Director of Communication.

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

Bill Lockridge



As a 2002 Waxahachie Band Alumni, current parent to both an incoming Junior and 7th grade band student, and avid Band Booster volunteer, Bill Lockridge has a wealth of experience and knowledge in serving the band. In his professional life, Lockridge covers eight counties as a Safety Education and Public Information Sergeant with Texas Department of Public Safety. He has served his fellow Texans with DPS for the past 15 years. Caring for the logistical needs of the band can be a large undertaking, but Lockridge is looking forward to partnering with other parents and supporters for the benefit of staff and students. Along with his wife Rebecca, and children Marissa (16), Adeline (12) Eleanor (10), and Everett (8), he looks forward to supporting the future successes of the program.

DIRECTOR OF PROPS

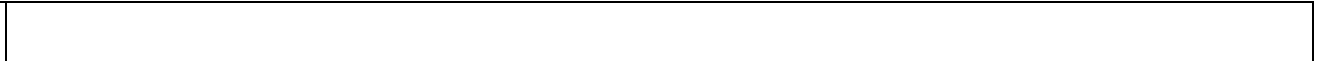
Chris Burkhalter



Chris Burkhalter is currently a CTE teacher at Finley JH teaching Project Lead The Way courses. Previously, he served the district as a Music teacher for 18 years at both Northside Elementary and Wilemon Steam Academy. He is proud to see many of his former students excelling in band today. Chris is a 1990 WHS alumni where he was a tuba player in the marching band. He also played bass guitar in the jazz band. Chris started volunteering with the band in 2017 when his oldest son, Sam, was a freshman. He helped with percussion and props. He drove a box truck loaded with props and helped with logistics. In 2018, Chris and his dad, Dewey Burkhalter, began building props for the band and winter guard. Chris is looking forward to his youngest son, Stephen, being a part of the Spirit of Waxahachie as a Freshman trumpet player in fall of 2024.

DIRECTOR OF CHAPERONES

Jennifer Johnson



GUARD REPRESENTATIVE

Lakedra Smith



I am Lakedra Smith and my family and I moved to Waxahachie in 2012 for its school district and small community living. I have been part of the Waxahachie Band for 6 years. I have had two children in the band program. My oldest daughter graduated in 2020 and was a 3-year member of Colorguard and Winterguard. I currently have a Junior that played the oboe in the Finley Junior High school band and is currently in her 3rd year as a member of Colorguard and Winterguard. Professionally, I am a Process Manager at a major financial institution for over 18 years. I lead a team that tests regulatory adherence and supports in making sure processes are well-managed. I currently serve as the Guard Representative and have held the position for 2 years. I enjoy every moment volunteering and helping out wherever asked. I am amazed watching the students grow in their talent each season. I have built strong relationships with many members of the organization. My goal is to support the Directors, the students, and the band family, and would be glad to continue to serve.

DIRECTOR OF UNIFORMS

NO NOMINEE AT TIME OF POSTING