



ARMINDA VELASQUEZ, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Arminda M Velasquez is beginning her eighth year as Assistant Band Director at Cedar Ridge High School. "Ms. V" conducts the Wind Symphony and the Flute and Saxophone Choirs.

Ms. Velasquez received her Bachelor's degree in Music Studies and Music Performance with Flute Emphasis from Texas State University. While there, Ms. Velasquez was principal flute of the Texas State Symphony Orchestra, Flute/Piccolo Section Leader for the Bobcat Marching Band, member of the Wind Symphony, Symphonic Winds, and Flute Choir where she guest conducted regularly. She went on to win the 2011 Texas State Concerto Competition as a sophomore and performed with the Symphony Orchestra in March 2012. As a member of the Wind Symphony, Ms. Velasquez performed at the Collegiate Band Directors National Association Regional Convention in Fayetteville, Arkansas in spring of 2014.

Ms. Velasquez has attended and performed at the National Flute Association Conventions in 2012 and 2013, as well as the 2013 UT Conducting Symposium, 2014 Baylor Conducting Workshop, 2014 CU Boulder Panoramic Flute Workshop, 2015 CU Boulder Conducting Symposium, 2016 Baylor Conducting Symposium, and 2017 Illinois Band Conducting Symposium.

Her teachers, privately and in master classes, include Dr. Adah Toland Jones, Dr. Kyle Glaser, Leone Buyse, Emi Ferguson, Jim Walker, Jerry Junkin, Dr. Cristina Ballatori, Dr. Matthew Roeder, Christina Jennings, Dr. Don McKinney, Steven Davis, Dr. Stephen Peterson, Dr. Eric Wilson, Craig Kirchhoff, and Dr. Caroline Beatty. She has taught privately and in master class settings.

In her free time, she enjoys intricate board games, reading, and traveling.