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Meet your band director!!

I would like to welcome everyone to another fun year of band at Tucson High. Many of you already know me because I have been assistant band director, pep band director, and woodwind coach for the past ten years. This summer I have been appointed to the job of Band Director. Mr. Dean Moore will be our percussion instructor and assistant director.

My ties to Tucson High go way back! I am a Tucson High graduate, married to Mr. Richard Noriega (also a graduate) who teaches English here. Mr. Noriega's father graduated from THS in 1949!! Our two sons are THS students: Thomas is a senior and James is a freshman. All of my brothers and sisters came to Tucson High. I played clarinet in the band and was in Regionals and All-State Band for 3 years and TPYO my senior year. I student taught at Tucson High with band director Bucky Steele, then started my teaching career at a number of schools, eventually becoming a string teacher. In 1984 I started teaching one orchestra class at Tucson High. This was when UHS was still at Tucson High. The orchestra program grew to three classes and I agreed to teach guitar so that it would become a full-time position. Through helping band and orchestra students prepare for the Mariachi Conference and practice mariachi after school I began the current mariachi program. Cayce Miners (THS orchestra) and Justin Enriquez (THS mariachi) are former students of mine! My most recent teaching position, besides Tucson High band assistant, has been band & orchestra grades 4-8 at Roskruge and 4th/5th grade music at Sam Hughes Elementary. This year I will still teach at Roskruge.

I play clarinet in Southern Arizona Symphony and bass clarinet in Arizona Symphonic Winds.

It is an honor to serve as your band director!!

Lucy Huestis