

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It is with enthusiasm that I accept the nomination for newsletter editor for TSCA. My commitment to the organization, dedication to quality, and attention to detail will give me the foundation to thrive in this role.

I have spent a lot of time as an artistic director for Proper Hijinx Productions and a consulting PR expert for social media and company identity branding for other companies in the Dallas Fort Worth area, meaning that I spend quite a bit of time cultivating information that connects not only with the immediate community, but extends outwards. It also means that I spend an awful lot of time reading, revising, and re-reading press releases, promotional materials, and newsletters before they are released for publication.

I think that my background, passion for speech, and experience in editing will help us push past a newsletter that is sometimes read and sometimes not by our community. My vision for TSCA and speech in the state of Texas is to increase visibility, increase administrative support, and government backing for speech programs to thrive in Texas, leading to the growth and success of our organization and our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about my ability to take on this role.

**Sincerely,**

**Stefany Cambra**

**Professional Communications and Oral Interpretation**

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A 2008 graduate of Plano Senior High School, it was a bit surreal returning to my old stomping grounds a decade later. I consider it an honor to take on the role of one of my most respected high school teachers, Karen Wilbanks, and to work alongside Greg Arp and Cheryl Potts, another two of the incredible mentors I had the pleasure of learning from as a student and now as a colleague. Though new to the role of educator, I was not coming in with ten years of dust to shake off from speech.

Immediately after graduating from high school, I dived into giving back to the speech community that had given so much to me. I volunteered my time to mentor, worked as a contract coach, and served as a judge for tournaments frequently for the past ten years. When I made the shift from judge and volunteer mentor to teacher, it was a no-brainer to join TSCA as a member, attending convention every year and actively supporting the mission of the organization.

I have had the unique opportunity to connect to speech in Texas as a student, an outside observer, a mentor, and now a professional educator. I would love to take my dedication to the next level and serve the organization as the newsletter editor. I promise to utilize my PR and marketing skills from my background as artistic director of Proper Hijinx Productions and Production Manager at Contemporary Theatre of Dallas to connect the members of TSCA and provide meaningful and accurate information through the newsletter. I hope you will consider me a viable candidate.

**Sincerely,**

**Stefany Cambra**

**Professional Communications and Oral Interpretation**

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RE: Texas Speech Communication Association Newsletter Editor

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Stef Cambra. Stef is a former student who has remained a large part of my life since graduating from public school. I have known her for the past 15 years as her teacher, colleague and personal friend. She has served as a teacher and speech coach for Plano ISD for the past three years and has made a huge impact on our speech team and the students and staff at Plano Senior High School.

Stef is an exceptional teacher who is creative, a team player, willing to work with anyone and has a willingness to share her knowledge and expertise. She is exceptionally motivated, organized and hardworking. Her straight forward, positive nature is a magnet for students looking for a place to be challenged, wanting to learn, and create original work that is academically and artistically challenging. Stef never gives up and is always searching for innovative ways to present material. As a teacher and coach, Stef's work is outstanding. Students and colleagues who have worked with her know that her expectation is high and she holds herself to the same standard she expects of those with whom she works.

I would like to highly recommend Stef Cambra for the position of Newsletter Editor for the Texas Speech Communication Association based on her work ethic, professional demeanor, and her willingness to dedicate herself to a cause. Her work ethic, experience, artistic creativity and her ability to meet a deadline, make her an exceptional candidate. Stef will make a positive difference in the TSCA organization and it would be a great benefit to have her in an integral role. If you have any questions regarding Stef, please feel free to contact me at any time!

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Arp  
Plano ISD Fine Arts  
Coordinator Speech & Theatre

# STEF CAMBRA

*High School Teacher and Speech Coach*

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## PROFILE

*Stefany Cambra returned to her alma mater in the fall of 2017 to begin her teaching career as a teacher of Professional Communications and Oral Interpretation. She also took on the role of the Interp coach for the Plano Senior Speech and Debate Team and is the Interp Coach for Clark High School as well.*

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2017-2018**
- Coached Duo State Finalists for the TFA Speech Tournament
  - Coached 8 TFA State Qualifiers in IE events
  - Coached 5 NSDA National Qualifiers in IE events
  - Coached Informative Speaking Finalist for UT Speech Tournament
  - Grew a team of four to nine within the year
- 2018-2019**
- Coached UIL State Prose Champion
  - Coached Duo Glenbrooks National Finalists
  - Coached Finalists in Duo, Dramatic Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Informative Speaking for the UT Speech Tournament
  - Plano Senior Speech Team 1st Place IE Sweepstakes at UT Speech Tournament
  - Plano Senior Speech Team one of the top 5 qualifying schools in the state of Texas for the TFA Speech and Debate Tournament
  - Coached the first ever student to receive the Fire Keeper Award at the Creekview Speech Tournament
  - Lead PR Rep for Plano Central Cluster Team

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

- Competitor for the Plano Senior Speech and Debate Team 2004-2008
- 2007 HI NFL Quarterfinalist
- 2008 UIL State Poetry Champion
- 2008 Princeton National DI Champion
- Hired Judge from 2008-Current

## EDUCATION

- Drury University Class 2013  
Cum Laude  
BA in Theatre  
Minors - Philosophy, Religion, and Asian Studies

## FUN FACTS AND INFO

- NSDA Ranking - Outstanding Distinction
  - Artistic Director for Proper Hijinx Productions
  - 2019 Column Award Nominee for Outstanding Direction and Outstanding New Work by a Local Playwright
  - 2018 Column Award Nominee for Outstanding New Work by a Local Playwright
  - 2017 DFW Critics Award for Prop Design
  - 2017 Column Award Nominee for Outstanding New Work by a Local Playwright
  - 2016 Column Award Nominee for Outstanding Direction
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