

Cary Cochenour is excited to return to the visual staff at Norwin High School in his new role as drill writer!

Cary is an active marching arts instructor, designer, and consultant based in Houston, Texas. He currently serves on the visual staff of DCI World Class Finalist Santa Clara Vanguard Drum & Bugle Corps and WGI World Class Finalist Rhythmic Force Indoor Percussion. Over the past decade, Cary has held various roles at Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas, including visual and brass instructor, choreographer, and visual coordinator. During his time at Seven Lakes, the band has become a consistent BOA Regional Finalist, UIL Area I Finalist, and has advanced to the UIL State Marching Contest every year since 2018. In 2024, the Seven Lakes Spartan Band was named a BOA San Antonio Super Regional Finalist, a UIL 6A State Marching Contest Finalist, and earned the prestigious Sudler Shield, all for the first time in the program's history. Cary has also helped establish several high-achieving indoor colorguard and percussion programs in the Houston area and currently serves as the drill writer and visual coordinator for the rapidly growing Jordan High School Indoor Percussion program.

Cary is a proud alumnus of the Norwin High School Marching Band, where he served as a drum major in 2008 and 2009. Upon graduating, he joined the visual and music staff and has continued as a consultant since relocating to Texas. During his time on the staff at Norwin, the band earned several BOA Regional Championship Titles, PIMBA State Championship Titles, and performed as a Grand National Semi-Finalist multiple times, including earning the Class 2A National Champion title in 2021.

As a performer, Cary was a member of Glassmen Drum & Bugle Corps and The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps. Before pursuing a full-time career in the marching arts, he served as a math and science teacher in Katy ISD, where he was recognized for his achievements in the classroom on several occasions. Cary holds a BS degree in Mathematics Education from Saint Vincent College and active teaching certificates in both Texas and Pennsylvania. He currently resides in Fulshear, Texas, with his wife, Devyn, and their puppy, Eko.