

TRI-DISTRICT ARTS



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Tri-District Arts Consortium Administrative Staff Bios

Donna Wilson, Director, holds an MFA in theatre, with a specialization in directing, and an MAT in Theatre Arts from the University of South Carolina. Recently retired as Director of the Palmetto Center for the Arts (PCA) at Richland Northeast, Ms. Wilson earned her National Board Certification as an Early Adolescence Generalist and was Richland Northeast High School's 2001-2002 Teacher of the Year and a District Honor Roll Teacher of the Year. She is also the first recipient of the "Outstanding Theatre Educator Award," presented to her at the November, 2000 Convention by the South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA), and is the recipient of SCTA's 2010 Lifetime Service Award and the 2010 SC Consortium for Gifted Education Award for Outstanding Professional Accomplishment. In 2015, she was named a TWIN (Tribute to Women in Industry) Honoree, and more recently, in 2019, Ms. Wilson was deeply honored to be inducted into the SC Theatre Hall of Fame. Her Richland Northeast theatre program was the recipient of many awards, including being selected 5 times by the American High School Theatre Festival to represent the United States in Edinburgh, Scotland's Festival Fringe. Currently, she serves as a Theatre Adjunct, teaching in the Early College Program at Ridgeview High School, for the University of South Carolina - Sumter.

Lisa Rayner, Assistant Director just completed her 29th year of teaching, the last 27 of which have been as music specialist at Pontiac Elementary School in Richland School District Two. Ms. Rayner holds a Master of Education degree in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina, and a Bachelor of Music degree (summa cum laude) in Music Education with choral and instrumental certification from Columbia College (SC). Ms. Rayner serves on the Richland Two Arts Leadership Team as the district's elementary music arts lead, and in 2018-2019 was named an Honor Roll Finalist for District Teacher of the Year. She is a Past-President of the South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA), and has served on the Southern Division Board of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), the South Carolina Council of Arts Education Presidents (CAEP), the NAfME Council for General Music Education, the first National Advisory Council for Quaver Music, the Sandlapper Singers Board of Directors, and the South Carolina Philharmonic Education Committee. She currently serves as Parliamentarian and Events Marketing Chair for SCMEA. Ms. Rayner sings alto in the Schola Cantorum at St. Joseph Catholic Church where she also serves as music librarian, and is an avid fan of baseball and Gamecock athletics.

Sharon Owens, Administrative Assistant just completed her 39th year in education, the last 19 of which have been as a Technology & Learning coach at Richland Northeast High School. She somewhat "officially" retired this year. This is Sharon's 12th year working with the Tri-DAC program. She likes to read, binge watch Netflix and Prime, spend time with family, travel and dine out with friends. She is looking forward to working with the creative teachers and students that make Tri-DAC such an outstanding program.

Angela Hill, Technology Director, just completed her 28th year as a professional educator! She has spent the majority of her career in the classroom teaching chemistry and physics. However, during the 2022-2021 school year, Angie transitioned into a new role as the Technology Learning Coach at Westwood High School. Away from work, Angie loves to spend time with her husband who is also a teacher, and their three beautiful children. Angie is excited to be working with Tri-DAC this summer and looks forward to supporting all tech needs. As a member of the Westwood staff, she sends a hearty welcome to all of Tri-DAC's students and staff

Tri-DAC Operations Staff Bios

Tony Fling, Operations Manager of the Tri-District Arts Consortium, holds Associates Degrees in Liberal Studies and Web Design from Midlands Technical College, a B.A. in Liberal Studies with an emphasis on Computer Technology from Limestone College and a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology from Fort Hays State University. Mr. Fling has been the Assistant Technical Director of the Richland School District Two District Auditorium since 2002. He began working with Tri-DAC in 1996 as the Stage Manager for the Music Showcase and has been the Operations Manager since 2009. Mr. Fling is currently working with the United States Institute of Theatre Technology on the Backstage technical theatre exam for high school students.

David Mitchell, Technical Director, comes from a long line of artists, musicians, and poets. His talents in audio production have allowed him to work with some of the finest musicians in the world. He is now in his 22nd year as technical director of the Richland School District Two Auditorium. David Mitchell holds a degree from the University of South Carolina in Media Arts with concentration in audio and photography

Kimberley Norris-Jones, Operations Assistant, teaches the Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Earth Sciences and Environmental Studies) at Richland Northeast. Also known as No-Jo, she is an Army Brat having lived and/or worked on three continents and is a life-long believer in STEAM and Global Learning. In High school and while pursuing her Geology and Education degrees she worked as a costume and props designer, set painter and stage manager in a number of productions to include, 'Pippin', 'You Can't Take it With You', 'Pirates of Penzance' and 'The Hobbit: A Musical'; which is why, when she is not in the classroom, fencing or in the garden, she is often found assisting PCA theater and dance with their productions or helping David Mitchell and Tony Fling in the District Auditorium.