

Ben Contreras.

EQUIPMENT CLINICIAN



Ben Contreras has been involved in the Southern California Marching Band and Colorguard community for 28 years. He started his marching Arts career in San Diego, CA playing trumpet and spinning as a parade drum major. He was awarded both the “John Philips Sousa award” and the “Semper Fi awards for musical excellence” in high school. Picking up rifle his senior year and joining a local independent winter guard after graduation. Later moving on to march with the Santa Clara Vanguard (1998 & 1999), Fantasia Winterguard (1999-2003) Corona (2005). As well as being a Performer in the Disney’s California Adventure Cast of “Blast!”. He’s been involved with many programs like Ayala, Chino, Riverside King, Mt Carmel, Great Oak, & Murrieta Valley and countless others, as well as groups in Nevada, Hawaii, and Arizona. He currently is the guard Director at both Rancho Buena Vista and Mission Hills High School.

Ben also has extensive experience with the drum and bugle corps world having worked for the Colts (2004-2005), The Academy (2007), Gold (2011), & the Santa Clara Vanguard Cadets (2012-2016). Ben is also the Founder and Director of Vox Artium independent winter guard. The group has existed since the 2012 Winterguard season. They have been a WGI Winter Guard Championships Independent Open finalist 2016 to 2018.

Ben is now in his second year as the WGASC VP of Member relations. And was also inducted in to the 2018 WGASC hall of fame.