

April Lara is a music educator, percussion specialist, adjudicator, and clinician. She earned a Bachelor of Music Education from New Mexico State University and a Master of Music in Percussion Performance from Texas State University, where she served as Graduate Assistant for the Bobcat Marching Band Percussion Program and was on the battery staff of Violet Crown Independent.

After teaching at Burbank High School, April joined the founding faculty of Sonia Sotomayor High School in 2022. Under her leadership, the percussion program quickly established itself as one of the nation's premier ensembles, earning TECA and TCGC Championships and culminating in the 2026 WGI Scholastic Open Class World Championship.

April currently serves as Chief Judge and Percussion Coordinator for the Texas Educators Colorguard Association (TECA) and is an active adjudicator and clinician throughout Texas. She is proudly endorsed by Remo and Innovative Percussion