

Shannon Carter, **Director of Choral Studies**, conducts Chorale, Madrigal Singers, Tenor-Bass Choir, and Concert Singers. He also teaches Music History, Senior Essentials, and assists with Senior Lab. Kinder HSPVA ensembles under his direction have won the prestigious American Classic San Antonio Madrigal and Chamber Choir Festival in 2016 and 2020, have won the American Classic Celebration of Excellence in 2018, were named the Mark of Excellence National Choral Honors National Winner in 2016 and 2019, were invited to perform at the 2018 Southwestern Division American Choral Directors Association Conference in Oklahoma City, and have been invited to perform at the 2021 American Choral Directors Association Virtual National Conference.

Mr. Carter earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Texas State University and has twenty-five years' experience as a choral music educator. Prior to joining the faculty at Kinder HSPVA, Mr. Carter was the Choir Director and Fine Arts Department Chair at Seven Lakes High School in Katy, Texas from 2005-2014. During his tenure, the Seven Lakes Chorale Women performed at the 2009 Texas Music Educators Association Convention. Mr. Carter also held positions at Cinco Ranch High School, Klein Forest High School, and Harlingen South High School. In 2001 he received the Klein Forest High School Outstanding Teacher Award, and in 2011 he was named Seven Lakes High School Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Carter served a three-year term as a member of the UIL Prescribed Music List Committee and was then chosen to serve an additional year as Committee Chair. He was an officer in Region 23 of the Texas Music Educators Association, serving four years as Region President and twelve years as the Vocal Division Tabulations Chair. He is a member of Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Texas Choral Directors Association, American Choral Directors Association, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.