

26-27 Founders District Candidate Corner

District Director Nominee

Julie Murphy, DTM



Julie Murphy, DTM, is an accomplished Toastmasters leader and past District Director with over a decade of experience since 2014. She has served in numerous district leadership roles, including Program Quality Director, Public Relations Manager, and Administration Manager. Professionally, Julie leads large-scale initiatives and manages multi-million-dollar budgets, bringing strong expertise in strategic planning, communications, and event execution. A recognized leader and award recipient, she is passionate about building collaborative, high-performing teams and creating engaging, supportive environments where members and leaders can grow and succeed.

Program Quality Director Nominee

Jennifer Dawson, DTM



Jennifer C. Dawson, DTM, is a dynamic Toastmasters leader and HR professional with over 20 years of experience in operations, talent development, and strategic planning. A member since 2015, she has served in numerous leadership roles, including Club Growth Director, Division Director, and Administration Manager, and was named Toastmaster of the Year. Jennifer specializes in building systems, developing leaders, and creating efficient, people-centered processes. She is passionate about empowering members, strengthening clubs, and fostering a culture of growth, service, and collaboration across the district.

Division A Director Nominee

Dr. Karie Yamamoto



Karie Yamamoto is a dedicated Toastmasters leader and Division Director with a strong background in healthcare and leadership development. A member since 2020 and a Distinguished Toastmaster, she has served in multiple club and district roles, including Area Director and LACE Chair. As a clinical pharmacist, Karie brings exceptional attention to detail, communication, and process-driven leadership. She is passionate about mentoring leaders, strengthening clubs, and fostering supportive environments where members can grow, succeed, and achieve excellence.

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District A Director Nominee



Christina Huo

Christina Huo is a dynamic Toastmasters leader, psychologist, and entrepreneur with a focus on leadership development and performance systems. A member since 2023, she has quickly advanced through roles including Vice President Education, Area Director, and Club President, leading her club to President's Distinguished status. With a background in psychology and accounting, Christina combines behavioral insight with strategic execution to build strong, sustainable teams. She is passionate about empowering leaders, strengthening clubs, and creating structured, high-performance environments where members can thrive

District C Director Nominee



Volanda Harris

Volanda Harris, MBA, PMP, DTM2, is a dynamic Toastmasters leader and accomplished project management professional with a passion for servant leadership and community impact. A member since 2016, she has held numerous leadership roles across clubs, areas, and divisions, earning multiple awards and recognition for her contributions. With extensive experience in strategic planning, team leadership, and process development, Volanda brings a results-driven and people-centered approach to leadership. She is committed to empowering members, strengthening clubs, and fostering collaboration to achieve excellence across the district.

Division D Director Nominee



Jonathan Dray

Jonny Dray is a passionate Toastmasters leader, coach, and entrepreneur dedicated to empowering others through performance and personal growth. A member since 2024, he has quickly stepped into leadership roles including Area Director, Club Sponsor, and Mentor. With a background as a Division I athlete and over a decade of coaching experience, Jonny brings expertise in strategic planning, team development, and high-performance mindset. A multiple award-winning speaker and Triple Crown recipient, he is committed to building strong leaders, supporting club success, and creating a culture of action, growth, and excellence.

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District D Director Nominee



Joe Macauley

Joe Macauley is a dedicated Toastmasters leader and IT professional with over 20 years of experience in enterprise systems, team leadership, and strategic execution. A member since 2018, he has served as Vice President Education and Area Director, focusing on developing leaders and supporting club success. Joe brings a systems-driven approach to leadership, emphasizing accountability, efficiency, and consistent results. Passionate about growth and mindset development, he is committed to empowering members, strengthening clubs, and building sustainable systems that drive excellence across the district.

District E Director Nominee



Mary-Ann Erskine-Pourier

Mary-Ann M. Erskine-Pourier is a dynamic Toastmasters leader, systems engineer, and global consultant with a passion for communication, leadership, and team development. A member since 2023, she has served as Club President and Area Director, leading her club to President's Distinguished recognition. With extensive experience in enterprise technology, strategic planning, and mentoring across global teams, she brings a strong foundation in organization and leadership. Mary-Ann is committed to supporting clubs, developing leaders, and creating engaging environments where members can grow, connect, and thrive.

District S Director Nominee



Christine Del Carmen

Christine Del Carmen is a dedicated Toastmasters leader and project management professional with a strong background in science and operations. A member since 2018, she has served as Club President, Secretary, and Area Director, bringing expertise in communication, logistics, and team development. With advanced training in biochemistry and project management, Christine applies structured, results-driven approaches to leadership. She is passionate about mentoring others, strengthening collaboration, and creating unified systems that support club growth, member engagement, and a positive, high-performing Toastmasters experience.

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District N Director Nominee



Jennifer Barber-Frazier

Jennifer Barber-Frazier is a dedicated Toastmasters leader, financial professional, and founder of The Rest Reflect Rise Collective. A member since 2016, she brings over 20 years of experience in financial operations, regulatory compliance, and process improvement from her work at Frontwave Credit Union. Recognized with the Helen Blanchard Trailblazer Award, Jennifer is known for her clarity-driven, service-focused leadership style. She is passionate about empowering individuals, fostering collaboration, and building strong, purpose-driven communities where members and leaders can grow, connect, and thrive.

District N Director Nominee



Ernest Cardenas

Ernest Cardenas is a dedicated Toastmasters leader and seasoned military professional with over 20 years of service, bringing strong expertise in leadership, strategic planning, and team development. A committed Toastmaster, he has served as Division Director and Area Director, earning recognition in speech contests and district service. Ernest applies a disciplined, results-driven approach to leadership, grounded in accountability and collaboration. He is passionate about supporting leaders, strengthening clubs, and fostering a culture of teamwork, growth, and excellence across the district.

****No Nominees for Club Growth***

****No Nominees for Division B***

****No Nominees for Division G***

****No Nominees for Division W***