

Madelyn Aurora Salas

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PRODUCTION MANAGER

Stage and production management, lighting design, and tech director. Crew member on two UIL 5A state championship productions; UIL Region Top Overall Technician; 2026 Joci Awards production crew member.

TECHNICAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Harlingen Performing Arts Conservatory

Technical Theatre Track | Grades 10-12

Stage Manager: Dear Evan Hansen (Sept. 2026); Frozen (Jan. 2026); Boys Next Door (Nov. 2025); Moana Jr. (Feb. 2025). Led companies from elementary school productions to high school musicals and plays.

Lighting Designer: Chicago (Nov. 2026, upcoming); Little Shop of Horrors (Sept. 2025); Over the River and Through the Woods (Nov. 2024); Cinderella Waltz (Nov. 2024). Designed and programmed production lighting.

Projections Operator: 9 to 5: The Musical (Jan. 2025); The Wizard of Oz Jr. (Oct. 2024).

Assistant Stage Manager: The Little Mermaid Jr. (Oct. 2025); Once on This Island (Sept. 2024).

Backstage Crew / Flys: The Nutcracker (Dec. 2025; Dec. 2026, upcoming); Aladdin Jr. (Feb. 2026); Trolls Jr. (Oct. 2026).

Spotlight Operator: The Nutcracker (Dec. 2024); Summer on Stage (June 2025 and 2026).

Harlingen High School South Speech and Stage

UIL One-Act Play Crew | Grades 9-12

Backstage Lighting Designer, all four years; Assistant Stage Manager, grade 10; Stage Manager, grades 11-12. Crew member on two state championship productions and one state runner-up production.

Majestic Empire Theatre / Foundation

2026 Joci Awards Production Crew | May 14-17, 2026

Served as stage runner and backstage crew; assisted with microphones, set up merchandise booths, and helped create the call sheet.

ARTISTIC HONORS AND AWARDS

UIL 5A One-Act Play: State champion productions, Never the Sinner and 33 Variations; state runner-up production, Machinal.

Individual UIL Technician Honors: Region Top Overall Technician and District Outstanding Technician, Never the Sinner; District Outstanding Technician, 33 Variations.

UIL 5A Theatrical Design: Semifinalist, Group Theatrical Design Project (grade 10).

Palm Awards: Best Technical Execution winner, Little Shop of Horrors; Best Stage Management nominee, Frozen; Best Lighting Execution in a Play nominee, Over the River and Through the Woods. Frozen also received Best Musical.

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WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Summer on Stage | Harlingen CISD

Crew Member and Camp Counselor | May-June 2025 and 2026 | 180 hours

Volunteered 90 hours each summer across three-week theatre camps. Led and supervised children, built production elements, and supported technical show operations.

Elementary and Middle School Productions

Supported scenery construction and shifts, backstage operations, and student supervision. Production-specific leadership and technical roles are listed below.

Lee Means Fine Arts Academy: Moana Jr. (Feb. 2025), Stage Manager, 40 hours; Aladdin Jr. (Feb. 2026), Backstage Crew, 40 hours; Trolls Jr. (Oct. 2026), Backstage Crew, 40 hours.

Gutierrez Middle School: The Wizard of Oz Jr. (Oct. 2024), Projections and Crew, 40 hours; The Little Mermaid Jr. (Oct. 2025), Assistant Stage Manager and Crew, 40 hours; The Addams Family Jr. (Oct. 2026), Backstage Crew, 40 hours.

Harlingen High School Cardette End of Year Showcases

Lighting Designer and Operator | Apr. 12, 2025; Apr. 17, 2026 | 24 hours

Designed, programmed, and operated lighting for both showcases; 12 volunteer hours per event.

Harlingen Area Educational Foundation Luncheon

Lighting Crew and Spotlight Operator | Sept. 24, 2026 | 6 hours

Set up and struck lighting and operated spotlights for luncheon performances.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Harlingen High School South

Class Rank: 16 of 418 students | Top 4%

Weighted GPA: 4.3880 / 5.0

Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction; College Board National Recognition Program First-Generation Recognition Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement; National Honor Society, inducted in grade 10 with membership through graduation.

AP Coursework: English Language and Composition; English Literature and Composition; World History; US History; Precalculus; Biology; Psychology; Environmental Science; Macroeconomics; US Government and Politics.

Texas Southmost College

Dual Enrollment | College Algebra