



Hello Fellow Toastmasters,

My name is Tabassum (Tuh-Ba-Soom) Mahzabeen (Mah Za Been).

It feels like just yesterday that I came across a flyer for the Smiling Stars Toastmasters Club and decided to attend a meeting as a guest. That simple decision opened the door to a journey that felt like a triathlon: challenging, energizing, and deeply rewarding.

Since then, my Toastmasters path has taken me through roles as VPM, then VPE, and last year I bravely stepped outside my comfort zone to serve as an Area Director. There were moments when I felt like I was walking on eggshells. But thankfully I had mentors, a supportive Division Director, and fellow Area Directors who kept me from slipping. Those scary moments eventually turned into my “aha” moments, turning points that strengthened my confidence.

One of the best parts of this journey has been becoming a member of the amazing District 25 Toastmasters family. And I do mean *family*. We cheer for each other, support each other, and treat every setback as a stepping-stone to the next success. That sense of belonging and encouragement gave me the courage to step up for the Division Director role.

My passion is to uplift others, give much needed visibility, and help them shine, values that align perfectly with the district mission. I am truly looking forward to working with a thriving division and contributing to its success.

Outside Toastmasters, I serve as a faculty member at Dallas College, where I get to teach and make a positive difference in people’s lives. My husband and I are empty nesters now. Our daughter and son are attending college in Austin and College Station, so we often find ourselves driving between the two cities. But even with all the travel, I enjoy having more time to pour into my passions and our community. And whenever I can, I love exploring new places and trying local foods, especially anything that doesn’t require me to cook.

Warm regards,

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Nominated Candidate for Division B Director

District 25 Toastmasters