

## Maria Tafur

I was born and raised in Bogotá, Colombia, and have proudly called Katy, Texas home since 2000. My love for dance began at Morton Ranch High School, where I had the honor of serving as Colonel for the Maverick Belles. That experience shaped my passion for leadership, teamwork, and creative expression- values that continue to guide me today.

I went on to earn my Bachelor's degree in Dance Education with a certification in Secondary Teaching from Texas State University, where I also danced with TRU Dance Project. After graduating, I returned to Morton Ranch High School as Assistant Dance Director, dedicating eight wonderful years to teaching, choreographing, and building both the varsity and junior varsity dance teams.

Throughout my career, I've had the opportunity to teach workshops for dance officers and team leaders, focusing on the logistics and mindset behind effective leadership. I've also been invited to choreograph and polish routines for teams across the greater Houston area; something that continues to bring me immense pride and joy.

Outside of the dance world, I've carried the same discipline, creativity, and attention to detail into my career as a bilingual real estate professional. Whether I'm helping a client find their dream home or refining choreography before a performance, my goal is always to inspire confidence, connection, and excellence.