



# Promotional Materials



**The Core** is a well-received quartet on the barbershop scene. Formed in early 2013, they rapidly grew as a top-end performing group and qualified for the annual international barbershop quartet contest where they placed 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since then, they have reached as high as 13th in the world..

**The Core** was founded on the belief that music is about sharing. This quartet formed to embark on a journey together. With the love of their families and the support of their friends, **The Core** is excited to share a part of their journey with you today.

Entertaining audiences through genuine and honest delivery of music is the goal of this foursome. From love ballads, inspirational music, traditional barbershop, and feature selections we hope you will enjoy their unique blend and artistry that makes them one of the top performing groups in the barbershop harmony society.



### **Mike “Nes” Nesler - Tenor**

Mike (Nes) first started singing barbershop while a member of the Bowling Green State University Men’s Chorus. He competed in a collegiate quartet called ***On The Rocks*** that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in an international contest. He has also performed with ***Rhythmix*** (with Hulk), ***Ringmasters*** (with Hulk) and ***Xtreme Measures***.

Mike is a Principal in Grove City Ohio at a 5-6 building. He lives in Grove City, Ohio with his wife Heather and their daughters Madison, Jordan and Riley.



### **Josh “Woobie” Van Gorder - Lead**

Josh (Woobie) was an accomplished quartet singer before he made his way to the Bowling Green State University Men’s Chorus, having competed internationally with a quartet called ***Turning Point***. He also recently sang in a quartet called ***Maverick*** (with Hulk).

Josh is the band director for 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in Spencerville Ohio. He is a musical leader at his church and is also an accomplished trumpeter. Josh lives in Spencerville, Ohio with his sons Joel and Carson.



### **Mike “Hulk” Hull - Baritone**

Mike (Hulk) is one of the two elder statesmen in the quartet. He's privileged to have performed multiple times at the international level. His previous quartets include ***Taggin' Around***, ***Rhythmix*** (with Nes), ***Ringmasters*** (with Nes) and ***Maverick*** (with Woobie).

Mike works for IBM as a Team Lead Support Engineer in Columbus Ohio, and is a passionate worship leader at his church. He lives in Grove City, Ohio with his wife Pam. (two grown college students ask for home cooked food occasionally)



### **Steve “Nino” Denino - Bass**

Steve (Nino) started singing just a few short years ago when he was only 13 years old. His first quartet was with his father and brothers and they were called ***Denino’s Home Grown Harmony***. Later, Steve was the bass of a quartet called ***Uptown Sound*** that went on to earn two 2<sup>nd</sup> place silver medals in international competition. He also sang with quartets called ***The Bowery Boys***, ***Ace in the Hole*** and ***The Entertainers***.

Steve is an IT Management Consultant in Columbus Ohio. He lives in Grove City, Ohio with his wife Kerry (a Sweet Adeline queen of harmony and international chorus director), their sons Sam and Nick.