



# AMERICAN DANCE/DRILL TEAM STAFF BIOS



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**Aleyda Aguirre** is originally from Edinburg, TX. She graduated from Edinburg High School in 2013, and was a 3-year officer of the Red and Blue Sergeanettes. After high school she was a part of the 74<sup>th</sup> Line World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. She is a graduate of Texas State University, where she majored in Exercise and Sports Science with a concentration in Health and Wellness Promotions. Aleyda became an ADTS Staff member in 2015.



**Lori Alexander** a native of Baytown, TX, where she grew up in the dance studio world. She majored in Dance at Stephen F. Austin State University as well as taught at Venetia's Studio in Nacogdoches, TX for 4 years. She is currently the Head Director of the Ross S. Sterling HS Stars. Lori started working for ADTS in 2010.

**Amy (Campbell) Anderson** is from Austin, TX. She attended Westwood HS, where she was a member and officer of the Sun Dancers. Amy is a former Kilgore College Rangerette and Swingster. She later attended the University of Texas in Austin, where she danced on the UT Pom Squad as well as with the Roustabout Dance Company. After college, she went on to become a member of the Houston Texans Cheerleaders. Amy has worked with ADTS since 2000.



**Alyssa Andrews** is from North Richland Hills, TX. She danced at Laura's Dance Dynamics before being a member, officer, and Captain of the Richland High School Dixie Belles. She went on to attend Sam Houston State University and is an Orange Pride Alumni. She is currently a dance teacher at MC Dance and plans to graduate from SHSU in 2022 to pursue a career in criminal profiling. Alyssa has been on ADTS Staff since 2019.

**Mariana Arreola** is from Pharr, TX. She attended PSJA Southwest HS, where she was a four year member, and major her senior year on Sapphires. Mariana attended the University of Rio Grande Valley where she majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Political Science. She graduated in May of 2020. Mariana joined the ADTS staff in 2018.



**Kristi (Creamer) Beaty** is from Duncanville and has been the Director of the Duncanville High Hats for 29 years. She is a graduate of Duncanville HS where she was a High Hat, and Texas State University where she was a member of the Strutters. She has been with ADTS since 1993 and served in many capacities including Novelty Staff Captain, Camp Manager, Instructor, Choreographer, Adjudicator and Contest Administrator. Her team has had the privilege of many special performance opportunities and Kristi was recently a Top 3 Finalist for TDEA Director of the Year.

**Morgan Birdsong** is from Baytown, TX. She graduated from Goose Creek Memorial High School in 2019 where she served a two time Captain. She is currently attending Lamar University and is Captain of the Lamar University Dance Team. She will be graduating in the Fall of 2022 with a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Dance. Morgan joined the ADTS Staff in 2019.





**Haley (Boatright) Goettsch** is a graduate of East View HS in Georgetown. She was a 4 year member of the Sparklers, and served as captain her senior year. She graduated from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, TX where she served as Captain on the HSU Spurs Dance Team. She is currently teaching English at Wylie HS in Abilene. Haley has been on ADTS Staff since 2015.

**Ashley Bonner** is from Austin, TX where she attended Lake Travis HS. Following high school, she was a member of the Kilgore College Rangerettes then earned her degree in Dance Education from Texas State University. Ashley has been on ADTS Staff since 2012.



**Rachel Bowsher** is from McKinney, TX, where she attended McKinney Boyd High School and was Sophomore Lieutenant and Junior/Senior Captain of the Bailadoras. Following high school, she was on the 80<sup>th</sup> Line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. Rachel currently attends Texas A&M University and is majoring in Dance Concentration. Rachel has been on ADTS staff since 2019.

**Halle Braswell** graduated from Corsicana HS in 2017, where she was a two-year officer on the Corsicana HS Calicos drill team. She then attended Blinn College and was a member of the NDA National Champion Blinn College Treasures. Halle graduated Cum Laude from the University of North Texas in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies and was also a member of the North Texas Dancers. Halle joined the ADTS staff in 2017.



**Morgan Bridges** is from Whitehouse, TX and went to Whitehouse HS. She was a member of the First Ladies Drill team and served as captain for two years. After high school, Morgan attended the University of Texas at Austin where she was a member of the Roustabouts Dance Company for four years. She majored in Public Relations and Journalism and graduated in 2016. She began working for ADTS in 2012.

**Kayla Bruner** is from Mansfield, TX and attended Mansfield High School. After high school, Kayla attended the University of Oklahoma where she was a director and lead choreographer for University Sing and Sooner Scandals. Kayla currently works at Cleburne High School where she is a math teacher and director of the Showstoppers Dance Team. She began working for ADTS in 2017.



**Erin Buckley** is from Killeen, TX, where she attended Ellison High School. Erin was a member of the Ellison Emerald drill team for four years and served as a spirit officer, Lieutenant, and Colonel. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. Erin currently works in financial analytics for Academy Sports and Outdoors. She has been an ADTS Staff member since 2014.



**Tiffany Burrell** is the Fine Arts Dance Coordinator, Dance Educator and Jazz Company Director at John Paul Stevens High School in Northside ISD of San Antonio. She attended Ellison HS where she was a member of the Emerald Dance Team, serving as an officer her junior and senior year. Upon graduation in 2004, Tiffany began working for ADTS. She earned her A.A. from McLennan Community College in 2006 where she danced with the MCC Dance Company. In 2006, Tiffany transferred to the University of Texas at San Antonio where she earned her B.A. and M.A. in Education and served as a member, Captain, then Assistant Director of the UTSA Dance Line.

**Kelsie Cain** is from Killeen, TX, where she began dancing at the age of two. She trained at various studios, and served as a top officer of the award winning Ellison High School Emeralds in 2009. Kelsie went on to Sam Houston State University where she received her Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Dance in May of 2014. At Sam Houston, Kelsie was part of the four-time national champion Orange Pride Dance Team. Kelsie now coaches for Dancin' Bluebonnets. She joined ADTS Staff in 2010.



**Jennifer Canales** is from Killeen, TX, where she served as Junior Lt. and Colonel of the Killeen High School Kangarettes. Jennifer continued her education at Texas A&M University, earning a B.S. in Kinesiology in 2005. She was the director of the Westside HS Pride Dance Team for 4 years. Upon hanging up her director's hat, Jennifer went on to earn a doctorate in physical therapy from the UT Health Science Center in San Antonio. She currently works as an outpatient orthopedic physical therapist. Jennifer has been a member of the ADTS staff since 2002.

**Tori Carney** is from Rockwall, TX. She graduated from Heath HS, where she was captain of the National award-winning Heath Highsteppers. Tori graduated from Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Performing Arts in Dance Performance in 2018. Tori was performing with Disney Cruise Line until COVID hit. She was friends with many Disney characters, and performed in different shows and venues across the ship. She is now teaching dance in the Rockwall area as we wait for cruising to make a come back!



**Brianna Cantu** is from Brownsville, TX. She graduated from Lopez HS and was a member of the Golden Stars Dance Team. She attended the University of Houston for three years and was a Cougar Doll. She graduated from the University of Rio Grande Valley with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications in 2018. She is currently the Director of Communications and Foundations at Saint Joseph Academy. Brianna has been on staff since 2017.

**Leticia Carr** is a graduate of West Mesquite HS. She received her Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Studies and Master of Education in Physical Education from Tarleton State University. Leticia has been the director of the West Mesquite HS dance team, the Ranger College dance team and the Tarleton State University dance team. She is currently an instructor in the Kinesiology Department at Tarleton State University. Leticia joined the ADTS Staff in 2003.



**Kenedie Casares** is from Edinburg, TX, and graduated from Robert Vela HS in 2017. Kenedie went on to become a member of the 78th line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes and Swingsters. She is currently attending Stephen F. Austin State University and is a member of the SFA Dance Team. Kenedie joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.



**Karina Cazares** is from Alamo, TX. She graduated from PSJA Memorial High School in 2018, where she was a 4 year member of the Dazzlers and served as Major for two years. Karina graduated from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and majored in Business Administration in Finance. She continues dancing as a NBA-G League dancer for the RGV Vipers basketball team as a Snake Charmer. Karina has been a part of ADTS Staff since 2018.

**Jadyn Champagne** graduated from Plano West Senior High in 2015 where she was a Royale and served as line officer her senior year. She was a member of the 77th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. Jadyn is currently attending the University of North Texas where she is pursuing a Kinesiology degree before pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree. Jadyn joined ADTS staff in 2019.



**Cerena Chaney** joined the ADTS staff in 2018. Cerena is from Ponca City, OK. She attended Ponca City HS, where she was a member of the Hi-Steppers Drill Team for four years, and served as captain her senior year. After graduating in 2015, Cerena attended Oklahoma City University as a Dance Pedagogy major, and graduated in 2020. She currently lives in Oklahoma City and works as the Office Manager & Dance Instructor at Dance Unlimited, and she serves as Pom Coach at Oakdale MS.

**Courtney Claborn** began working with ADTS in 1998. She is from McKinney, TX, and was a 4-year member of the McKinney HS Marquettes. Courtney graduated from Texas State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration. While attending TXST, Courtney was a 3-year member of the Strutters, spending two years as a Lieutenant. Courtney later receive her teaching certificate, and now enjoys being a 4th grade teacher in Lovejoy ISD.



**Brittany Claypool** has been on ADTS Staff since 2010. Brittany went to Jesuit College Prep and was a member of the Jesuit Rangerettes. She graduated from Southern Methodist University with a degree in History. Brittany is also a former member of the SMU Pom Squad. She is the currently the director of the Newman Smith HS Troyanns.

**Miranda Clifton** is from Huntington, TX. She graduated from HHS in 1998 and continued dancing as a Tyler Junior College Apache Belle. After graduation from UT Tyler, she started teaching high school business classes and became the director of the Huntington Highsteppers. She began working for ADTS in 1998.



**Kelly Clipper** joined the ADTS Staff in 2015. She was a member of the award winning Killeen HS Kangarettes for 4 years and held an officer position for 3. She is a recent graduate of the Dance Program of Sam Houston State University, and is now studying at TWU to be a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

**Mackenzie Cobb** is from Mansfield, TX. She attended Mansfield High School, was a member of the Gold Dusters and served as the Junior Lieutenant and Captain. She attended Tarleton State University for one year and was a part of the Texan Stars Dance Team. She is now attending the University of North Texas, where she is studying Dance. She started working for ADTS in 2020.



**Emilee Cochran** is from Pearland, TX. She graduated from Pearland HS in 2019 and was a four year member of the Pearland Prancers. She attended Blinn College, and was a member of the NDA National Champion Blinn College Treasures. Emilee is currently at Stephen F. Austin State University, where she is majoring in Early Childhood Education and is a member of the SFA Dance Team. She joined ADTS staff in 2020.

**Karlie Cole** is from Forney, TX. She spent most of her dance years at the Dance FX studio and graduated from Forney High School in 2019. Karlie has just finished her 2 years at Blinn College where they just received their 8th national title in a row. She now will attend Sam Houston State University where she will continue her dance career in the dance program.



**Kaytlyn Collier** is from Houston, TX. She graduated from Elkins HS in 2016 where she served as a dance officer for two years. She was then a member of the award winning Blinn College Treasures dance team for two years. She now attends Texas State University where she is a member of the Dance Department and working towards her BFA in Dance Education. She joined ADTS in 2018.

**Julianna Cook** is from McKinney, TX, where she graduated in 2019 from McKinney Boyd High School and was a member of the McKinney Boyd Bailadoras. Julianna was then a part of the 59th Line of the Trinity Valley Community College Cardettes, and served as Freshmen Representative and Lieutenant. She currently attends Texas A&M University and is majoring in Elementary Education. Julianna joined ADTS Staff in 2019.



**Staci Cook** is from Cedar Hill, TX where she was the Captain of the Cedar Hill Highsteppers. She graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelors in English and Education, and then went on to earn a Masters in Educational Administration from Texas A&M Commerce. Staci is the current Assistant Director of the McKinney Boyd HS Bailadoras, and is the Head Director of the McKinney Boyd JV Belles. Staci has worked for ADTS since 1991.

**Haley Corrigan** is from Killeen, TX and graduated from Killeen HS in 2017. Haley was a member of the Kangarette dance team for 4 years and officer for 2 years. Haley currently works at The Best Dance Factory in Mineral Wells, is working closely with the MWHS Dance Team, and is teaching at Artistry in Motion Performing Arts Center. She has been on staff with ADTS since 2018.



**Maddie Cothrun** is from Richardson, Texas. She joined the ADTS staff after graduating from JJ Pearce High School in 2014. After high school, she went on to dance as a Kilgore College Rangerette for two years. She graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelors of Arts in University Studies: Dance Concentration in May 2018. She is currently the assistant director of the JJ Pearce HS Pacesetters.



**Emma Cox** is from Rockwall, TX, where she graduated in 2015 as the Stingerette Captain and a member of the Dance FX Senior Team. She was then selected as a member of the 76th line of Kilgore College Rangerettes and Swingsters. She continued her studies at SFA where she was a fall captain for the SFA Dance Teams. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Dance in 2019, and since then she has been the Choreographer for the Trinity Valley Community College Cardettes! Emma joined the ADTS Staff in 2016.

**Diane Craig** graduated from SFA with her Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She was the 1993 Captain of the National Champion SFA Dance Team. Diane has directed for 25 years. She has had the privilege of directing her teams to 8 National Championships, Tournament of Roses Parade opening dance number, Super Bowl halftime and the Aloha Performance Team performance at Pearl Harbor. She is currently the head director for the Sachse HS Swingsters.



**Holly (Chappell) Crosby** is a graduate of Olathe North High School and The University of Kansas. She has directed, assisted and choreographed for studio company programs, dance team programs, events, videos and independent projects over the years. She was a featured choreographer for TDEA, Jazz Teacher of the Year, Director of the Year, and guest speaker and artist for several dance workshops. Holly joined the ADTS family in 1996.

**Nevaeh Davis** is from Huntington, TX. She graduated in 2020 from Huntington High School, where she was a Huntington Highstepper and served as Captain for two years. She is currently a member of the 81st line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. Nevaeh joined the ADTS Staff in 2020.



**Alexis De Leon** is from Pharr, TX, where she graduated from PSJA North Early College High in 2020. While attending PSJA North she was a 4 year member of the PSJA North Raiderettes and served 2 years as Lieutenant. Alexis is currently attending the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, where she is a member of the UTRGV Dance Team and is majoring in Kinesiology and minoring in Dance. Alexis has been on ADTS Staff since 2020.

**Sara Denman** is from Garland, TX where she graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS in 2016. She held the positions of Junior Lieutenant and then Captain her senior year on the Sweethearts. She also danced on the senior team at Dance FX Studio. She was Captain of the Kilgore College Rangerettes, and now attends Texas State University. She joined ADTS Staff in 2017.



**Melissa Diamond** joined the ADTS Dance Staff in 2001. She is a Houston native and graduate of Aldine HS, where she was a member of the Vaquera Dance Team. Melissa holds a BS in Dance with a minor in Health and Wellness Promotions from Texas State University and an MFA in Dance from Sam Houston State University. She has served as a dance educator and in the Houston and Dallas areas at Eisenhower HS, R.L. Turner HS and Elkins HS. Melissa currently lives in San Antonio and works in the Corporate Health and Wellness Field.



**Rachel Dodson** has been with American since 2001 and is the Military Staff Captain. She danced at McLennan Community College and North Lake College before receiving a bachelor's degree from UT Dallas, and a master's degree from UNT. Rachel works with many teams in the DFW area and has choreographed over 25 National Champion routines. She is an elementary school librarian and mom to two boys.

**Kelsey Duncan** grew up in Austin, TX and graduated from James Bowie HS in 2012. She was selected to be on the 73rd line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes and a Swingster. She then attended Baylor University, where she graduated with a BS in Nutrition Sciences in 2017. Kelsey is a Drill Team Director for the Trinity Christian Academy Trojanettes. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2019.



**Elisabeth Eckles** is from Whitehouse, TX, where she graduated from Whitehouse High School and served as the Captain of the First Ladies. She then became a member of the 80th line of Kilgore College Rangerettes and was the Captain. Elisabeth now attends Texas A&M University and is majoring in Dance Concentration. She has been on ADTS staff since 2019.

**Izzy Emmons** is from Belton, TX, where she graduated from Belton High School in 2021. She was a member of the Belton High School Varsity Magic Belles, plus a member of the Super Elite and Elite 2 teams at Dance Works Plus. Izzy is attending the University of Oklahoma to major in Marketing in the fall of 2021.



**Hannah Ethridge** graduated from Cedar Hill High School in 2020. She was a Cedar Hill Highstepper and was Junior Lieutenant her junior year and Captain her senior year. Hannah was also a part of the Dance FX studio. She currently attends Pepperdine University as a Communication Studies major. Hannah joined the ADTS Staff in 2020.

**Ivana Evans** graduated from Guyer HS in 2016 where she served as a Silverados Officer her senior year. She then attended Prairie View A&M University. She has been the owner of Happy Feet Dance Company since 2011, and is currently the Assistant Director at Sam Houston MSTC High School and Director of the Tiger Crew Hip Hop Team. She began working for ADTS in 2017.



**Allison Fields** has been working for ADTS since 2010. She is the Head Coach of the Texas Woman's University Pioneer Pride Dance Team. Allison was a two-year Lieutenant for the Poteet HS Belles. In 2010 Allison graduated from Texas Woman's University, where she earned her B. A. in Dance, and she is currently working towards her Master's Degree in Higher Education at the University of North Texas. Prior to coaching at TWU, Allison spent five years working in her hometown of Mesquite directing the Poteet HS Belles.



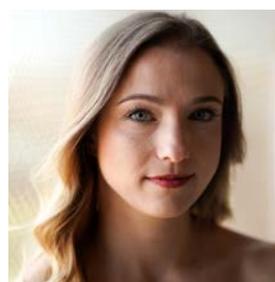
**Sarah (Barland) Flisowski** is a graduate of Orangefield HS, where she was a charter member of the Sophisticates drill team. She then went to Blinn Jr. College and was a member of the Nationally ranked Blinn College Treasures. Sarah is a graduate of SouthWest Texas State University with a degree in Exercise Sports Science, a minor in Political Science and a graduate of Prairie View A&M with a Master's in Physical and Health Education. She is the Spirit Coordinator and Head Dance Coach at Blinn College, where the dance team has won multiple ADTS Collegiate titles and NDA Pom and Team Dance titles. Sarah has been an ADTS Staff member since 2001.

**Thelma Flores** is from Garland, TX where she attended North Garland HS and was a three-year member of the Mam'selles Drill Team. Thelma graduated from Texas State University in 2016. After graduation, she was a member of the Dallas Sidekicks Dancers for the 2016-2017 season and is currently a Frisco Fighters Bombshell. Thelma is a drill team assistant director and a country and western director in Richardson ISD. She has began working for ADTS in 2016.



**Tasha Franklin** graduated from Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Before Tasha attended TWU, she was a part of the TVCC Cardettes as a Lieutenant. Currently, she is the director of the Irving HS Toy Tigers and Hip-Hip Instructor for United Performing Arts Center. Tasha started working for ADTS in 2006.

**Savanna Fredrickson** is from Rowlett TX. She went to Sachse HS and was Captain of the Swingsters. She was then a World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette on the 74th line. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University and was a member of the SFA Dance Team. Savanna is currently a dance instructor at XD2 studio, DFX Studio, Rockwall Dance Academy, and Rockwall Acting Studio. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2013.



**Kimberly Fulmer** graduated from Wakeland HS in 2011. She was a member of the Legacy Line, where she served as Lieutenant her senior year. Kimberly holds a BFA in Contemporary Dance from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. She had the opportunity to perform as a guest artist with Bruce Wood Dance Project and Malashock Dance. Kimberly became a member of the Trisha Brown Dance Company in NYC in 2017. She is currently working on a MFA in Dance through the University of Utah. Kimberly joined ADTS Staff in 2011.



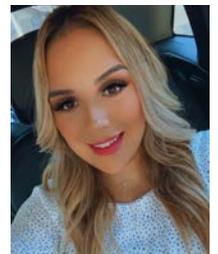
**Meg Funderburk** is a recent graduate from Texas Woman's University with a Bachelors in Dance Studies. Over the four years of attending TWU, she had the opportunity to dance for Ting Ting Chang as well as several other professors in the dance department. Before TWU, she served two years as an officer of the Corsicana HS Calicos. She has worked for American since 2013.

**Ally Galitz** graduated from Sachse High School, where she was a 3 year member of the Sachse Swingsters and served as Captain her senior year. She was also a part of The Dance FX company for 6 years. Ally currently attends Sam Houston State University, where she is a member of the 10x National Champion Orange Pride Dance Team. She is majoring in English and minoring Secondary Education. She joined ADTS staff in 2019.



**Angie (Garcia) Goss** is from Baytown, Texas. She graduated from Robert E. Lee HS, where she was top officer on the drill team for two years. She graduated from Sam Houston State University with a Bachelor's in Dance. Angie was a member of the SHSU Orange Pride Dance Team from 2015 to 2016. She graduated from SHSU in May of 2019, and is currently teaching dance in North Carolina. She has been a ADTS staff member since 2015.

**Victoria Garcia** is from San Juan, TX. She attended PSJA High School, where she was a member of the Bearettes and served as Sophomore Sergeant, Jr Lieutenant and Major. She graduated in 2018 from Texas State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Victoria currently works at LBJ Middle School and is the Director of the Steppers. She has been on ADTS staff since 2018.



**Alexa Garza** is from Garland, TX where she graduated from Naaman Forest High School & served as 1st Lieutenant of the Sterling Stars for two years. Alexa went on to become a member of the 74th Line Kilgore College Rangerettes and then graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. Alexa has been with ADTS since 2014. She is currently teaching at the Centre for Dance in Richardson, TX.

**Alyssa Garza** is originally from Pharr, TX and attended PSJA North High School where she served as Freshman Sergeant, Sophomore Lieutenant, Junior Co-Captain, and Senior Captain. Alyssa was a member of the 70th Line of Kilgore College Rangerettes. She then transferred to The University of Texas at Austin, where she served as a member of Texas Pom for one year and graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders in 2013. Upon receiving her Master's degree in 2015, Alyssa began practicing as a Speech Language Pathologist for PSJA ISD. Alyssa has been a member of the ADTS Staff since 2009.



**Vianey Garza** is from Pharr, TX where she attended PSJA North HS. Vianey was a PSJA North Raiderette, serving as a freshman Sergeant, sophomore line officer, and a junior and senior Lieutenant. After high school, she pursued dance by becoming a CBA Silverado dancer and later received a Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders from Texas State University. Vianey is currently an elementary special education teacher for the PSJA ISD. Vianey has been on ADTS staff since 2007.



**Abby Glantz** is from Dallas, Texas. She joined American Staff in 2010 and is the Pom Staff Captain. Abby is a former Kilgore College Rangerette and former Captain of the Richardson High School Eaglettes. She holds a Bachelor's of Science in Behavior Analysis and Psychology from The University of North Texas. Currently, Abby is working in the film and television industries. A few projects include a television series for the USA Network, a James Franco film, and a Richard Linklater film.

**Laura Guidry** was born in Jacksonville where she graduated from Jacksonville HS in 2005. She was a member of the Cherokee Charmers for four years and served as Junior Lieutenant and Captain. After high school, she went on to dance as member of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes 66th Line then graduated from Stephen F. Austin University with a BA in History and minor in Dance. She is blessed to be the current director of the Jacksonville HS Cherokee Charmers. Laura has served as an ADTS staff member since 2011.



**Katey Guinn** is from Dallas, TX. She is a graduate of Booker T. Washington HS for the Performing and Visual Arts and graduated from Studio School at Los Angeles Center Studios with a BFA in Commercial Dance. Katey has trained with many renowned choreographers and has been featured in several music videos as well as the movie Step Up: All In. She is a freelance choreographer for many state and national winning teams in hip hop, jazz, and contemporary. She has been on American Staff since 2015.

**Victoria Hackney** is from Missouri City, TX, where she graduated from Elkins HS in 2014. She joined the Elkins Elite Dance Team and served as Captain for two years. Victoria graduated from Texas Tech University in 2018, where she studied dance and education. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.



**Jazmine Hampton** is from North Richland Hills, Texas where she was a Richland HS Dixie Belle and officer. She completed a year with the McLennan Community College Dance Company where she earned a National Championship in 2017. She went on to complete two years as a member and Captain of the University of Texas at Arlington Dance Team. Jazmine earned a Bachelors of Science in Psychology with a minor in Biology in December 2019 and is pursuing a career in medicine. She joined ADTS staff in 2016.

**Kristen (Jones) Hankins** is originally from Mineola, TX where she danced at Dance Dimensions. She then attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where she was a member of the dance team. She is currently the Director of Spirit and Traditions at Baylor University. In previous years, she has been the Head Dance/Cheer Coach at Wayland Baptist University, Assistant Dance Director at McLennan Community College, and Assistant Dance Director at Stephen F. Austin State. She started working for ADTS in 2003.





**Charlotte Hanna** graduated from East View HS after four years as 1st Lieutenant of the Sparklers Dance Team. She also danced competitively with the Performing Arts Studio Dance Troupe while living in Georgetown. She went on to continue her education at the University of Texas at Austin, and graduated in May 2018. She now teaches elementary school at Meridian World School in Round Rock, TX. Charlotte has been on ADTS Staff since 2014.

**Olivia Hargreaves** is from Olathe, Kansas. She went to Olathe East HS where she was Captain of the Talons Dance Team. She danced on the University of Arkansas Pom Squad for three years before transferring to the University of Kansas Medical Center to pursue her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. She now resides in Dallas and works for Frisco ISD as an Occupational Therapist. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2010.



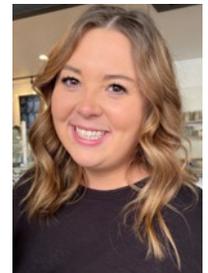
**Morgan Harley** is from North Richland Hills, TX. She attended Richland High School and was captain of the Dixie Belles. She graduated from Baylor University with a Master of Taxation. Morgan is currently a Senior Tax Associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dallas. She started working for ADTS in 2009.

**Christy Hawkins** is from Killeen, TX. She went to Ellison High School and was a member of the Ellison Emeralds. She is an alumni of the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and is the director of the UMHB Sader Belle Dance team. She also teaches dance at Ellison High School and directs the JV dance team. She has been on staff at ADTS since 2011.



**Ekena Hawkins** is from Arlington, TX. She was on the Juan Seguin HS Starline Dance Team, and performed in jazz & hip hop dance crews and shows throughout college. She received her Bachelor's Degree in English Language Arts from the University of North Texas, and her Master's Degree in Educational Technology & Leadership from Lamar University. She is the director of the Trinity HS Troy-Anns Drill Team and Trinity Dance Department. Ekena joined the ADTS Staff in 2011.

**Gabby Hawkins** is from Killeen, TX. She graduated in 2013 from Ellison High School, where she was a four-year member of the award-winning Emeralds Dance Team, and served as Lieutenant her junior year and Captain her senior year. In May of 2017 she graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Tourism, with minors in Sports Management and Communications. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2013.



**Carly Heard** is from Marshall, TX, where she was a part of the Marshall Mavette Drill Team for 3 years, serving as Lieutenant her junior year and Captain her senior year. She is currently pursuing her BFA in Dance at Sam Houston State with a minor in Kinesiology. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2020.

**Haley Belle Hearron** is from Blanchard, LA. She graduated from Northwood High School in 2020, where she was a part of the Falcon Line for three years and was an officer for two years. She now attends the University of Louisiana at Monroe and is a part of the ULM Hawkline. Haley Belle is majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Dance, and is currently the dance coach for Sterlington HS. Haley Belle has been an ADTS Staff member since 2020.



**Christina Hedding** lives in Flower Mound, TX and is the owner of Footlights Dance Studio. She went to RL Turner High School and was a RL Turner Lionette. She attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a dance major. She began working for ADTS in 1990.

**Diana Henderson** is from Corpus Christi, TX. She graduated from Richard King HS and was a member of the Royalettes dance team. Diana was a Texas State Strutter and is a graduate of Texas State University. Diana has served as a 9-year drill team director, 5-year assistant director, 12-year varsity cheer coach and retired after 34 years as a dance educator in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Diana joined the ADTS Staff in 2015.



**Alice Henrichsen** is from Orangefield, TX. She attended Orangefield HS and was a 4-year member of the Sophisticats. She continued dancing at Blinn College for 2 years as a member of the Blinn College Treasures and finished her Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology at the University of Texas at Austin. She currently teaches dance, as well as directs the Lee HS Celebrities and JV Belles dance teams. Alice has been with ADTS since 1999.

**Heather Hill** is from Marshall, TX where she attended Marshall HS and was on the Mavette Drill Team for 3 years, serving as Lieutenant her junior year and Captain her senior year. She attended the University of Texas at Austin where she trained at various dance studios and majored in Education. After graduation, she moved home and began her teaching career at Marshall HS where she is the director of the Mavettes. She began working for ADTS in 2017.



**Macy Hill** is from Waxahachie, Texas, where she attended Waxahachie HS and was a junior lieutenant and then senior captain. After high school, she went to Tyler Junior College where she was an Apache Belle for 2 years. She is a graduate of the nursing program at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and new ICU nurse at Mansfield Methodist. She has been with ADTS since 2014.

**Rachel Hill** is from Belton, TX. She has been the Director of the Belton High School Magic Belles since 2009. She is a graduate of Belton High School and was a Magic Belle. Rachel received her degree in English from the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and was a member of the Sader Belles Dance Team. Rachel has been a member of the ADTS Staff since 2013.





**Brooke Hiller** is currently at Texas A&M University majoring in Sociology and then plans to attend Paramedic school. She grew up dancing in the Austin area and was a member of the Lake Travis Cavalettes her freshman year of high school. She is an alumna of the Tremaine National Performance Company after three years of being a company member. She is a group fitness instructor at Texas A&M where she teaches the jazz specialty class and dance cardio classes. Brooke joined the American staff in 2016.

**Marla Hiller** is from Austin, Texas where she attended McCallum HS and served as Dance Team Captain. She holds a BS in Education at the University of Texas in Austin with Certifications in Secondary Physical Education & English and a Dance Certification from Texas State University. She was the dance team director at McCallum High School for one year, then was the dance team director/dance instructor at Anderson High School in Austin for 10 years, and is now a substitute dance teacher. She joined the American staff in 2016.



**Christina Hinchey** began working with ADTS in 2004. Originally from Durant, Oklahoma, she spent 3 seasons with the Oklahoma Shakespearean Festival repertory theatre company. Christina graduated from SOSU with a BA in Public Relations and Theatre Management and Promotion. She has taught Dance and Directed Drill teams in the DFW area for over 13 years and served as the warehouse logistics manager for Texas Motion Sports. She is currently the director of the Richardson HS Eaglettes.

**Haley Hockenberry** is from Nacogdoches, TX. She graduated from Nacogdoches HS in 2017 where she served as Captain of the Dragonettes her junior and senior years. She was a member of the 78<sup>th</sup> line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. She now attends USC in Los Angeles and is majoring in Biochemistry in hopes of becoming a research oncologist. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.



**Jennifer Hodge** obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance Education and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Sports Science from Texas State University, where she was a member of the “Southwest Texas Strutters” college dance team. After spending many years coaching at the high school and collegiate level, she is now a consultant and choreographer for studios, high schools, colleges and professional dance teams across the United States. Jennifer has work for ADTS for over 20 years.

**Claire Hodges** is from Cedar Park, TX where she attended Cedar Park HS and was a member of the Celebrities Dance Team. She went on to Kilgore College to be a World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette. She plans to attend Texas Christian University to continue her dance education. She joined the American Staff in 2020.



**Natasha (Newbrough) Holvey** was the Captain of Rowlett HS Rhythmettes and Silver Rhythm Dancers. Natasha was a Dallas Mavericks Dancer during the 2007-2008 season and is featured on the cover of the book *Dance Team* by Mary Kay Coachman. Natasha has a BS in Industrial Engineering from the University of Texas in Arlington and a MS in Systems Engineering from Southern Methodist University. Natasha has worked for ADTS since 2007 and is currently a lead corporate strategist at AT&T.



**Amy Huff** is from Irving, TX where she graduated from MacArthur HS. She was a member of the Cardettes drill team and served as Captain for the 1994-95 school year. She graduated from TCU in 2000 and was a TCU Showgirl for three years. She earned her BA in History and received her teaching certification in dance education, and directed the Lake Dallas HS Highsteppers for 12 years. Amy has been a staff member for ADTS since 2003.

**April Hunt** is originally from Victoria, TX where she is a graduate from Victoria HS. She is a Cum Laude graduate of Texas State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. She teaches dance and is the dance team director at Morton Ranch HS in Katy ISD. She was ADTS Rookie of the Year in 1998 and MRHS Teacher of the Year in 2015. April has been on ADTS Staff since 1998.



**Dana Hunt** was born in Omaha, Nebraska. She is a graduate of Hastings High School and The University of Kansas. She is a freelance dance instructor, adjudicator and choreographer. She is so proud to have been a part of the ADTS family since 2000!

**Lori Hutson** is currently the Dance Director at Murchison Middle School in Austin, TX. She's been teaching Dance, PE, and Health since 1998 all over the United States. She has been the director of various dance and cheer teams, and coached numerous sports teams all over. She graduated from Clements High School. Lori became an Athletic Trainer for the University of Texas at Austin Football Team, where she graduated in 1998 with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Lori serves ADTS as an adjudicator during contest season.



**Yoanna (Cantu) Isas** resides in Mont Belvieu, TX. She attended Lee High School where she was on the Celebrities dance team and served as Colonel for two years. Yoanna attended Blinn College, was on the Treasures Dance team and was Co-Captain her second year. She also danced for the Stephen F. Austin Pom Squad, where she received her Bachelor's in Kinesiology. She is currently the Assistant Director for the Sterling High School Stars and Sapphires. Yoanna has been an ADTS Staff member since 2007.

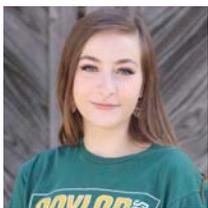
**Natalie Jecmenek** graduated from Rockwall Heath HS in 2017, where she was a member and officer of the Highsteppers and a member of the Mpact Dance Company. She was a 4 year member of the Orange Pride Dance Team. Natalie currently attends Sam Houston State University as an Education major and Dance minor and will graduate in December 2021. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2017.





**Keilin Jeter** is originally from Tyler, TX. She graduated from Whitehouse HS where she served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. her junior year and Captain her senior year of the First Ladies. Keilin was a part of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. Keilin graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Sciences and was a member of the Aggie Dance Team. She started working for ADTS in 2015.

**Heather Johansen** is from Garland, TX, where she was a lifelong member of The Dance FX Studio. After high school, Heather attended Stephen F Austin State University, where she was a member of the 15x National Champion SFA Dance Teams. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science from SFA in 2017, she went on to earn her Master of Business Administration from Texas Woman's University. Heather has been on staff since 2014.



**Aubrey Jordan** is from Georgetown, TX. She graduated from East View High School, was an East View Sparkler and served as Captain her senior year. Aubrey currently attends Baylor University, working on a pre-law degree in Political Science with a double minor in English and Criminal Justice. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2020.

**Jenna Judkins** is from San Marcos, TX. She is a 2015 graduate of San Marcos HS where she spent four years on the award-winning Diamond Line Dance Team and served as Captain her senior year. She attended Kilgore College as a member of the 77<sup>th</sup> line of Rangerettes. She is currently completing her BBA in Accounting at Texas State University and was a member of the Texas State University Strutters. Jenna began working for ADTS in 2017.



**Riley Kimble** is from Baytown, TX, where she attended Sterling High School. She was a member of the Sterling Stars drill team for four years, and was a two year officer, serving as Colonel her senior year. Riley currently attends Texas State University and is majoring in Psychology. She has been a member of the ADTS Staff since 2021.

**Carolyn S. Lang**, originally from Carrollton, TX, is a former R.L. Turner High School Lionette Lieutenant, Tyler Junior College Apache Belle Dance Captain, and Texas Tech Pom Squad Captain. She has also danced professionally as a member of the Kansas City Wizard Girls (MLS), Kansas City Brigade Girls (AFL), and Kansas City Chiefs Cheerleaders (NFL). Carolyn is currently the owner and Creative Director of A Body In Motion The Studio in Carrollton and has been honored to work for ADTS since 1991.



**Brittany Lassiter** is from Corsicana, TX where she was a member of the Calicos Dance Team serving as a Lieutenant for two years. She danced at McLennan Community College where they were ranked #1 at ADTS Nationals and #3 at NDA Nationals. Brittany was as the Calicos Dance Team Assistant Director from 2007-2011, and returned in 2014 to take on the Director position where she still currently serves. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2005.

**Chrissy (Clay) Lenart** has been on American Staff since 2010. She is a former member of the McLennan Community College Dance Team from 2008-2010. From 2010-2012, she was a member of the Oklahoma University Pom Squad. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Arts and Sciences. She was the assistant director at MCC for several years and loved her time there! She is currently the Head Coach of UTSA Pom.



**Amy Liefer** is from Kingwood, TX and has been working for ADTS since 2009. She attended from Kingwood HS and was a member of the Kingwood Fillies Dance Team. Amy graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Nutrition/Dietetics. While at Auburn, she was a three-year member of the Tiger Paws dance team. Amy went on to be an Atlanta Falcons Cheerleader for the next five years, where she had the privilege of dancing at Super Bowl 51. She is currently the Head Coach of the Texas A&M Aggie Dance Team.



**Madeleine Lindholm** is from Richardson, TX. During her high school years, she was not only a line member of her schools' drill team, but also served as one of the top officers each of those years. Following graduation from Plano Senior High in 2016, Madeleine went on to become a Kilgore College Rangerette and Swingster. She currently attends Texas State University and is a member of the Strutters. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2016.



**Lauren (Cabrera) Longoria** is from Pharr, TX. She graduated from PSJA North HS in 2011 and was Captain of the Raiderettes dance team. She was a member of the 73<sup>rd</sup> line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. Lauren then graduated from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. She is currently the assistant director for the Donna High School D'ettes. She has been on ATDS Staff since 2011.



**Caroline (Roberts) Luckau** is from Waxahachie, TX where she attended Waxahachie HS and was a four-year member of the Cherokee Charmers. She moved on to Texas State University where she graduated with her BFA in Dance Education. Caroline is the former Assistant Director to the Southern Belles drill team and head director of the JV Dixie Darlings at South Garland High School. She is currently the dance company director at Sam Houston High School in Arlington ISD. Caroline has been on ADTS Staff since 2012.



**Lauren Lyle** is from Waxahachie, TX and graduated from Waxahachie High School in 2017. She was a WHS Cherokee Charmer for four years and served as 1st Lieutenant her senior year. In college, she danced for the SHSU Orange Pride Dance Team for one year before transferring to DBU, where she danced with the Patriettes for two years. Currently, she serves as the graduate assistant for the DBU Patriettes. She joined ADTS staff in 2018.



**Kaeli Magill** is from Mansfield, TX. She attended Mansfield HS where she was a four year member and two year officer of the Gold Dusters. She is currently studying Political Science at Stephen F. Austin State University and is on the SFA Dance Team. She started working for ADTS in 2020.



**Trudy Mahnich** is from Richardson, TX, where she attended Richardson HS. During high school, she was a member of Tuzer Ballet's Dance Company and a 2-year member of the Eaglettes, serving as Lieutenant her senior year. She is continuing her education at the University of North Texas where she is majoring in Kinesiology. She has been on ADTS staff since 2019.

**Norma Marquardt** attended Deer Park HS and graduated from Reagan HS after her family moved to Austin. She went to the University of Dallas where she received her BA in Political Philosophy. She received her Master of Education at Texas Wesleyan. Norma served as the Director of the Lady Panther Dance Team at Pflugerville High School from 1988-1998, where she developed and implemented the district's first high school dance program. She joined the ADTS staff in 1999.



**Monique (Rocha) Martin** is from Del Rio, TX. She attended Texas Woman's University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Dance in 2005, as well as her Master of Arts in Teaching in 2009. She has also completed her Principal Certification with Lamar University. She has had the privilege of performing with TWU's International Folk Dance Company and Dance Works Repertoire, Muscle Memory Dance Theatre, and CholoRock Dance Theatre. Monique has been on the American Staff since 2006.

**Mattie Mathis** is from Killeen, TX and is a 2015 graduate of Killeen High School. She was a four-year member of the award-winning Kangarettes. She is currently attending Stephen F. Austin State University where she is on the SFA Dance Team under the direction of T.J Maple. She started working for ADTS in 2016.



**Brooke McGrew** is originally from Garland, TX. She graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS where she was the captain of the 40<sup>th</sup> line of the Yankee Doodle Sweethearts. She graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Forensic Anthropology with a minor in Psychology. She now attends Tarleton State University to pursue a second Bachelors degree in Nursing. She joined the ADTS staff family in 2017.

**Mila McQueen** has been on ADTS Staff since 1999. She found her love of drill team while attending Carter HS in Dallas where she was a Calico from 1995-1998 and captain her senior year. She attended ADTS camp at SMU and performed as an All American in Washington DC and Paris, France. Mila has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she was on the dance team. She was the director at Desoto Freshman Campus from 2008-2013, and has been with Cedar Hill ISD since 2008 as head of the dance department and director of the award-winning Highsteppers.





**Rachel Meents** is from Houston, TX where she went to Westside High School. After high school, she was member of the 74<sup>th</sup> Line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. She transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Dance. She is currently at Sam Houston State University pursuing a Master of Fine Arts degree in Dance. She joined the American Dance Staff in 2017.

**Tracy Melendez** has been a staff member of ADTS since 1983, judging, choreographing and teaching at the regional, state and national levels. A 1987 graduate of Texas Tech University, Tracy holds a Bachelor of Science in Education, and is certified in Dance, History and Physical Education. Tracy has been teaching dance professionally for 31 years, the last ten spent in Georgetown ISD as director of the East View Sparklers Dance Team. Though she currently resides in Belton, Texas, Tracy graduated from Lakeview Centennial High School and is originally from Rowlett, Texas.



**Debbie Mendez** is from Victoria Tx and attended Victoria High School. She was a member of the Victoriadore Drill Team and served as 1st Senior Captain. Debbie then attended Southwest Texas State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education, Specialization - Dance, and a Minor in Health Education. She has taught dance in Austin, Lake Travis, and Victoria ISDs. Debbie retired from public education in May 2015. She has worked for American Dance/Drill Team since 1992.

**Bailey Miley** is originally from Caddo Mills, Texas where she attended Caddo Mills HS, and was Captain of the Foxettes her junior and senior years. She recently graduated with honors from Tyler Junior College, where she served as Head Dance Captain of the Internationally Famous Tyler Junior College Apache Belles. She currently attends Texas A&M where she is a member of the Dance Program working to obtain her B.S. in Kinesiology: Dance Science. She started working for ADTS in 2017.



**Lily Miller** graduated from Midlothian Heritage HS. She was a charter member of the Heritage Belles, where she served in various leadership positions, including 1st Lieutenant her senior year. Lily attends Tyler Junior College, where she is a part of the Apache Belles 74th line and is majoring in Dance. She joined the ADTS staff in 2019.

**Mallory Miner** has been on American Staff since 2011 following her graduation from Whitehouse HS. She attended the University of North Texas on full scholarship where she earned a double degree in both Dance and Accounting with a minor in Education. Mallory went on to be the Assistant Drill Team Director at Shepton HS in Plano, TX, and is currently the Head Director of the Blue Angels at Little Elm HS.





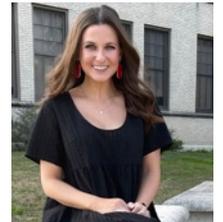
**Maddie Minser** joined the ADTS Staff in 2016. She graduated from Whitehouse HS in 2015. She was a member of the World Famous Rangerettes at Kilgore College. She recently graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Political Science, and currently works for the Tyler Police Department.

**Macie Moore** is from Bridge City, TX. She graduated from Bridge City High School in 2019, and was a Bridge City Strutter, serving as captain her senior year. Macie is a member of the 80th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. She is finishing her degree at Lamar University and plans to become a high school drill team director and teacher after graduating. She started working for ADTS in 2020.



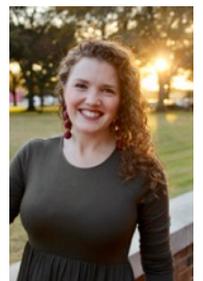
**Mariah Mueller** is from Killeen, Texas. She is a graduate of Killeen High School where she was a 4-year member and a 3-year officer with the Kangarettes. She graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in dance and theater in 2017. She is now teaching theatre at her alma mater, Killeen High School. She has worked with ADTS since 2012.

**Christina (Vickers) Neal** is from Kerrville, TX where she attended Tivy HS. She was a member of the Tivy Golden Girls and held an officer position for two years. She graduated Cum Laude from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2018 with a major in Dance Education and minor in Communications. Christina is currently the Head Dance and Spirit Director at Thomas Jefferson High School. She joined ADTS in 2017.



**Sarah Noble** graduated from Plano Senior High School where she served as an officer for the Planoettes during her senior year. She then attended Baylor University where she studied elementary education. After graduating in 2014, she became a Kindergarten teacher in Plano ISD. When she's not working with 5 and 6 year olds, she enjoys choreographing for and working with local high school drill teams. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2010.

**Kayla Norman** is from Bridge City, TX where she was the Captain of the Strutters Drill Team. After high school she was a World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette and Swingster. Once she left Kilgore, she attended Texas Woman's University where she obtained a Bachelor's degree in Dance. She is currently the Director of the Whitehouse High School First Ladies Drill Team, where she has been for the past 12 years. She started working for ADTS in 2005.



**Kelly Norman** is from Dallas, Texas and is the former captain of her high school drill team. She has been on the ADTS staff since 1990. She has a BFA in Dance from Texas Women's University and has been teaching dance for over 25 years. Kelly is the director of the Bishop Dunne HS Falconettes Dance Team and is the dance company director at the DREAM Dance Conservatory.

**Nicole Numa** has been on American staff since 2007. She attended Sam Houston HS in Arlington, TX and was a member of the Tex-Anne's drill team, serving as Captain her senior year. She went on to graduate from the University of Memphis with a degree in Dance and minor in English. She also holds two advanced degrees: M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix and a M.Ed. from the University of Texas at Arlington. Nicole was the dance team director at Richland HS from 2003-2017. Nicole is currently the MHS Dance Department and Gold Dusters Director at Mansfield HS.



**Nicole Ortmeier**, a Richardson native, danced at Talent 'N More Dance Centre and as a Bandolera at Berkner HS. In 2009, during her freshman year at Baylor University, Nicole joined the ADTS contest staff family. Now living in Dallas, she is a makeup artist and spray tan technician, working with wedding parties, on senior portraits, styled shoots and campaigns.

**Ema Osborne** is from Georgetown, TX, where she attended East View High School and served as a social officer, Jr. Lieutenant, and Captain of the Sparklers dance team, before graduating in 2016. She attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Dance Education. Ema spent 2 years on the SFA dance team and was also a member of the SFA Repertory Dance Company. She currently is the Assistant Director at Dance Empower in Georgetown, TX. Ema began working for ADTS in 2016.



**Kailey Padierna** is from Victoria, TX. She went to St. Joseph High School and was a four year member of the Starlighters, serving as captain her senior year. Kailey currently attends Stephen F. Austin State University and is majoring in Dance Education. She was on the SFA Dance Team her freshman year and is now a part of the Repertory Dance Company. Kailey joined ADTS Staff in 2020.

**Bailey Parker** is from Harker Heights, Tx. She graduated from Ellison High School where she was a member of the Emeralds dance team for four years. During her time as an Emerald, Bailey served as Lieutenant, Captain, and Colonel. She currently attends Texas A&M university where she is majoring in Allied Health. Bailey joined ADTS staff in 2021!



**Antonia Parrish-Brooks** is from Killeen, TX. She is a graduate of Killeen High School where she was a four year member of the Kangarettes. Antonia graduated from Texas State University with a BFA in Dance Education in 2017. She is currently the director of the Copperas Cove HS Copperettes. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2018.

**Angela Pina** started working for ADTS in 1997. She has been a spirit director and dance teacher for over 20 years. She currently works at Warren HS in Northside ISD in San Antonio, TX where she serves as the Pep Squad Director, Fine Arts Dance Teacher, and Spirit Coordinator.





**Alissa Powell** is from Rockwall, TX. She graduated from Rockwall-Heath HS in 2014, where she served as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant of the Heath Highsteppers. Alissa graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science in Dance Performance and Choreography and minor in Mass Media. She was also a member of the SFA Repertory Dance Company and Dancers Against Cancer. Alissa joined the ADTS Staff in 2018.

**Nikki Prosser** has been on staff since 2013 where she judges at the regional, state, and national levels. She was part of the 59<sup>th</sup> line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes and continued her education at Texas State University. She earned her Masters from Lamar University while performing as a Lady Wrangler for an Austin-area arena football team. Nikki is certified in Dance, PE, and Professional Communication as well as holds her certification to be a principal. Nikki has been the director of the Georgetown HS Georgettes since 2012.



**Aney Puga** is from Harlingen, TX. She attended Harlingen High School where she was a 4 year member of the HHS Cardettes and held an officer position. Aney currently attends the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley working on her Bachelor of Arts in Dance along with a teaching certification. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2018.

**Katie Reeves** is from Austin, TX and is a graduate of Cedar Park HS, where she was a member and officer of the Celebrities Dance Team. Katie was a member of the 69<sup>th</sup> Line of Kilgore College Rangerettes and Swingster, before earning a BS in Dance Education from Stephen F. Austin State University in 2012. Katie's career started at Vandegrift HS, where she was the assistant director of the Legacies for 3 years, before being selected to open Tom Glenn HS in 2016, where she is the dance teacher and dance team director. Katie has been on ADTS Staff since 2010.



**Mandy Reeves** is from Mesquite, TX where she graduated from Poteet HS and was the Captain of the Belles in 1995. She continued dancing as an Apache Belle at Tyler Junior College from 1995-1997. She then went on and received her Bachelor's degree from the University of North Texas. She is currently the 504 Coordinator at Shepton HS. Mandy has been on the ADTS Staff since 1995.

**Tiffany Richey** is originally from Mt. Pleasant, TX where she was officer for the Mt. Pleasant HS Tiger Dolls. She graduated from Texas A&M University where she was a member of the Dance Arts Society while she obtained her BS in Psychology with a minor in Dance. Tiffany started her directing career in 2007 at Rowlett HS and currently the director of the Heritage Belles in Midlothian, TX. She has been on staff since 2007.



**Julia Rick** grew up in Duncanville, TX where she was a senior lieutenant of the Duncanville HS High Hats. After high school, she graduated from the University of North Texas with a BA in Dance and a minor in Anthropology. She has spent the last decade sharing her love of dance through teaching in numerous locations around DFW. She has been on staff since 2012.

**Payton Russell** is from Sanger, TX. She attended East View High School in Georgetown and was on the Sparklers Drill Team for four years. Peyton graduated from East View High School in 2019 and then went on to pursue studies to become a dental hygienist. She became a member of the ADTS Staff in 2019.



**Jan Sanders** is from Houston, TX, where she was a 4-year charter member and officer of the Northbrook HS Bandoleras. She graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor's Degree in Dance, English, Health and Physical Education. She then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Education Administration from Lamar University. Jan was the Director of the CyFair HS Brigade Dance Team for 32 years. Jan has 35 years of teaching and coaching experience. She retired in 2016 and has proudly been on staff for ADTS since.



**Amber Santori** attended Summit High School, where she was a four-year member of the Sapphires Drill Team, serving as Captain her senior year. Amber graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism News after dancing four seasons as a North Texas Dancer. Amber is the current Director of the JV Stars Drill Team at Trinity High School and a member of the 2020-21 Allen Americans Ice Angels. Amber has been an ADTS Staff member since 2020.



**Natalie (English) Scheller** is a graduate of Wakeland HS and former Captain of the Legacy Line Drill Team. She attended the University of Oklahoma where she earned a Bachelors Degree in Social Studies Education. She now teaches 11<sup>th</sup> grade US History and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Government at Plano Senior High and is the former assistant director for the Planoettes. She has been part of the ADTS Staff since 2011.



**Kristen Schiller** is from Belton, TX, where she graduated from Belton High School. Kristen was a Varsity Magic Belle for four years, serving as a Social Officer, Lieutenant, and 1st Lieutenant. She furthered her education at Texas A&M University and in May of 2021 she graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Visualization. She has been a member of the ADTS staff since 2017.



**Rachel Schiller** is from Belton, TX and graduated from Belton High School in 2021. She was a Varsity Belton Magic Belle for four years, and served as Junior Lieutenant and 1st lieutenant her last two years on the team. She is attending Baylor University, and is majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders with hopes of becoming a speech therapist. She is also be a member of the Baylor Songleader Dance Team. Rachel joined ADTS staff in 2021.



**Dorathy (Scrudder) Schumann** joined the ADTS staff in the spring of 2010. She is a graduate of the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a minor in Secondary Education. Dorathy currently teachers at Prosper HS and is the assistant drill team director.



**Tieler (Ellis) Seirer** is from Plano, TX. She attended Plano East Senior HS, where she was a 2-year member of Golden Girls and served as Senior Lieutenant. She began her collegiate career at Trinity Valley Community College where she was a Cardette Showgirl for 2 years and Lieutenant her sophomore year; she finished her Bachelor's degree at Sam Houston State University where she was a member of the NDA National Collegiate Champion Orange Pride Dance Team! She is currently the Communications Specialist for Prosper ISD. She began working for ADTS in 2008.



**Samantha (DeRossi) Selby** is a native of Temple, TX. She went to Temple HS where she was a member of the THS Kittens Dance Team and served as Captain her senior year. From there, she went to Texas State University where she earned her Bachelor's in Fine Arts with an emphasis in Dance. After college, she worked at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor as the director of the Sader Belles Dance Team. She recently left her directing position at Copperas Cove HS, and now teaches middle school in Temple ISD. She joined the American staff in 2008.

**Summer Simmons** is a graduate of Denison HS where she was a member of the Stingerettes, serving as Captain her senior year. She graduated from TCU where she was a 4-year member of the TCU Showgirls, performing at football games, basketball games, and numerous other events. After graduation, Summer was the director of the Sherman HS Highsteppers for 2 years before being hired at Plano East Senior High School. Summer served as the assistant director of the Golden Girls for 3 years and the cheer coach for 15 years before stepping down to be a classroom teacher. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2000.



**Gracie Simpson** is from Jacksonville where she graduated 2019 as a Charmer Lieutenant and member of the Swink Studio of dance team. She was then selected as a member of the 59th line of the Trinity Valley Cardettes. She was also a Cardette Showgirl where she won 2 national championships. She is now continuing her studies at East Texas Baptist University as a member of the ETBU pom team. Gracie is currently celebrating 3 years with ADTS since joining our staff in 2019!

**Kara (Brown) Solis** is from Rowlett, TX. She graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS and was a Sweetheart Officer. Kara began her career with American in the early 1980's. She was a former World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette and member of the Stephen F. Austin State University Dance Company. She was the director of the Pine Tree HS Pirate Precision Dance Team, Corsicana HS Calicos, and South Garland HS Southern Belles. Kara is a former DTDA President and named a Top 10 National Director. She retired from the SGHS Fine Arts Chair and Southern Belle Director, and is currently employed by Garland ISD as a District Instructional Specialist for Dance and Drill Team.



**Haley Spencer** is from Temple, TX, where she is a graduate of Temple HS. After high school, she continued her education and dance career at Kilgore College where she was a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> line of the Rangerettes. After her time at Kilgore, she began working for ADTS in 2016. She is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a major in Health and Exercise Sciences with a minor in Psychology. She is pursuing a career in occupational therapy.



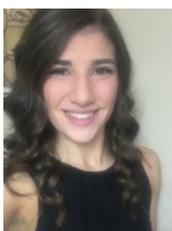
**Reagan Stewart** is from Waxahachie, TX. She graduated from Waxahachie High School, where she was a Cherokee Charmer and held leadership positions of both Junior and Senior Lieutenant. Reagan was a 2018-2019 North Texas Dancer at UNT. She graduated in 2021 from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering with a concentration in bioinstrumentation. Reagan is pursuing her Master of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering at Cornell University. Reagan began working for ADTS in 2017.

**Lachele Stoeck** is originally from Houston where she attended North Shore HS and was a member of the Scarlets Dance Team and later graduated from Lamar University. She continued to study dance and perform professionally at many Houston area venues. In 1998, her dance education career began as the Director of the Dance Program for the City of West University. She has been the drill team director of the Humble Wilcatdets, Crosby Cougar Stars, and currently the Barbers Hill Eaglettes. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Corey Stoeck, and they have two grown children. Lachele has been an ADTS staff member since 2014.



**Libby (Power) Stronz** graduated from Waxahachie HS where she served the Cherokee Charmers as an officer for two years. She went on to Kilgore College and was a Kilgore College Rangerette. From there, she transferred to Texas Woman's University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with an Education minor. Libby is currently teaching in Midlothian as the Assistant Director of the Heritage Belles and Director of the Heritage Rubies and the Wildcat Dancers. She has been with ADTS since 2012.

**Morgan (Ericson) Swenson** has been on ADTS Staff since 2013. She is a graduate of Plano Senior High where she was Captain of the Planoettes Drill Team. She graduated from Brigham Young University in December 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science. She is currently attending graduate school at Texas Women's University pursuing a Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy.



**Molly (Hodgden) Sykes** danced on the McLennan Community College Dance Company from 2015-2017. From 2017-2019, she was a member of the Oklahoma City University Pom Squad. Molly received her bachelor's in Math Education from OCU, and is currently working at Southmoore High School as a math teacher. She is also the JV coach for the Southmoore Pom Squad. Molly has been an ADTS Staff member since 2017.

**Candi Taylor-Waugh** is originally from Irving, TX, where she graduated from Irving HS and then attended Texas Christian University. She currently teaches at Dance Machines Dance Studio. Candi has been on ADTS Staff since 2003.





**Carolyn Thompson** is from Killeen, TX. She graduated from Killeen HS and was a member of the Kangarettes where she served as Colonel her senior year. In May 2018 she graduated with a BS in Social Work. Carolyn has a Master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in mental health and substance abuse. She is a former member of the Texas Legends Dance Team. Carolyn started working for American in 2014.

**Katie (Seesselberg) Thompson** grew up in Cedar Park, TX, and was a member of the Cedar Park HS Dance Team and served as Captain her senior year. After high school, she became a member of the 74th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. In 2017 she graduated with a degree in Communications from The University of Texas at Austin and worked with the Cedar Park HS Dance Team as their college assistant. Katie is currently living in Dallas TX working at Children's Health. She has been on ADTS staff since 2015.



**Olivia Thompson** comes to us from Salt Lake City, Utah. She attended Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts where she was on the dance conservatory for two years. She then got to live her dream as a World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette on the 74<sup>th</sup> line. You can see her in the Rangerette Documentary "Sweethearts of the Gridiron" where she was filmed as she went through the audition process. She then attended Stephen F. Austin State University where she received her BS in Dance. She is the current Director of the Klein Collins Tiger Belles and is a Texans Cheerleader. She joined ADTS Staff in 2015.

**Amy Tidwell** is from Corsicana, TX, where she was Captain of her drill team at Corsicana HS. After high school, Amy attended Kilgore College where she was a member of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. After Kilgore, she attended Texas Woman's University where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Dance with a Minor in Business Administration. Amy has been a drill team director for many years but now serves as lead dance instructor at Dance Connection Inc. in Corsicana. She's been on ADTS Staff since 2005.



**Kandace Tuttle** is from Richland Hills, TX, where she graduated from Richland HS in 2017. She was a Richland HS Dixie Belle and was an officer for three years. Kandace was a member of the 78th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes and Swingsters. She then graduated from Texas Women's University in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders. Kandace joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.

**Amber Valenzuela** is from Harlingen, TX, where she began dancing at the age of three. She attended Jasper High School and Plano West Senior High. She was a member of the drill team at both schools, and served as a line officer of the Plano West Royales her senior year. Amber obtained a degree in Human Development and Family Science with a Minor in Dance from the University of North Texas in December 2019. She joined ADTS Staff in 2018.

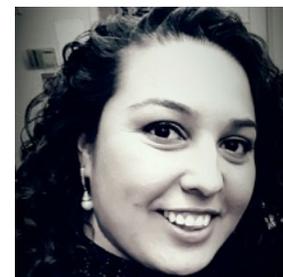


**Jamie Vallejo** is from Houston, TX where she attended Clear Lake HS and served as a two-year officer of the Falcon Flairs. She danced as a member of the Kilgore College Rangerettes 59<sup>th</sup> line. After graduating from the University of Texas with a BA in Government, she began teaching at KIPP Austin Collegiate. Jamie is the founding director of the Cardinal Dance Crew, and currently performs with Lannaya West African Drum and Dance Ensemble. Jamie began working for ADTS in 1999.



**Brittany Vanderloop Anz** began dancing at the age of 2 in Woodbury, Minnesota, and continued dancing when her family moved overseas to Tokyo, Japan. When they moved to Austin, TX, Brittany became a charter member, and served a three-year officer, of the Vandegrift HS Legacies Dance Team. Brittany graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor's of Science in Motor Behavior in 2015. Brittany joined the ADTS Staff in 2021.

**Claudia Vera** is from Brownsville, TX. She graduated from Lopez HS Fine Arts Academy where she was part of the Golden Stars Dance Team and served as an officer for two years. Claudia began her career with ADTS in 2005 and continues to serve in many capacities. She received her BA in Dance with a Secondary Teaching Certificate from Texas Woman's University. She is a former dance educator at Moises E. Molina HS where she was director of the Rosettes and Dance Company. Claudia obtained her Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from UT Arlington. Currently, she is the dance educator and company director at International Leadership of Texas in Garland, TX.



**Itzayana (Ramirez) Vera** is from Brownsville, TX where she graduated from Lopez High School in 2012. As part of the Golden Stars Dance Team she served as an officer for three years. She graduated from UTRGV in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Dance. She is currently the dance director for the Austin Middle School Bruinettes in PSJA ISD. Itzayana has been on staff since 2015.

**Miriam Vera** is from Brownsville, TX, and was a three-year member of the Lopez HS Golden Stars Dance Team, serving as Captain her senior year. Miriam has been on staff since 2001 where she has served as the Lyrical/Modern Staff Captain for many years. She graduated summa cum laude from Texas Woman's University with her Bachelors in Dance Education, and began teaching in 2006. Miriam has performed with various professional Modern and post-Modern dance companies throughout the state of Texas as well as in Los Angeles at Millennium Dance Complex. She has choreographed award-winning routines in South Texas, Houston, and DFW. She is the proud director of the South Garland HS Southern Belles and World Dance Company!



**Annmarie Walling** graduated from East View High School in 2021. She was a member of the East View Sparkler Dance Team, where she served as Lieutenant and then Captain her senior year. She plans to major in Dance and continue her dance experience on a collegiate team. Annmarie joined the ADTS Staff in 2021.

**Mikayla Walton** is from San Antonio, TX. She attended Stephen F. Austin State University, where she was on the Pom Squad and later transferred to Texas State University and was a Strutter for two years. Mikayla graduated in 2017 from Texas State University with a degree in Elementary Education. She currently lives in Philadelphia, PA and works for Booster, a charter and fitness based fundraiser for elementary schools. Mikayla joined ADTS staff in 2015.



**Katelyn Watkins** is from Bridge City, TX. She graduated from Bridge City HS in 2010, then attended Kilgore College as a Rangerette. She received her Bachelors Degree from Sam Houston State University. She is currently teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in Conroe ISD. Her free time is spent playing with her children! She has had the pleasure of working for ADTS since 2011.

**Marissa Weber** is a graduate of Nederland HS. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2015. She was a member of the 74<sup>th</sup> line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. From there, she transferred to Stephen F. Austin State University where she graduated with a major in Dance Education and minor in Kinesiology and Human Health. She was also a member of the SFA Dance Team. She is currently the head director at West Brook HS.



**Lisa Westbay** is from Plano, TX, where she served as Captain of the Plano Senior HS Planoettes. She earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Oklahoma, where she danced with the OU Elite Dance Team. Lisa pursued a Master's degree in Communication Disorders from University of Texas at Dallas and is working as a licensed speech-language pathologist. Lisa has been on American staff since 2009.

**Shelby Westover** is from Kingwood, TX, where she attended Kingwood High School. She was a member of the Kingwood Fillies for 4 years and held an officer position for 3 years. She was a member of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes and was a Swinger. After Kilgore, she attended and graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and Dance with a minor in Human Fitness and Performance. She is currently an Assistant Director in the Houston area, and is obtaining her Master's in Educational Leadership. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2015.



**Christina White** is from Rockwall HS where she attended Heath HS and held an officer position her senior year. She now attends Stephen F. Austin State University where she is a member of the Repertory Dance Company. She joined the ADTS staff in 2018.

**Erica Wilcox** is originally from Waxahachie, TX where she was a three-year member of the Cherokee Charmers Dance Team, serving as Captain her senior year. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mass Media Communications with a Minor in Dance from Prairie View A&M University. While in college, she was a member of the Classic Dance Ensemble Dance Company, and was an officer her Junior and Senior Year. She is the current director of the Waxahachie HS Cherokee Charmers, and has been with ADTS since 2012.



**Ashley Wilson** is from Plano, TX and has been on staff since 2019. She attended Prestonwood Christian Academy and was a 4 year member of the PCA Pom Squad, and was captain her junior and senior years. Ashley is continuing her education at Texas A&M studying Elementary Education.



**Jessica Wilson** is from Temple, TX, where she attended Temple HS and was a 2 year officer of the Kittens Dance Team. She danced at UMHB as a Sader Belle and then at Texas State University in the Orchesis Modern Dance Company. She graduated Magna Cum Laude in 2011 with a BFA in Dance. She served as a dance educator and director at BF Terry HS for seven years. Jessica is currently at Nolan Ryan Junior High, teaching dance. She joined the American Staff in 2009.

**Jennifer Zehr** is from Killeen, TX and a graduate of Ellison HS. She was a member of the Ellison Emeralds, holding the top officer position her senior year. After high school, Jennifer attended Sam Houston State University where she majored in English and minored in Dance. She graduated in May 1997. Currently, she is the director of her alma mater's dance team, the award-winning Ellison Emeralds. Jennifer joined the ADTS Staff in 2011.



**Leah Zehr** is from Killeen, TX. She graduated in 2019 from Ellison High School, where she was a four-year member of the Ellison Emeralds. She held leadership positions during her time on Emeralds including Lieutenant, Captain, and Colonel. Leah is continuing her education at Texas A&M University studying Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences and plans to graduate in the spring of 2023. She has been working for American since 2019!

**Sarah Zepeda** graduated in 2012 from PSJA North HS where she was a 4-year member and officer for the award-winning Raiderettes. After high school, Sarah pursued dancing by becoming a SnakeCharmer for the NBA D League Vipers Basketball team. She recently graduated from UTRGV with a degree in English and Communication. Sarah performed with Trey Songz at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. She is currently a Houston Rockets Power Dancer. Sarah has been on ADTS Staff since 2012.

