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ANDREA ONEY

Andrea has been a coach, instructor, judge, & choreographer for 35 years. Her background includes training in ballet, jazz, gymnastics, and she has extensive training in her areas of expertise, which are hip hop and pom. Andrea was a UDA & NDA Collegiate Instructor, as well as the Head Coach of a competitive All Star Dance Program for 20 years. She was a member of the University of Kentucky 1995 NDA National Champion squad, and went on to be their Asst Coach from 2009-2016. Andrea judges for both National and International events, as well as the USASF Dance Worlds Championship.



BRIAN NAM CAO

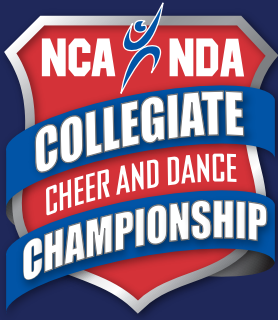
Brian Cao has been involved in the spirit industry for over 25 years as a cheerleader, dancer, instructor, coach and choreographer on the school, all-star, collegiate and professional levels. Brian's dance resume includes performing with several dance companies in the Portland area such as Urban Shock, Portland Dance Company, The Detail and LYFE Dance Company. Brian was also a member of the NBA Portland Trailblazers Jam Squad from 2005-2008. In his limited free time he travels the nation, judging for major events, speaking for Varsity University and other State Associations, and is a 7-time judge for The Dance Worlds.



ASHLEY LAUREN BAXLEY

Ashley Baxley is a Connecticut native and a middle school science teacher. She has vast experience coaching and instructing high school, college, and all-star dance teams. She is an NDA Head Instructor and Choreographer for NDA's Curriculum since 2017. She also has experience with professional cheerleading and dance team organizations such as the NLL New England Black Wolves and was a four-year member of the WNBA CT Sun Solar Power Dance Team. Ashley was the Head Coach of her alma mater university for 5 years.

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CASSANDRA NICHOLE HUDSON

Nichole is a former competitive studio dancer and school cheerleader, starting her dance training at three years old. She has been a certified USASF Cheer and Dance Legality Official and Deductions Judge for twelve years. This has allowed her the opportunity to work for numerous event producers both nationally and internationally. She has had the privilege of serving on the judging panel for several prestigious post season events like The Summit, The D2 Summit, and has served as a legality official at The Dance Worlds for the last eight years.



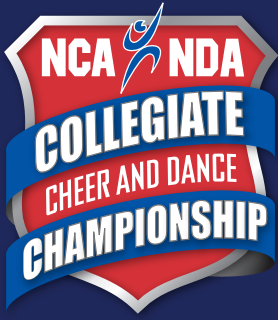
MICHELLE MARIE ALLISON

Michelle Allison, Artistic Director-Curtain Call Dance Center, Indianapolis, IN, B.S. Dance Performance-Ball State University. Michelle directs the Performing Companies, The Nutcracker & Dance Against Cancer at Curtain Call, teaches, choreographs & develops curriculum, continuing education. Currently choreographs musicals, show choir, marching band, winter guard, is Panel Director for USASF Jazz and Kick. Colts NFL Cheerleader auditions and shows 11 years. Frequent judge/master instructor JCDA Tokyo, JPN since 1994. Taught NDA camps 13 years, choreographed and field produced bowl games & parades; judged NDA Regionals, All-Star, School & College Nationals since 1992.



CHERYL C PAQUETTE

Cheryl is the USASF Dance Adjudication Director & Communications Coordinator. She has been involved in the dance industry for 30+ years and is trained in ballet, tap, jazz, and pointe. A graduate of the University of Missouri, she earned a National Championship title with the Mizzou Golden Girls and was inducted into the Missouri State Hall of Fame in 2023 for her contributions to the team. Cheryl is a former NFL St. Louis Rams Cheerleader and NBA Dallas Mavericks Dancer. She was awarded the Herkie Legacy Award for her commitment to the industry. Cheryl Paquette resides in St. Louis, MO.



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JENNY RIAN DURBIN SMITH

Jenny Durbin Smith is a nationally recognized and award-winning choreographer. She is a former member of the UNC-Chapel Hill cheer and dance teams and a former captain for the NBA Dallas Mavericks Dancers. Jenny has been a principal dancer for many national projects and her choreography has been featured on major network TV shows and commercials, industrials, films, NFL fields and NBA courts. In addition to being the proud Director of the Dallas Cowboys Rhythm and Blue, she is the Director of The Officials, and travels the country choreographing and master instructing for numerous organizations, teams and studios.



MAGGIE SUMMER ALLAIN WHITE

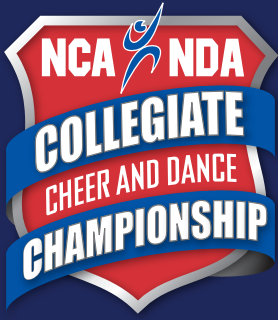
Maggie Allain White graduated from Louisiana State University receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Administration and Business. She has been judging dance competitions since 2012, notably including the Dance Worlds, Dance Summit, JAMfest Japan, JAMfest Dance Super Nationals, UDA National Dance Team Championship, UDA Louisiana State, NDA College Nationals, NDA High School Nationals, M.A. Dance competitions, in person and virtual events. Maggie's dance accolades include being a member of the NFL New Orleans Saints Professional Cheerleading Team, Dance Team Consultant for teams across the U.S., USASF Certified Legality Official, USASF Certified Judge and Varsity All-Star Certified Judge.



JESSIKA LYNN LEONARD

Jessika Leonard has over 30 years of dance experience, including: education/training, instructing, coaching, and judging. As a dancer, she studied alongside world-renowned dancers in NYC and the Minnesota Conservatory of Arts. Jessika has performed and choreographed for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Walt Disney World, College Bowl Games, and several NFL half-time shows. She later chose to share her passion for dance by coaching high school and all-star teams. Jessika now focuses her efforts on conducting private choreography and workshops with teams. Jessika's has extensive experience judging state, national, and international competitions, including over 10 years with The Dance Worlds.

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RACHEL ELIZABETH DOMANGUE

Rachel Domangue, originally from New Orleans, is the former Director of the National Dance Alliance. A former Ragin' Jazz dance team member, Rachel's BFA in Dance from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has allowed her to network with all facets of the dance industry. She's been honored to judge for JCDA in Tokyo, NDA, UDA, USA, Varsity All Star, The Dance Summit and the USASF Dance Worlds as both a Legality Official and Panel Judge. Rachel is the Director of Business Operations and Development at Glass Staircase, a marketing and branding agency focused on empowering women and small businesses.



SARAH ELIZABETH MILLER

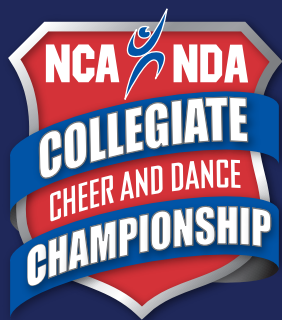
Sarah Miller Bate has studied dance for over 35 years and received a BA in Dance Education from Old Dominion University. An NDA High School and Collegiate All-American, Sarah worked as a Head Instructor over a decade. Post-college Sarah danced with multiple dance companies and became a third-generation classical Pilates instructor. She has taught for over 15 years, working with athletes Olympic athletes and Washington Ballet dancers. After judging nationally and internationally over 20 years, Sarah currently serves as the Director of Dance Rules for the USASF and teaches barre and Pilates as well as contemporary dance at Randolph College.



MELISSA ANN KIDD

Melissa Kidd is the owner of Dance Technician in Cincinnati Ohio, a private strength training facility for dancers rooted in Pilates. Melissa also teaches dance at a private high school. She has trained under members of Cincinnati Ballet, Boston Ballet and New York City Ballet. She has also performed and trained with the Manhattan Dance Project the years of its inception. Melissa holds several certifications in early childhood dance education and currently teaches a certification program for studio and program owners. She enjoys splitting her time judging, teaching master classes, and doing private strength training across the US.

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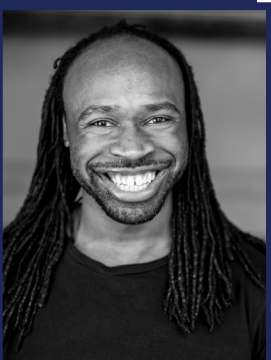
CHRISTIAN ALEMAN

Originally from Miami, FL, Christian has been heavily involved in the Dance and Cheer industry for over 20 years. In 2007 Christian relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and became a company director for Powerhouse Dance. Christian now resides in Chattanooga, TN where she was the owner/ creative director of First Step Dance Studio for 4 years. She dedicates her weekends to judging events around the world including The Dance Worlds. Christian has helped develop and taught multilingual courses for the ICU worldwide. Currently, Christian serves as the head of ICU Performance Cheer Rules and is a rules advisor for the IASF.



CHASITY TYUS

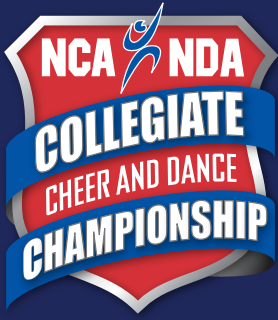
Chasity is in her 7th season as Head Coach for the Florida State Golden Girls & CO. Dance Team. The GG & Co. have consistently placed in the top 10 for their D1A Jazz division at UDA Collegiate Nationals, including a 3rd place finish in 2023, where they were also ICU Jazz World Champions. Chasity currently judges Regional & National Dance Competitions around the country. She is from KCMO, attended Lindenwood University where she obtained 3 National Championships with Lion Line Dance Team. Chasity is an 8-year Head Instructor for NDA. Chasity has her BA in Human Resources and MBA.



DANIEL JOHN GIBSON

Daniel danced professionally after graduating from the University of Georgia. He started with a national tour with 13th Floor Performing Arts. He was a featured performer and choreographer. Daniel's training includes African, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary, capoeira, and ballet. He has worked with artists like Kanye West, done national ad campaigns, and been on the Disney channel. He teaches at both the university and primary school level. He's been a master instructor for NDA, worked with the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders, and other teams around the country. Daniel has been a NDA Hip-Hop panel judge for 8+ years.

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JARRIN ROLLE WARREN

Jarrin Rolle Warren has been in the dance industry for 30+ years. She has judged for numerous dance companies/competitions in categories ranging from hip hop, pom, team performance and jazz. Some accomplishments include Performance Assistant of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Halftime Performance coordinator/choreographer for the New Jersey Nets, dance camp instructor/choreographer/judgeTokyo, Japan, dance assistant for the Aloha Bowl Hawaii, production assistant of Thanksgiving in Paris, France and she helped create and lead NDA's verbal judging program. Jarrin has judged The Dance Worlds for eleven years, The Dance Summit for five years, COPBrands Mexico 2018/2019, COP Virtual Games Mexico 2020.



BRITNEY HINOTE

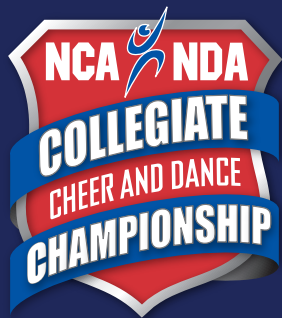
Britney is originally from Kansas but currently resides in Northwest Arkansas. She is currently the Head Coach of the Dance Team at the University of Arkansas and has been with NDA since 2013. After graduating from the University of Kansas, she began coaching at the high school level. She became the Head Coach at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2019 and spent 4 years with the Roos. Britney was also a coach at The Knockout All-Stars in Lenexa, KS. She works full time in recruiting but loves to find time to serve as a consultant, choreographer and judge.



TEGAN JEMMA REEVES

Dr. Tegan Reeves is a seasoned dance professional with 25 years of movement experience and 20 years of adjudication. As the former Executive Director of USASF Dance and The Dance Worlds, Tegan is passionate about team dance. Currently an embodied psychologist Dr. Reeves uses dance and movement in her practice and continues to consult in the dance team field. Tegan studied dance at Iowa State University, was a company member, cheerleader, and scholarship performer.

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DONNEKE FRAZIER

Donni Frazier is currently the Sr. Director of Entertainment for the Atlanta Hawks. Managing Hawks Entertainment and Experience including the ATL Hawks Dancers, ATL Stunt, ATL Boom, the 404 Crew, A-Team Dancers, and books halftimes, anthems, and Pop-up guest artists. She also oversees Game Presentation and Entertainment for the Hawks G-League team, the College Park Skyhawks. In her spare time, she is a Realtor! Donni is a graduate of the University of Florida and former Spirit Coordinator for the Gators Spirit Program.



ERIN ALVARADO

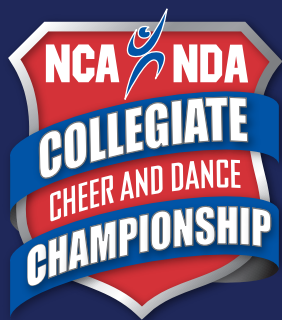
Erin Alvarado, in her 13th season as head coach at Texas Tech University, boasts eight national championships since 2010, including a Gold Medal at the 2022 ICU World Championships in jazz. She's a faculty member at Texas Tech, teaching jazz, anatomy for dance, and tap. Erin is often requested to present at national and international conferences, a member of the NDCA, and the Category Director for the USASF/IASF Contemporary/Lyrical division at The Dance Worlds. Honored as the 2019 National Collegiate Dance Coach of the Year by the National Dance Coaches Association, Erin also adjudicates worldwide and contributes to CLI Studios.



ANTHONY DAVIS

Anthony is from Houston, Texas and has a B.F.A in dance from Sam Houston State University! In his time in undergrad, he was trained & studied at the American Dance Festival, and been on scholarships through the Gus Giordano Dance School in Chicago, as well as the Ailey School in NYC. and also performing on stages such as American College Dance Association, Association of Performing Arts Professionals (APAP), the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., Jacob's Pillow in Massachusetts and the Lincoln Center in NYC. Anthony is an 8 year staff member, and 5th Year Head Instructor with UDA, and has been doing high school, and college camps since 2017. Previously, was on the coaching staff for the World Renowned Dancin' Bluebonnets where his teams won numerous National and International titles through The Groove Nationals, NDA All-Star Nationals, jamFest Super Nationals, and The Dance Summit.

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TARA YANTIS

Tara (Schroeder) Yantis, based in Kansas City, has been involved in dance education for nearly 25 years serving as a coach, choreographer, consultant, leadership program creator, advocate and adjudicator. "Coach Tara," as she is known throughout the country, is passionate about championing the Spirit industry as well as helping coaches and student athletes cultivate the teams they've always dreamed of. A fierce and out-spoken advocate for the Spirit industry, she was recently named the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) Kansas Coach of the Year for Dance. She is currently in her 15th season as Head Coach for Saint Thomas Aquinas and co-founder and executive director of Kansas State Dance Team Association as well as Co Chair of Spirit Advisory committee for KSHSAA.



SHELLY WARREN

Shelly Warren is the current Golden Girl Spirit Squad Director at The Villages High School in Middleton, FL, and a Quality Control Director for judging panels at The USASF Dance Worlds. In addition, Shelly is a veteran national and international judge and works as a choreographer and competition consultant for high school, college, studio, and all-star programs across the country. She is the rehearsal coordinator for the pregame and halftime performance for the Citrus Bowl held annually in Orlando, FL and has served as rehearsal director for pregame at the ACC Championship Game in 2015 and 2016. Shelly has obtained national titles as a dancer, coach, and choreographer in High Kick, Hip Hop, Pom, and Jazz, and continues to pursue her dream of educating and inspiring dancers through her travels to studios and schools nationwide.



HEATHER LANGHAM

Heather Langham is a 13 year veteran of The Radio City Rockettes and resides in New York City. After retiring from the Rockettes in 2022, she has focused her energy on working with dance teams on improving their kick technique as well as developing strength programs the teams can use throughout their season. Heather graduated from Arizona State University and was co-captain of the first nationally competitive ASU Dance Team. She has worked for the National Dance Alliance for over 25 years as a Head Instructor, choreographer and adjudicator at both the college and high school level. She has over 20 years of experience as an adjudicator at multiple events including: The Dance Worlds, NDA Nationals, NDA All Star Nationals, NDA College Nationals, COP Brands, USA All Star Nationals and many other state and regional competitions.