



# 2019-20 SCORING WEBINAR PRESENTERS



## **PATTY ADAMS**

### *Head Judge*

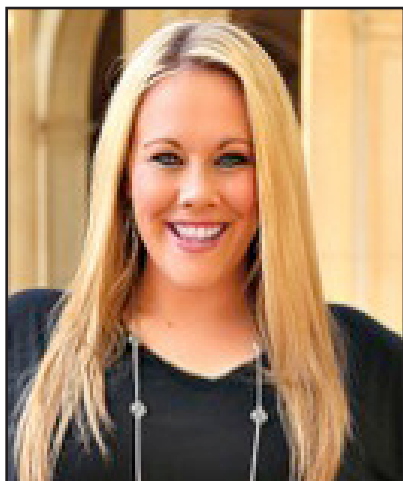
Patty Adams has enjoyed a career in dance for over 30 years, allowing her to experience a wide field of creative arenas. From dance performance ensembles and musical theater to education and curriculum development, her knowledge base is extensive. Patty's primary focus has been in the area of hip hop choreography and team preparation for competitive dance events. She has consistently led teams to top ten placements, as well as numerous championships and innovative choreography awards. Having coached at the High School, College and All-Star levels, Adams has a clear understanding of the type and quality of educational feedback that competitive programs value. She currently serves as a Head Judge for NDA, UDA, and The Groove Experience. Adams has been fortunate enough to have been a member of the Hip Hop judging panel at the USASF Worlds since 2013 and is currently the Hip Hop Co-Director for the event. In addition to being a member of the USASF Judges Education Committee, she serves as a Keynote Speaker, Dance Library author and Mentor for USASF Dance.



## **MICHELLE ALLISON**

### *Head Judge*

Michelle Allison is the Artistic Director of Curtain Call Studio for Performing Arts, Indianapolis, IN. Received a B.S. in Dance Performance from Ball State University. Michelle directs both the Sr. Performing Company and the annual production of The Nutcracker at Curtain Call where she develops curriculum and continuing education. She has judged The Dance Worlds since the inaugural year and is currently the Category Director for the Jazz and Contemporary/Lyrical Panels and Director of Dance Curriculum for the USASF. Since 2010, Michelle has been choreographer for the Colts NFL Cheerleader auditions and halftime shows. She has been a guest judge/master instructor with JCDA Tokyo, Japan, for eight years and is a veteran judge of CheerSport, Spirit of Hope, MA Dance, The Groove Experience, UDA College Dance Nationals, NFL Colts and Ben-Gals. She spent 13 years teaching for the National Dance Alliance, choreographed and field produced numerous bowl games and nationally televised parades and has judged NDA Regionals, All-Star and College Nationals since 1992.



## **ERIN HAROLD ALVARADO**

Erin Harold-Alvarado is in her seventh year as the Pom Squad coach at Texas Tech University. Last season, she led the Texas Tech Pom Squad to the squad's first national championship in school history in Division 1A Jazz at NDA. While at Texas Tech, her teams have travelled to Shanghai, China to represent the USA in their annual Tourism Festival, performed alongside the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, and are consistently requested to do performances across the United States. Originally from Wheeling, W.Va., Erin is a graduate of West Virginia University with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology, a minor in dance and is an A.C.E. Certified Personal Trainer. She was a two-year member of the WVU Dance Team, and then coached for three years where the team won two consecutive National Dance Alliance (NDA) collegiate national championships in 2010 & 2011. She is an adjudicator for NDA, UDA, USA, USASF, Showbiz Talent and has travelled to Tokyo, Japan to judge for the Japan Cheer Dance Association. In addition to coaching the pom squad, Erin currently serves as an Adjunct Instructor of Dance at Texas Tech in jazz, hip hop, and tap. Additionally, she has been a guest speaker at Varsity & USASF Conferences, and assists with NDA Judges Training.

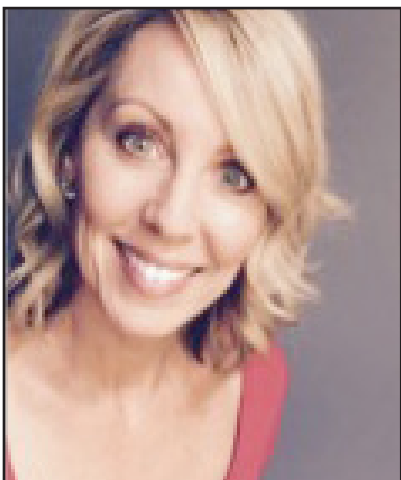


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## JENNY DURBIN SMITH

Jenny Durbin Smith is a nationally recognized and award-winning choreographer. She is a former member of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill cheer and dance teams and a former captain for the NBA Dallas Mavericks Dancers. Jenny has been a principle dancer for many national projects and her choreography has been featured on national television commercials, industrials, films, reality television shows, NFL fields and NBA courts. In addition to being the proud director of the Dallas Cowboys Rhythm and Blue, the only co-ed hip hop dance crew in the NFL, she is a choreographer for the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, and travels the country choreographing and master instructing for numerous teams and studios.



## CHERYL PAQUETTE

### *Head Judge*

Cheryl Paquette has been involved in the dance industry for over 20 years. She is trained in ballet, tap, jazz and pointe and spent 6 years as a company member with Gateway Ballet Co. in St. Louis, MO. As a graduate of the University of Missouri, she earned an NDA National Championship title with the Mizzou Golden Girls dance team. She is a former NFL St. Louis Rams Cheerleader and NBA Dallas Mavericks Dancer, was choreographer and head instructor for the National Dance Alliance; spent 7 years as an Event Producer and Curriculum Director, and was recently awarded the Herkie Legacy Award. In addition, Cheryl has choreographed and field produced numerous special event half time shows during her tenure. She serves as an NDA Head Judge and member of the Score Sheet, Rule Book and Judges Training Committees. Currently, Cheryl is the USASF Dance Adjudication Director and Pom Category Director at The USASF Dance Worlds. Cheryl enjoys judging for many national and international Event Producers.



## WANDA BROWN WEIR

Wanda Brown Weir is the former 3-year Director/Choreographer of the NBA Washington Wizards Dance Team. Prior to joining the Wizards Dance Team as a dancer in 2003, Wanda was a member of the Washington Redskins Cheerleaders for two years. Wanda worked as an instructor and head instructor for Universal Dance Association for seven years while also working as a territory manager for UDA and sales representative with Varsity Spirit Fashion. Wanda is also the former captain/choreographer of the fourteen-time national champion Towson University Dance Team and former coach of the George Washington University "First Ladies" Dance Team. For over ten years, Wanda has judged for many local, state and national competitions including UDA's National High School, All-Star and Collegiate Championships, The USASF Dance Worlds, and NDA High School, All-Star and Collegiate Dance Nationals. Currently, Wanda is the Owner/Creative Director for Premier Dance DC and the head dance team coach for the Catholic University Dance Team.