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American Dance Staff 2019
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 attended Kilgore College during 2013-2015, where she was a part of the 74th Line World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. She is a graduate 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 the year 2015.

Lori Alexander is from Baytown, TX. She majored in Dance at Stephen F. Austin State University as well as taught at Venetia’s Studio in Nacogdoches, TX for 4 years. Lori is currently in 10th year as a Head Director and 13th year as a dance educator. She is currently the director of the Ross S. Sterling HS Stars in her hometown of Baytown after spending 9 years at J. Frank Dobie HS. She started working for ADTS in 2010.

Amy Campbell Anderson is a native of Austin. She attended Westwood High School 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. She continues to enjoy being a member of the dance community by participating primarily in contest season.

Mariana Arreloa is from Pharr, TX. She attended PSJA Southwest HS where she was a four year member, two year officer, and Major her senior year of the Sapphires. Mariana is attending the University of Texas Rio Grande Valle where she is majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Criminal Justice and plans to graduate in May 2020. She joined 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, Super Bowl, and Kristi was recently a Top 3 Finalist for TDEA Director of the Year.

Haley Boatright Goettsch is a graduate of East View HS in Georgetown. She was a 4 year member of the Sparklers, and served a 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. She is currently the Assistant Director of the Vandegrift HS Legacies Dance Team. Ashley has been on ADTS Staff since 2012.

**Halle Braswell** graduated from Corsicana HS in May 2017 where she was a two-year officer on the Corsicana HS Calicos drill team. She then graduated from Blinn College in 2018 with a degree in Liberal Arts, and was a member of the NDA National Champion Blinn College Treasures. Halle graduates from the University of North Texas in 2020 with a Bachelors of Arts in Integrative Studies. She was also a member of the North Texas Dancers. She joined the ADTS staff in 2017.

**Morgan Bridges** is from Whitehouse where she went to Whitehouse HS and was a member of the First Ladies Drill Team. She served as captain from 2010 - 2012. 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. She began dancing at age 3 and was a company member from 8-18 where she traveled to local and national competitions with her studio. 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, Texas. She attended Ellison High School where she was a member of the Ellison Emerald drill team for four years. Throughout her four years on drill team, she served as spirit officer, Lieutenant, and Colonel. She currently attends Texas A&M University and is pursuing a degree in finance. She has worked for American Dance/Drill Team School since 2014 teaching camps and working competitions.

**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.
Lauren Cabrera Longoria graduated from PSJA North HS and was Captain of the Rangerettes in 2011. She then attended Kilgore College where she was a member of the 73rd line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. Lauren is currently the assistant director for the Donna High School D’ettes. She has been on American Staff since 2011.

Kelsie Cain is from Killeen, Texas 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 joined ADTS Staff in 2010. Kelsie Cain is formerly the director of the Killeen High School Kangarettes, who were awarded 1st place “Best of the Best” at ADTS Nationals in 2016, and now coaches for Dancin’ Bluebonnets.

Jennifer Canales hails 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. After earning a B.S. in Kinesiology in 2005, Jennifer became the director of the Westside High School Pride Dance Team in Houston 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 proud member of the ADTS family 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 May 2018. She recently performed in the “Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation” show at the Texas State Fair and is now living her dream as a performer for Disney Cruise Lines. Tori joined staff in 2014.

Brianna Cantu is from Brownsville, TX. She attended Lopez HS and was a member of the Golden Stars Dance Team for 3 years. She held an officer position on the team for 2 years. She currently works for a Dance, Cheer and Tumbling gym in Mission where she is the Dance and Cheer Director/Choreographer. She enjoys sharing her passion for dance through teaching others. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.

Kenedie Casares is from Edinburg, TX. She graduated from Robert Vela HS in 2017. She was studio trained at DanzForce Academy. Kenedie went on to become a member of the 78th line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes, where she was also selected to be a member of the Swingsters. She graduated from Kilgore College in 2019 with an associates in Science. 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.

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.
Courtney Claborn began working with ADTS in 1998. Originally from McKinney, TX, she enjoyed her high school years as 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 Texas State Strutters, spending two years as a Lieutenant. Courtney later returned to education and received her teaching certificate. She is in her 14th year of education and enjoys being a 4th grade teacher in Lovejoy ISD.

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.

Brittany Claypool has been on staff since 2010. She is a former member of the Southern Methodist University Pom Squad, and graduated from SMU with a degree in History. Brittany is the current director of the Newman Smith HS Troyanns.

Miranda Clifton is from Huntington, Texas. She graduated from HHS in 1998 and continued dancing in college as a Tyler Junior College Apache Belle. After graduation from UT Tyler, she moved home and started teaching High School Business classes and became director of the Huntington Highsteppers. She began working for ADTS in 1998. After experiencing camps, contests and special performances as a student with this company, she knew being part of the staff would be a special opportunity!

Kelly Clipper joined ADTS in 2015. She has been dancing since age three with Alden Manongdo, at Dance Works +Plus, and won multiple champion titles. In high school, she was a member of the award winning Killeen HS Kangarettes for four years and held an officer position for three. After graduating, she was accepted to the Dance Program at Sam Houston State University. She is a recent graduate of Sam Houston State University, and is now studying at TWU to be a Doctor of Physical Therapy.

Kaytlyn Collier is from Houston, TX. She graduated from Elkins HS in 2016 where she served as a dance officer for two years. She recently graduated from Blinn College in 2018 with an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts. She was also a member of the award winning Blinn College Treasures dance team for two years. She is now attending 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.
**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 Degree in English and Education, and then went on to earn a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from Texas A&M Commerce. Staci is the current Assistant Director of the McKinney Boyd HS Bailadoras, and she is the Head Director of the McKinney Boyd JV Belles drill team. Staci is the former Director of the Sherman HS Hi-Steppers and the Clark High School Cougarettes. Staci has worked for American Drill Team School since 1991.

**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** began working for ADTS as an instructional dance staff member in 2016. She is from Rockwall, Texas, where she graduated as the Rockwall High School Stingerette Captain in 2015 while also a member of the Dance FX Studio's Senior Company. Following high school, she was selected as a member of the 76th line of Kilgore Rangerettes and Rangerette Swingsters. Emma recently completed her studies in dance education at Stephen F. Austin State University where she was also one of the captains for the SFA Dance Teams.

**Diane Craig** graduated from SFA with her Bachelors and Masters 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** has been a dance educator, teacher and choreographer for over 20 years. A graduate of Olathe North High School and The University of Kansas, Holly joined the ADTS family in 1996 teaching, choreographing and judging. Holly 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. She hopes to continue her passion for the arts as she once again makes Kansas City her home!

**Sara Denman** is from Garland, TX where she graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS in 2016. She held the positions of Juniors Lieutenant and then Captain her senior year on the Yankee Doodle Sweethearts Drill Team. She was also on the senior team at Dance FX Studio. She recently served as Captain of the Kilgore College Rangerettes, and is now attending Texas State University. She joined the 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 dance team director 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.

Tieler Ellis Seirer is from Plano, TX. She attended Plano East Senior High School 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 bachelors at Sam Houston State University where she was a member of the NDA National Collegiate Champion Orange Pride Dance Team! She began working for ADTS in 2008. She is currently the Business Operations Assistant at Prestonwood Baptist Church.

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 11th grade US History and 12th 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.

Morgan 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.

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 American Dance/Drill Team since 2010. She is the Director of the newly formed Texas Woman’s University Pioneer Pride Dance Team. Allison was a two-year lieutenant on her high school’s drill team, the Poteet HS Belles. In 2010 Allison graduated summa cum laude from Texas Woman’s University where she earned her B.A. in Dance. Allison spent five years working in her hometown of Mesquite directing the Poteet HS Belles.
Autumn Fleet joined the ADTS Staff in 2016. She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee HS in Tyler where she served as Captain of the Southern Belle Drill Team. She was on the 76th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes and graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Dance Concentration. She now serves as Assistant Director of the Hendrickson HS Silver Dancers.

Sarah Barland Flisowski has been on American Staff since 2001. She graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelors Degree in Exercise Sports Science and Masters Degree from Prairie View A&M in Physical Education and Health. She is now the Spirit Coordinator at Blinn College where the dance team has won multiple ADTS Collegiate titles and also has NDA Pom and Team Dance titles from 2014 through 2019. Sarah is married to Dax and they have a little girl named Kate.

Thelma Flores is from Garland, TX where she attended North Garland HS and was a three-year member of the Mam’selles, holding various leadership positions including Captain her senior year. Thelma attended Brookhaven Community College where she danced with the Windmill Dance Company from 2011-2013. Thelma finished her dance education at Texas State University in May 2016. After graduation, she was a member of the Dallas Sidekicks Dancers for the 2016-2017 season. Thelma is currently the Eaglettes Assistant Director and Desperados Director at Richardson HS. Thelma began working for ADTS in 2016.

Tasha Franklin is a graduate from Texas Woman's University with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in Dance. Before Tasha attended TWU, she was part of the TVCC Cardettes as a Lieutenant. She is the former Assistant Director for the Duncanville HS High Hats, Director of the 9th Grade Pre-Drill Showstoppers. Currently, she is the director of the Irving HS Toy Tigers and Hip-Hip Instructor for United Performing Arts Center. She had the pleasure to judge for Miss Dance/Drill Team Japan 2014 in Osaka, Japan, as well as teach dance workshops in Osaka, Nagoya and Tokyo. Tasha started working for ADTS in 2006.

Savanna Fredrickson is from Rowlett TX where she went to Sachse HS. She was the Captain of the Sachse HS Swingsters. She was then a World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette on the 74th line. She recently graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University where she 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 American Staff since 2013.

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 HS where she was a 3-year member of the Sachse HS Swingsters, 2-time All American, and served as captain her senior year. She also a member of the Dance FX company for 6 years. Ally currently attends Sam Houston State University where she is a member of the Orange Pride Dance Team and majoring in English and double minoring in Dance and Secondary Education. She joined ADTS staff in 2019.
Angie Garcia is from Baytown, Texas. She graduated from Robert E. Lee HS, where she was top officer on the drill team for two years. She is currently attending Sam Houston State University working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Dance. Angie was a member of the SHSU Orange Pride Dance Team from 2015 to 2016. She graduated from SHSU in May 2019, and is currently teaching dance in North Carolina. She has been a proud ADTS staff member since 2015.

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 Bachelors 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, Texas and attended PSJA North High School where she served as Freshman Sergeant, Sophomore Lieutenant, Junior Co-Captain, and Senior Captain. Following high school, Alyssa was named as a member of the 70th Line of Kilgore College Rangerettes. After two years, she 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 proud member of the ADTS Staff since the 2009!

Vianey Garza was born and raised in Pharr, TX where she attended PSJA North HS. While attending high school, Vianey had the honor of representing the PSJA North HS award winning Raiderettes as a freshman sergeant, sophomore line officer, and a junior and senior lieutenant. After high school, Vianey pursued dance by becoming a CBA Silverado dancer and later received a Bachelor’s of Science in Communication Disorders from Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. Vianey returned home where she is currently an elementary special education teacher for the PSJA ISD. Vianey has been on ADTS staff since the summer of 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 resides in her hometown with her husband and three daughters where 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 where she has trained in precision, concert, and commercial dance. She is a graduate of Booker T. Washington HS for the Performing and Visual Arts and recently graduated with honors from Studio School at Los Angeles Center Studios with a BFA in Commercial Dance. Katey has trained with many renowned choreographers and been featured in several music videos as well as the movie Step Up: All In. Katey traveled to Osaka, Japan with the Texas All Star Dance Team as a dancer and choreographer. 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 at Elkins HS her sophomore year and served as Captain for two years. Victoria graduated from Texas Tech University in 2018 where she studied dance and education. She currently teaches dance and coaches a team for an elementary school in Lubbock, TX as well as teaches at a non-profit in town. Victoria specializes in contemporary, jazz and hip hop choreography. She joined the ADTS staff in 2107.

Jazmine Hampton is from North Richland Hills, Texas where she was a Richland High School 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 in Nacogdoches, TX 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 High School 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 then 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 an American Staff member 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. She is currently a Senior Tax Associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Dallas. She enjoyed teaching hip hop and jazz in Waco while attending college. She started working for ADTS in 2009.

Christy Hawkins from Killeen, TX. She was a member of the Ellison Emeralds (a very long time ago) and graduated from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, TX. She currently teaches dance at Ellison High School and directs the JV dance team. She is also the director of the Sader Belles at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She has been on staff at ADTS since 2011.

Gabby Hawkins and is from Killeen, TX. She graduated in 2013 from Ellison High School, where she was a four-year member of the Emeralds Dance Team! During her time on Emeralds, she held leadership roles of spirit leader, Lieutenant, and Captain. In May of 2017 she graduated from Texas A&M University and was the Events Coordinator for the Valero Alamo Bowl. She started working for ADTS in 2013 and works summer camps and contests as well as had the pleasure of working two summers at the ADTS office in Salado, TX!

Christina Hedding lives in Flower Mound, TX and is the Owner of Footlights Dance Studio. She grew up in the DFW area where she attended ADTS camps and contests as an RL Turner Lionette. Following high school, she attended the University of Texas at Austin where she was a dance major. She began working for ADTS in 1990 and served as a choreographer, instructor, camp manager, and contest judge, as well as part of the office personnel for several years. Christina is highly sought after for her skills in judging line and officer tryouts, as well as offering critiques to teams preparing for contest.

Diana Henderson was born and raised in Corpus Christi, TX, where she was member and graduate of the Richard King HS Royalettes. Former Texas State University Strutter and graduate, Diana continues to give back by serving as President-Elect of the Strutter Always Chapter. Diana is a charter of TDEA and has served as a 9-year drill team director, 5-year assistant director, 12-year varsity cheer coach and recently retired after 34 years as a dance educator in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. She is currently teaching elementary and toddler dance. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2015.

Alice Henrichsen is from Orangefield, Texas and attended Orangefield HS as 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 1-4, junior high dance, as well as directs the Lee HS Celebrities and JV Belles dance teams. The Celebrities were participants in the halftime show of Super Bowl 51 with Lady Gaga! Alice has been with ADTS since 1999 and has worked as a contest judge, announcer, as well as summer camps.

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 originally from Belton, TX where she was Captain of the Magic Belles. After high school, Rachel attended the University of North Texas and then transferred to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor where she was Captain of the Sader Belles and was a CenTex Barracuda Cheerleader. She is currently the Director of the Belton HS Magic Belles. She has been working for ADTS since 2013.

**Brooke Hiller** is currently at Texas A&M University majoring in Sociology where she will graduate in August 2019 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 alumnus 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 High School and served as Dance Team Captain. She holds a Bachelor of Science 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 substitute dance teacher. She joined the American staff in 2016.

**Christina Hinchey** began working with ADTS in 2004 during both contest and summer camp season. 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 78th line of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerette in 2017-2019. She now attends USC in Los Angeles and is majoring Biochemistry in hopes of becoming a research oncologist. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.

**Molly Hodgden** is from Norman, Oklahoma and attended a small private school in Oklahoma City. She danced for the Norman Dazzlers Studio for 13 years, where was also an officer and choreographer for 4 years. From there, she danced at McLennan Community College Dance Company for 2 years. She recently transferred to Oklahoma City University where she is a member of the OCU Pom Squad. She joined the ADTS Staff in 2017.
Natasha Newbrough Holvey is the former Captain of the Rowlett High School Silver Rhythm Dancers and a former Dallas Mavericks Dancer. She has been on American Dance/Drill Team staff since 2007. She has a Bachelors of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Texas at Arlington and a Masters of Science degree in Systems Engineering from Southern Methodist University. Natasha is currently working as a private dance instructor at Family DREAM Center in Mansfield, TX and as a Construction and Engineering Manager at AT&T in Arlington, TX.

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. She now teaches Professional Communication at Lake Dallas HS and is the advisor for the Peer Assistance and Leadership organization. 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 I-IV 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. Under her direction, the Maverick Belles have performed in the Houston Thanksgiving Day Parade, Disneyland, and Disney World and have earned regional, state and national recognition. 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 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 since 1998 all over the United States. She spent a few years teaching in Brooklyn, NY, Houston, TX, Watts, CA, and Austin, TX. She has taught Dance, PE, and Health. She has been the director of various dance and cheer teams, and coached numerous sports teams all over. Before she became a teacher, she grew up in Sugar Land, TX and attended Clements High School. Then she moved to Austin and became an Athletic Trainer for the University of Texas at Austin Football Team, where I graduated in 1998 with a B.S. in Kinesiology. Lori serves ADTS as an adjudicator during contest season.

Yoanna Cantu Isas has been an ADTS Staff member since 2007 and resides in Baytown, TX. She attended Robert E. Lee HS where she was on the Celebrities Dance Team and served as Colonel for two years. After graduating high school, she attended Blinn College and was on the Treasures Dance Team. She was Co-Captain her second year with the Treasures. Yoanna received her Associates in Biology from Blinn College. She also danced in 2009 for the Stephen F. Austin Pom Squad. She is currently the Assistant Director at Ross Sterling HS in Baytown, TX.
Keilin Jeter is originally from Tyler, Texas. She graduated from Whitehouse HS where she served as 1st Lt. her junior year and Captain her senior year of the First Ladies. Keilin was part of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. She currently attends Texas A&M University where she’s majoring in Recreation, Parks and Tourism Science to become an event planner, and is a member of the Aggie Dance Team. She started working for ADTS in the summer of 2015.

Heather Johansen is from Garland, TX where she attended Garland HS. She was a member of the National Champion Dance FX Senior Company, and was named the senior private national champion soloist in 2014. Upon graduating from Garland HS, Heather attended Stephen F. Austin State University. During her time at SFA, Heather was a member of the 12x National Champion SFA Dance Teams. She graduated in December 2017 with a B.S. in Fitness and Human Performance. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Business Administration at TWU. Heather has been on American Staff since 2014.

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 as well as their Elite Team. She served as Captain her senior year. She attended Kilgore College as a member of the 77th line of Rangerettes and earned her Associates of Arts degree in dance education. She is currently completing her BBA in Accounting at Texas State University and is a member of the Texas State University Strutters. Jenna began working for ADTS in 2017.

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 as an instructor/judge for American Dance/Drill Team since 1991.

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

Amy Liefer is originally from Kingwood, TX and has been working for ADTS since 2009. She graduated from Kingwood HS and was a member of the national champion Kingwood Fillies Dance Team. Amy is a graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor’s degree in Nutrition/Dietetics. While at Auburn, she was a three-year member of the Tiger Paws dance team. Amy then went on to be an AtlantaFalcons 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. During her high school years, she was not only a line member of her schools' drill teams, 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.

**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 studying Kinesiology and Dance. She has been on ADTS staff since 2019.

**Norma Marquardt** attended Deer Park High School and graduated from Reagan High School after her family moved to Austin. She went to college at the University of Dallas where she received her BA in Political Philosophy. She received her Masters 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 and enjoys spending her contest seasons judging and tabulating.

**Mattie Mathis** is from Killeen, TX and is 2015 graduate of Killeen High School. She was a four-year dance team 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 director of T.J Maple. She started working for ADTS during 2016.

**Brooke McGrew** is originally from Garland, TX. She graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS where she was the captain of the 40th line of the Yankee Doodle Sweethearts. She graduated from Texas State University with a degree in Forensic Anthropology with 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. She traveled with the Texas All Star Dance Team in 2018 and 2019 as a staff member. 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 74th 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 a graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a B.S in Education, Specialization - Dance, and a Minor in Health Education. She taught in Austin, Lake Travis, and Victoria ISD. She has worked for American Dance/Drill Team since 1992, and has served as Lyrical, Modern, and Kick Staff Captain, Judge, and Head Judge. Debbie was on the TEA Fine Arts Clarification Writing Team for Dance TEKS and has written dance curriculum for Victoria and Austin ISD. After retiring from public education in May 2015, she taught Dance Team Directing at Texas State University.

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 Belle. 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 the summer of 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 majoring in dance with a minor in education. She joined the ADTS staff in 2019.

Mallory Miner has been on American Staff since 2011 following her graduation from Whitehouse HS in Whitehouse. 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.

Mariah Mueller is from Killeen, Texas. She is a graduate of Killeen High School where was a 4-year member 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.
Sarah Noble graduated from Plano Senior High School where she served as an officer for the Planettes 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 where she is currently serving as Assistant Staff Captain for Hip Hop.

Kayla Norman is a former Kilgore College Rangerette and Swingster. She graduated from Texas Women’s University with a degree in dance. She is currently the Director of the Whitehouse High School First Ladies Drill Team. She started working for American in 2005 where she is the former Kick Staff Captain and has served on Officer Camp Staff.

Kelly Norman is from Dallas, Texas and is the former captain of her high school drill team. She has been on staff since 1990 where she is the Jazz Staff Captain. She has a BFA in Dance from Texas Women's University and has been teaching dance and drill team 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. After high school, Nicole attended Ranger College and was a member of the dance team for one 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 works primarily in advertising, but enjoys doing make-up for weddings across the DFW area as well.

Ema Osborne is from Georgetown, TX. She graduated from East View HS in 2016, and served as Captain of the Sparklers Dance Team. She currently attends Stephen F. Austin State University where she is majoring in Dance Education with a minor in English. She was a member of the SFA Dance Teams from 2016-18 and is currently a member of the SFA Repertory Dance Company. Ema started working for ADTS in 2016.

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 was a member of the National award-winning Rockwall Heath HS Highsteppers where she served as 1st Lieutenant. Alissa graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a major 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, where she served as historian. Alissa joined the ADTS Staff in 2018.

Libby Power has been with ADTS since 2012. She 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 with Texas Woman’s University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with an education minor. Libby now directs Howard JH Chey-Annes and teaches math. Her choreography specialties include jazz, kick, and pom of all levels and styles.

Nikki Prosser has been a staff member since 2013 where she judges at the regional, state, and national levels. She was part of the 59th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes and continued her education at Texas State University. She earned her Masters Degree from Lamar University while performing as a Lady Wrangler for an Austin-area arena football team. Nikki is certified in Dance, Physical Education, 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.

Itzayana Ramirez Vera is from Brownsville, TX where she was part of the Lopez HS Golden Stars Dance from 2008-2012. She graduated from UTRGV with degree in dance in May 2017. During her time at UTRGV, she worked with several guest artists as well as participated in various modern and ballet shows. Itzayana has been on staff with American Dance/Drill Team since 2015. She currently directs the Austin MS Bruinettes in PSJA ISD.

Mandy Reeves is originally from Mesquite, TX where she graduated from Poteet HS and was the Captain of the Belles in 1995. After graduation, she continued dancing at Tyler Junior College, where she was an Apache Belle from 1995-1997. She received her BS from the University of North Texas. She was the drill team director of the Shepton HS Stallionettes for 7 years, and is currently the Team Leader and Transition Specialist for the Special Education Department at Shepton HS. In 2009 she created the first special needs cheer squad, called the Shepton Smiles, that has been featured on Oprah! She has been serving on 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.

Amy Riley graduated from Lakeview Centennial HS and was a member of the Liberty Dolls and Sweethearts. After high school Amy was a member of the Navarro College Showstoppers, and then continued her dancing with Collin College’s Dancers Express. Since 1994, Amy has taught in several studios in the DFW area as well as held director positions at various schools. She is also a certified yoga instructor. Amy joined American staff in 2019.
**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 hopes to eventually attain her masters where she will combine the two with the study of dance in culture. She has spent the last decade sharing her love of dance through teaching in numerous studios and schools around the DFW Metroplex. She has been on staff since 2012.

**Caroline Roberts Luckau** has been with American since 2012. She 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 an independent choreographer for several high school teams preparing for contest.

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

**Lisa Schaefer Westbay** is from Plano, TX and graduated from Plano Senior High. During her high school career, she served as Captain of the Vines HS Vikettes and Captain of the Plano Senior HS Planoettes. She attended college at the University of Oklahoma, where she danced with the OU Sooner Dance Company. Her dance specialties include Jazz, Contemporary, Pom, and Military. Lisa then received her Masters Degree in Communication Disorders from University of Texas at Dallas. She is currently working full-time as a speech-language pathologist. Lisa has been with ADTS since 2009.

**Kristen Schiller** is from Belton, TX. She attended Belton HS and was a member of the Varsity Magic Belles, serving as Lieutenant and then 1st Lieutenant. She is majoring in Visualization at Texas A&M University, and plans to join the dance community in College Station. Kristen became an ADTS staff member in 2017.

**Dorothy 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. Dorothy currently teaches at Prosper HS and is the assistant drill team director.

**Katie Seesselberg Thompson** grew up in Cedar Park, TX, and began dancing at age 3. She 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. While at Kilgore, she had many performance opportunities including the 75th anniversary trip to Scotland and Ireland. She recently 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. She has been on ADTS staff since 2015.
**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.

**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 and continues today as a camp manager, contest announcer, and special performance administrator. 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 75th 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 continuing her education to pursue a career in occupational therapy.

**Reagan Stewart** is from Waxahachie, TX and is a graduate of Waxahachie HS. She danced with her school’s Varsity Drill Team for three years and held the leadership positions of both Junior and Senior Lieutenant. Today, Reagan continues her education and passion for dance as a North Texas Dancer at the University of North Texas while pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering. 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 Wilecdets, 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.
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 taken a position as an educational advisor UTA's TRIO Pre-College Programs, and is currently the assistant coach of the Pom Squad at UT Arlington while pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work with a concentration in mental health and substance abuse. She also recently made the 2018-2019 Texas Legends Dance Team. Carolyn started working for American in 2014.

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 74th 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 Bachelors 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 staff since 2005 serving in many positions such as Officer Camp Staff, Novelty Staff Captain, Summer Camp Manager, and Contest Head Judge. Amy is a well sought after choreographer for her National Winning routines including Novelty, Jazz, Kick, and more!

Kandace Tuttle is originally from Richland Hills, TX where she graduated from Richland HS in 2017. She received many awards with the Richland HS Dixie Belles where she served as Sophomore and Junior Lieutenant and Co-Captain her senior year. She was a member of the 78th line of the Kilgore College Rangerettes where she majored in dance education and performance. She is continuing her education at Texas Women's University. Kandace started working for ADTS in 2017.

Amber Valenzuela is originally from Harlingen, TX. She attended Jasper HS and Plano West Senior High in Plano, TX. She was a member of the drill team at both schools, and served as a line officer 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 59th 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 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. After graduating high school in 2012, she began working for ADTS. Brittany graduated early from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor’s of Science in Motor Behavior in 2015. She is currently a full-time personal trainer and will be pursuing graduate school in the near future.

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.

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!

Christina Vickers is from Kerrville, TX where she attended Tivy HS. She was a member of the Golden Girls and held an officer position for two years. She recently graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a major in dance education. She held an officer position on Dancers Against Cancer for two years. She currently directs a pep squad in the San Antonio area. She joined ADTS in 2017.

Mikayla Walton Medrano is from San Antonio, TX where she graduated from C.T. Johnson HS. She then 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. In 2016, she was a member of San Antonio’s semi-professional football dance team – the San Antonio Warrior Maidens. She has worked at Sea World as a dancer and costume character and as a dance teacher at Trilogy Dance Center in San Antonio. 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 2nd grade in Conroe ISD. Her free time is spent playing with her children! She has had the pleasure of working for ADTS since 2011.
Candi Taylor-Waugh is originally from Irving, TX, where she graduated from Irving HS. She then attended Texas Christian University. She currently teaches at Dance Machines Dance Studio. Candi has been on ADTS Staff since 2003.

Marissa Weber is a graduate of Nederland HS. She has been on ADTS Staff since 2015. She was a member of the 74th 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.

Shelby Westover is from Kingwood, TX where she attended Kingwood HS. She was a member of the Fillies for 4 years and held an officer position for 3 years. She attended Kilgore College where she was a Rangerette and Swingster. She recently graduated from Stephen F. Austin University as a Dance major and part of Dancers Against Cancer, and is currently an Assistant Director in the Houston area. 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 attended Waxahachie HS and 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.

Ekena Wilkins Hawkins joined American Staff since 2015. 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 former director of the Celebrities at Timberview HS in Mansfield ISD, and is currently with the Trinity HS Troy-Anns.

Ashley Wilson is from Plano, TX and has been on staff since 2019. She attended Prestonwood Christian Academy, 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 dance team director in the Houston area at BF Terry HS for seven years. Jessica currently works as a Merchandising Coordinator for the Children’s Art Project at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. 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. Since then, Jennifer has taught Reading, English, and Dance first at the middle school level for 10 years and then high school for the past 13 years. Currently, she is the director of her alma mater's dance team, the award-winning Ellison Emeralds.

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.