

Alisha Staggs has been involved in dance for over 35 years. She has been a dancer for studio, drill, college, and on a professional level. Alisha has taught and choreographed for the past 25 years including coaching a high school drill team for 17 years. She has been a dance/drill judge since 2004.

Chris Lamoreaux was born with a love for dance. She started her ballet training at the age of 3, and at that tender young age became hooked. Her training includes such greats as Joe Tremaine, Doug Caldwell, Mia Michaels and Wade Robson. She has extensive knowledge in all dance genres with an emphasis in ballet, tap and jazz. Her one claim to fame was being cast as a dancer in the movie "Footloose" starring Kevin Bacon. She owned Lamoreaux Dance Co. in Draper, Utah from 1982-1988, and moved to Boise, Idaho in 1988. While in Boise she was very active in the dance community. She coached the Borah and Boise High School Drill Teams. She was the owner/operator of Dance Arts Academy from 1997-2003. Chris belonged to the Boise Dance Teachers Association (BDTA), and Idaho Dance Arts Alliance (IDAA) from 1988-2003. She held the offices of Secretary, Vice President and President of both organizations during that period. Chris was appointed Director of Dance at the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) for the summer intensive workshops sponsored by IDAA from 1997-2003. She has been judging for 35+ years and has judged in the states of Utah, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming, and Minnesota. She is a certified judge for UHSAA in drill. Chris is the proud mother of two children and 5 grandchildren and believes they are her greatest accomplishment in life. Congratulations to all the participants today! Let's do this!!!

Alysa A. Dummer has been judging drill and dance competitions for 13 years. She is a certified Utah High School Activities Association technical and floor judge and judges at the region and state levels. She is an active member of the Utah Dance Judges Association and served on the executive board for five years. Alysa has 17 years of dance experience, three of those as part of a back-to-back, state championship drill team. While on the drill team, she was awarded all-state and academic all-state honors and served as a drill mistress. She graduated from Utah State University where she was a dancer in the LDS Institute's New Horizons show choir and earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry. She enjoys being a receptionist at Amber Creek Family Therapy in Sandy, as well as accompanying and singing in several local choirs. She and her husband reside in Fruit Heights and are the parents of four children.

Courtney Carsey graduated from the University of Utah with two Bachelor degrees in Exercise & Sport Science and Health Promotion and Education. She started dancing since the age of 5 training in a wide variety of genres. Her love of drill started in High School competing for 2 years, serving as a captain, and selected as a member for the 5A All-State team. She was a 2-year member of the University of Utah Crimson Line Dance Team; served as an officer, performed at the Poinsettia Bowl, Sugar Bowl, and multiple NCAA basketball tournaments. A career highlight was performing at President Obama's 1st Presidential Inauguration parade. After college, Courtney was a drill team coach for 9 years and continues her high school teaching career today. She has been married for 11 years and has 3 children. She loves to spend time with her family, travel, try new things, and spend the summer at Bear Lake.

Liane Oyler

Born in Melbourne, Australia is where Liane's love of dance started. Ballet, at the age of six, was her first dance lesson and from then on, her love for dance only got stronger. From ages 6-9 she did ballet, jazz and tap while living in Ohio. Her first real studio was Pat Rhodes Stars National Dance Program in Utah. She began with Pat in 4th grade and worked hard to make the competition team and loved it for 3 years. Liane was a member of the Lakettes at Bonneville High School where she graduated in 1980. Being on a drill team was so fun and rewarding and competitive that she decided to try out for the Weber State Drill Team (the Chatonelles) and was incredibly lucky to be on the team for 3 years. Her experience on a college team continued to teach her so much more about dance and teamwork. Memories she will never forget. While in college she took dance classes such as: Modern Dance, Jazz Dance and Ballroom Dance which expanded her knowledge of different dance styles even more. Liane is married to her husband Mike, and they will be celebrating 41 years this July! They have 4 wonderful children and 6 beautiful grandchildren, soon to be 8 grandchildren this coming Spring! Liane and Mike live in Mantua and she loves the mountains but, not too sure about all the snow. It is nice being away from the busy city and crowds though. Liane is a certified judge of 6 years in Drill Team and 6 years in Studio. She began judging after two of her girls danced from the age of five all the way through high school drill team. Judging is such a passion of hers now and she is proud to be part of this incredible sport of dance! She would like to wish the best to all of the teams and congratulations on coming to State!

Sharon Codner has been involved with high school drill team for 39 years with 35 of them as a Utah High School Athletic Association judge and the other 4 as a member of her high school drill team where she helped her team to 4 region championships and 2 state championships. She was also a member of the all-state drill team. She then attended SUU (formerly SUSC) majoring in Business Education and Minor in Dance Education. She teaches high school Business and Marketing Education in the Alpine District. She is a former drill team coach of 2 years as well as choreographer. She has countless years as a studio judge and enjoys travelling throughout Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming judging. She also judges dance sterling scholars on a region level. Sharon is one of the founders of the Utah Dance Judges Association where she has served on the executive board and on the general board. She was chosen as the 2018-2019 Utah Dance Judges Association judge of the year. She is married with five wonderful children, and 11 adorable grandchildren. She is honored to be a part of high school drill and to see the amazing talent and dedication that our state has to offer.

Jennica Hill

- Has danced for 21 years training in Ballet, Hip-hop, Jazz, Modern, and Contemporary.
- Was a drill team member, and Co-captain of her drill team
- Received the All-state drill team award and the Sterling Scholar dance award
- Certified Utah Drill Team Judge and member of the Utah Dance Judges Association
- She has judged Studio competitions for several years
- She has been teaching dance for 13 years, and loves to help others develop a love for dance
- Graduated with a Bachelor degree in Dental Hygiene from Weber State University and is now a practicing Dental Hygienist.
- She lives in Roy Utah with her husband and son.

Kayleigh Edwards has been a certified UHSAA judge for 3 years and loves it! She is currently the Studio Manager at a tumbling studio and teaches beginning tumbling and subs dance classes any chance she can. She loves spending time with her husband and 4 kids and loves that her only daughter shares her passion for dance. Kayleigh is amazed at the talent and creativity we have here in Utah and is grateful she gets to be a part of it all!

Andrea Taylor has been a certified UHSAA dance and drill judge for over 20 years. She is a highly sought-after judge for both drill and studio competitions throughout Utah. She serves as a member of the Utah Dance Judges Association Executive Board. Andrea was a high school drill team coach for four years. In that time her teams won Region and National titles. She was a 3-year member of her high school drill team, where she served as captain and was named to the All-State drill team. Andrea is grateful for the opportunity she currently has being a dance teacher and to share her passion and love of dance with young dancers.

Tanya Hipwell is a certified routine and technical judge with the Utah High School Activities Association and has been judging both high school and studio competitions throughout Utah for 27 years. Tanya has been a member of the Utah Dance Judges Association since it was founded and had served on the executive board. Tanya lives in Clearfield with her husband and four children.

Shari Bradley

UDJA Dance Judge for 30 + years

Judge in Idaho, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

Former Dance studio owner for 15 years.

High school coach in Drill team for 26 years.

Many national and state drill team awards.

National and State coach of the year award

Masters degree in Education and educator for 30 years.

Married with five children and 19 grandchildren.

Kayla Bingham has been involved in dance since the age of 3. She has been teaching dance and tumbling at various studios for the last 12 years and has been coaching drill teams for the last 4 years. Kayla has been a UHSAA Certified Drill Team Judge for 6 years. She is also a member of the Utah Dance Judges Association. She has 2 little boys that constantly keep her on her toes. She is a licensed Cosmetologist and works in a salon in her hometown. She resides in Garland, Utah with her husband Zackary and their children.

Heather Collier has been dancing for over 20 years. She has danced with various studios and was a member of her high school's drill team for four years. She has worked as a dance teacher and choreographer for six years, including a short time as a volunteer teacher in Samoa. Heather has been a dance and drill judge for four years. Heather is the mother of three (almost four!) boys and currently resides in Tooele, Utah.

Jane Miller began dancing at the age of 3. She has trained in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, contemporary, and acro tumbling. Growing up, she competed with a local studio and as a soloist. She was a member of her high school drill team, the Logan High School Hi-Lo's, and served as both Drill Mistress and Vice President. After graduation, she danced on the Utah State University Dance Company. She also worked as an instructor for the Universal Dance Association for 3 years and had the opportunity to work with many dance teams on the West Coast. At age 20, she became the head coach for the Logan High School Hi-Lo's Drill Team. She led them to a region championship, state military championship, and national military title. After two years of head coaching, Jane decided to finish her schooling. She enjoys still being involved in drill team as a UHSAA certified drill team judge. She also had the opportunity to be the assistant coach for the Weber State University Dance Team in 2018 and helped them win an NDA national title in hip hop. She has choreographed routines for teams and soloists in Utah, Nevada, Washington, and Idaho. Jane recently graduated with her RN from Weber State University and is currently working towards her BSN. She also enjoys teaching at Dance Illusion in Logan.

ROBIN MCCLELLAN

Choreographer, teacher, adjudicator, director . . . Robin trained in ballet, jazz, modern, musical theatre, and precision dance. Robin is a former **USU Aggiette** and **BYU Young Ambassador**, danced professionally **for Tokyo Disneyland**, and was a member of **Jazzin' Dance Ensemble**. She graduated from BYU with a B.A. in English and minored in Dance. She has been involved in high school drill teams for a REALLY LONG TIME (35+ years) including as a participant, a Miss Drill Team Utah runner-up, a Miss Drill Team USA runner-up, creative and award-winning choreographer, judge (UHSAA certified since 1992), and coach for 15 years winning 13 State Championships, and one runner-up finish). She was named 3A Coach of the year in 2001; Uintah High Teacher of the Year in 2009; and was named UHSAA Distinguished Service 4A Coach of the year in 2014. She also served, as an area rep. for UDJA during its formative years. Robin is continually amazed by the creativity and athleticism displayed by Utah Drill Teams. She resides in Vernal, UT and loves the Uintah Basin (even in the winter). She is currently serving on the Uintah School Board of Education as Vice President and serves as a Board of Director for the Utah State Board Association representing Duchesne, Daggett and Uintah School Boards.

Michelle Menlove begun dancing at the age of 4 and has had over 34 years in experience and training in dance. She has performed, competed, and been trained in various genres of dance including Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Modern and Contemporary, Tap, Drill, Cheer, Gymnastics and Choreography throughout the country. She has won multiple national dance competitions and served in various leadership positions. Michelle has taught dance for over 15 years. Her love for teaching led her to adjudicating, which has given her a new found perspective on inspiring young dancers. She has spent 15 years judging in the state of Utah for studio competitions as well as serving as a judge for the Utah High School Activities Association. Her passion for dance led her to create and organize after-school Dance Companies for many local elementary schools. She is currently a dance teacher, adjudicator, member of the Utah Dance Judges Association and the Utah High School Activities Association. She lives in Northern Utah with her family.

Marie Welch

With over 45 years of Dance experience, Marie continues to mentor, choreograph, and work with various dance studios and drill teams in the dance world! Marie graduated from *Snow College* with a Minor in Dance and was one of two (2) recipients of the 'Dance Scholarship' each year that she attended. Marie was a member of the *Snow College Badgerettes* as well as the *Orchesis Dance Company*. She was a choreographer for both teams and excelled in jazz, ballet, and contemporary dance styles. After attending college, her love for dance continued and she was able to teach at local dance studios. She went on to become a High School Drill Team Coach and enjoyed coaching for over 8 years. During this time, she was afforded the opportunity to choreograph for high school musical productions - as well as other high school and college drill and dance teams. Currently, she assists her daughter with production and staging at *Ash Dance Co.* in Diana, Texas. Marie has been a certified *Utah High School Athletic Association* judge for over 15 years. She has been a member of *Utah Dance Judges Association* for 10 years and currently serves on the Executive Board as the Financial Vice President. She has judged numerous Drill and Studio Competitions in Utah, Nevada, and Idaho. She has served as a Pageant Chairman and Co-Chairman for local scholarship pageants and has been affiliated with the *Miss Utah Scholarship Pageant*. Marie currently works for *SkyWest Airlines*. She is the proud mother of 4 children and 6 grandchildren and currently resides in Lehi, Utah.

Hannah Duran has been a certified Utah High School Activities Association Drill Team Judge for over 2 years. From a young age Hannah has been involved in some form of dance. Whether it be performing, teaching, coaching or judging. Hannah graduated from Weber State University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance. Hannah was also an assistant drill team coach from 2017 to 2018, with their team winning the overall state championship. Hannah has a passion for the hard work, discipline, and athleticism that drill team requires.

Shantel Conradi is a UDJA and a Cheer certified judge and has been judging technical and safety for almost 7 years for both cheer and drill.

She has a background in dance, cheer, choreographing, and coaching.

She has 4 girls and enjoys helping them succeed in their interests, hobbies and talents; whether it be some sports, swim, tumbling, or dance, she helps them do it all, and encourages them to follow their passions.

She loves spending time with family and friends, working out, hiking, eating yummy food, and watching a good movie.

Brandy Arave started dancing at 3 yrs old at Jackie Hearn School of Dance in Ogden. When I became old enough I was part of my high school drill team Ogden High Tigerettes for 3 years. After graduation I spent one year as a chautenelle on the dance team at Weber State College (as it was called back then). Soon I was married and started my own family. I had 2 girls and 1 boy. Dance was a big part of my daughter's life and my passion for dance never left. I started 9 years ago judging studio then 5 years later I started to judge high school drill! I wanted to be a part of the sport I have loved for so long!! I am no longer able to dance myself so to help the new generation become the best they can be makes me so happy! The talent I see every year amazes me, and I look forward to it! During my free time I spend so much time with my family and caring for my 3 handsome grandsons

Good luck to EVERYONE at state and cherish these memories forever!!!

Krysten Reynolds is from Cedar City, UT. She has been dancing for most of her life. She coached drill team for 15 years and won many accolades during that time including region titles and the 2011 3A State Champions, She is a two time 3A coach of the year and the 2012 Utah Drill Team Coach of the Year. She has been judging for the past 7 years and loves it. She is a mom to 3 adorable girls who are all dancers themselves. She is excited to be judging today and wishes all the teams the best of luck.

Bambi Saunders has been involved in the dance industry for 37 years. She has received instruction in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Tumbling, Cheer & Hip Hop, as well as additional training in many other genres. Bambi was a North Ogden Junior High Cheerleader. She was a member of the Weber High Warriorettes. She served as drill mistress and was recognized as the Dance Sterling Scholar that year as well. After high school, she was hired as the Assistant Coach for the Bonneville High School Drill Team. She also taught dance for Spotlight Dance & Tumbling for nearly 10 years. Bambi returned to Weber High School as the Head Coach of the Warriorettes from 2003-2006. Her 2nd year of coaching saw the team qualify for the State Drill Team competition for the first time in many years. They went on to receive a 5th place in the Prop & Military categories. That same year the team was awarded 1st place in the Large Open Dance Division, 2nd place in Prop, and 3rd place in Military at the USA Dance & Drill Nationals in Anaheim, California. In 2006, she became more involved in Dance and Drill judging. Bambi has been a certified judge with the Utah High School Activities Association for 16 years as well as a member of the Utah Dance Judges Association. She is the proud mother of 4 children ages 8-16.

Janae Howell

- She lives in Clinton UT with husband Aaron and 3 kids Ruby, Brooks and Daxson.
- Graduated Weber State University with a Bachelor of Science and has a Master Degree in Education
- Janae was a 3-year drill team member, drill mistress and an all-region drill member
- She has danced for over 30 years specializing in Jazz, Ballet and Tap
- She has over 20 years of teaching dance at studios, camps, as well as guest teacher/choreographer
- She is a choreographer of award-winning group and solo routines
- She is a certified Utah drill team judge
- Has judged drill team and studio competitions for several years in Utah and Idaho
- Janae loves dancing and teaching dance. She loves to see the amazing effects of creativity and emotion dance has on people

Amy Lindsey has loved drill team since she participated herself while in high school. Amy minored in dance at Southern Utah University where she participated on the Dance team there. She then coached high school drill team for three years. After; Amy became a certified UHSAA drill team official. Amy served as vice president for the Utah Dance Judges Association for three years and was awarded Judge of the Year in 2021! Amy currently teaches dance at Creative Arts Academy and is married to Austin Lindsey. They have 5 wonderful children and one amazing grandchild together.

JoLynn Judd received her bachelor's degree in Social Science Composite Teaching from the Weber State University. Her 20+ years of training and experience in dance includes study, training, choreography, and performance throughout Utah, Idaho, Texas, and California; specializing in jazz, modern, hip-hop, cheer, tap, and ballet. JoLynn participated as a three-year drill member, two-year cheerleader and was a former member of Ballet West production of "Cinderella". She has coached a drill team for 6 years, with three national titles. As a 10+ dance instructor, JoLynn currently teaches at a local dance studio, where she is the director of the Royal Crew and Pro Hip-Hop Team, which have won numerous "high point" and "overall" awards. This is her +20th year as a certified UHSAA Drill Team Judge and a member of UJDA. JoLynn currently teaches 8-9th grade social sciences at South Ogden Jr. High and lives with her wonderful husband, 10yr old son and 7yr old daughter.

Nikki Wardle started her training in dance at the age of 4. She trained in ballet, jazz, modern, lyrical, baton, hip hop and cheer. Nikki was a cheerleader, volleyball player, and dancer during her adolescent years. During high school drill team, Nikki served as both junior and senior drill mistress for her high school drill team. She often won the drill down competitions. Her senior year, Nikki was named Miss Northern Utah Drill as a soloist. She received both Academic All State and All State awards for drill team. Nikki was also awarded the Dance Sterling Scholar and won the Gold Watch Award for the Female Student Athlete at Clearfield High School. After high school, Nikki continued her passion for dance by performing as a member of the Utah State University Aggiettes Precision Drill Team for 5 years, where her last two years, she served as captain. During this time, she trained cheerleaders, choreographed for Utah State University award events, high school drill teams, and soloists. Once graduating from Utah State University with a Bachelor of Arts, Nikki began her coaching experiences. First, Nikki coached cheerleaders for a short time understanding that her love and passion was in the drill/dance world. Nikki transitioned from coaching high school cheer to high school drill team, where her passion lies. She coached the Ogden High Tigerettes for 8 years, earning 5 State and National titles, as well as 8 straight Region Champions. In 2005, Nikki was named Coach of the Year. Nikki also served as president of the Utah Dance/Drill Association (UDDA) for coaches. Nikki has been adjudicating for the past 30 years. She judges high school drill team, soloists, cheer, studio, and dance sterling scholars. She has been UHSAA State certified in both routine and technical judging. Nikki has been the State Drill Down Caller for the past several years. She has served on the UHSAA Executive Board along with high school principals. In 2006-2007, Nikki received the Utah and Section 7 (California, Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado) Drill Team Contributor award. In 2013-14, she received the UHSAA Official of the year. For 2019-2020 drill season, Nikki was awarded at State Drill, the Utah State Dance Judges Official of the year. She has served as the Utah Dance Judges Association President. Nikki is currently a clinician for UHSAA and the practicum coordinator. Nikki has a Masters of Education from Weber State University. Nikki currently teaches at Ogden High School where she teaches Language Arts and a concurrent enrollment communication course to seniors. Nikki also performs administrative duties at OHS where she runs the school's Positive Behavior Invention System. Nikki's greatest reward; however, is spending time with her family each day and of course, going on family vacations. She is grateful that she has an understanding husband who allows her to continue her passion of dance. She is always on the move as her three active children: Jaden, Aspen, and Jacee keep her busy with all their activities and events, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

Lisa Albright has been a certified Utah High School Activities Association drill team judge for over 28 years. Lisa graduated magna cum laude from Southern Utah University majoring in Physical Education with a dance emphasis and a family life minor. She has taught dance at both a high school and middle school level. Lisa has also been an assistant drill team coach for eight years, with one of the teams winning the overall state championship. She has had the opportunity to choreograph for many high school musicals. She has also been a competition director for several regions and studio competitions in the Southern Utah area. Lisa is a current member of the Utah Dance Judges Association for many years and has served as the Southern and Wasatch Representative in the judge's association. She has also served as president of the Utah Dance Judges Association. Lisa has a love for the sport of drill team and is always excited to watch the teams compete.

Stephanie Hansen. After starting her years as a dancer at an early age, Stephanie danced competitively with private dance studios and on to become a member of her high school dance company as well as starting her cheer experience on a high school cheer team. Stephanie had a very successful dance studio that was well known in the community. She owned her studio for 12 years before closing that chapter of her life to be able to keep up with her busy home life where she has four kids and a loving husband. Stephanie was a high school cheer coach for 10 years. While advising and coaching the high school program, she led them to many State and National titles. She is also a member of the Utah Cheer Team Coaches Association where she serves as an executive board member and a member of the Utah Dance Judges Association. She is excited to be here judging at the Utah Drill Team State Competition and wishes competitors the best of luck!

Trina Smith is from Orem, Utah and has judged for the Utah High School Association, studios, pageants and the Sterling Scholar Program for over 30 wonderful years. She is professionally trained in gymnastic, acro, contemporary, and jazz and received a talent scholarship to BYU where she danced with the Cougarettes, Modern, and Ballroom Teams. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance, she coached high school drill, and then worked for a nationally acclaimed dance studio in Orem for 11 years. As an active member of the Utah Dance Judges Association, she served on their founding board, organizing their workshops and mentoring program. Trina is honored to be a recipient of the UDJA's 'Judge of the Year Award'. She is happy to be a part of today's state competition and wishes everyone the best!

Shayell McBride started dancing as soon as she could walk. Training in all styles including: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Contemporary, Cheer, Modern, Hip Hop, Clogging, Musical Theater, and Ballroom. Some of her highlights as a dancer include starring in Ballet West Nutcracker youth cast multiple times and being a Jr Jazz Dancers for 4 years. Shayell has dance all over the state of Utah and surrounding areas. She has taught and choreographed for many studios and found that cultivating future artists is her passion. Now she is running her own dance program in the small town of Tremonton Utah where she lives with her wonderful husband and two adorable kids. Shayell loves the sport of dance and incorporates it into all aspects of her life, including teaching her daughter to dance and making her husband dance with her even if it's just in their kitchen. She is a member Utah Dance judges association and appreciates that judging gives her the opportunity to help dancers grow and to see the amazing talent and bravery that all dancers possess.

Emilee Stokes grew up training in a variety of dance styles. In high school she was a member of her high school drill team, dance company and was the dance sterling scholar. In college she was a member of the University of Utah Dance Team and graduated with a degree in Health Education. After graduating she spent several years teaching at various dance studios, taught high school health, and coached high school drill team for 17 years. She has been a certified judge for 12 years.

Ember Pilati is an alumna of Southern Utah University with a degree in Dance Education. She owned & directed a Regional and National Championship Dance Studio for 7 years and has been a UHSAA certified judge for over 20 years. Her extensive dance training includes: Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Lyrical and Contemporary. She has created Regional State and National Championship Choreography for 18 years. Ember served as Public Relations Vice President for the Utah Dance Judges Association for 4 years. She loves music, playing the ukulele, reading, playing pickleball, fun shoes and Broadway musicals. She currently resides in Utah County with her husband and five children.

Blair Folsom has studied all forms of dance and gymnastics. He went to Ricks College (BYU-Idaho) where he traveled and performed in the United States and Europe with the American Folk Dance Touring Company. Later he owned and operated his own dance studio—Mountain River Dance Company—for eleven years while also acting as the coach for the South Fremont High School dance team. He is currently the director of BELieve in YOUrself Dancers Challenge.

Blair has been a major player in the dance and cheer competition world for the past twenty-eight years. He has judged for great organizations such as Dance America, America on Stage, Idaho State Cheer and Dance Championships, Missouri State Dance Championships, Contest of Champions at Walt Disney World and many other competitive organizations. He was inducted into the Idaho Coaches of Dance and Cheer Hall of Fame in 2018.

In his down time Blair works with organizations such as The Snake River Animal Shelter, Breaking Boundaries, Relay for Life and the Rex and Tiffany Redden Foundation. He loves planning and executing fundraisers for those in need. He makes his home in Island Park, Idaho with his husband of twenty one years. They have four children and three very spoiled grandchildren.

Kristen Myers-Coverstone: Portland, OR

Kristen is a native Oregonian beginning dance and gymnastics at the age of 2. She trained at local studios and gyms until she became a 4-year varsity Dance Team member and captain at Rex Putnam High School in Portland, OR. Kristen graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Public Health. During college she continued staying involved with Dance Team interning to become a performance judge and was certified in 2000. Since then, she has served Dance Team with 22 years of judging local DDCA competitions as well as the OSAA State competitions. Kristen has also been involved with the OJDTC for past 14 years to which she received a service award in 2018. Kristen has served for a total of 19 years on the Judges Affiliation leadership team holding numerous positions such as Judges Intern Director, Judges Education Director and currently as the Judges Commissioner. Kristen was the recipient of the DDCA Service Award in 2021.

Bio – Erin Reed, Portland, Oregon

Born in Frankfurt, Germany, Erin trained from a very early age in many different styles of dance including ballet, jazz, contemporary, and hip hop. Raised in the Pacific Northwest, she danced in local studios and was a member of her high school cheer and dance teams. During college, Erin transitioned to coaching and continued as the Head Coach at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Oregon for 10 years. While at Sam Barlow, Erin was named the Dance/Drill Coaches of Oregon (DDCA) 6A Coach of the Year, the DDCA Service Award Recipient of the Year, and her team placed in the top five at the OSAA State Championships five years in a row. Erin also served on the DDCA Board of Directors for four years. Since 2016, Erin has been a member of the DDCA Judges Affiliation, providing feedback to teams at local competitions throughout Oregon and at the annual championship events. She has also had the privilege of working with many talented dance programs through choreography and cleaning, for the past several years.

SARA HANSON JUDGING BIO

Sara Hanson grew up dancing in the Boise, ID area. She found her passion for dance while traveling to perform and compete throughout the US. As a high school senior Sara was honored to receive the titles of Miss ISI and Miss PNW. After graduating high school, Sara went on to dance for the Boise State Maneline Dancers.

Sara has spent the last 20 years teaching at studios, coaching high school dance, helping teams clean competition routines, and choreographing for dancers of all ages and styles. Along the way, her choreography has won several state and national titles. Most recently, Sara has been teaching dance technique to gymnasts, specializing in floor and beam instruction. Regardless of which students she is working with, Sara LOVES teaching and sharing her passion for dance!!

For the last 10 years, Sara has enjoyed judging high school dance competitions, and is thrilled to be here today!

Sara lives and works in Meridian, ID with her fabulous husband, and beautiful daughter.