

2012 Dance Judge Biographies

Ally Arnett #1

Ally has over 17 years dance experience including studio training and performing on her high school dance team. Ally has coached and choreographed award winning routines for elementary, middle school and high school dance teams, and currently coaches a high school team. Ally is currently a manager at a Milwaukee area restaurant.

Lindsay Becker #2

Lindsay was a member of award winning middle school and high school dance teams. She has worked as a staff instructor and camp director for Badgerette Pom Pon Inc. and has coached an award winning high school team. Lindsay has judged numerous WACPC and local competitions. She is currently an Art Teacher at Slinger Elementary School.

Denise Bodart #3

Denise first became interested in dance as a member of her high school show choir. She was a member of her college dance team at St. Olaf College. Denise has stayed active in dance through her two daughters studio training and high school dance team. She continues to take jazz and tap classes at a local studio. Denise is a senior product manager for an educational technology company in Eau Claire.

Colleen Boltz #4

Colleen has over 24 years of dance experience, including seven years of studio training and four years on her high school team. Her high school team was both a regional and state champion, won the UDA National Funk Title, and was an American Challenge National Champion. Colleen was a two-time UDA and UPA All Star. She has judged for WACPC for seven years, as well as many other competitions throughout the state. Colleen is currently the U.S. Bank Branch Manager at Kohl's Corporate Offices.

Shelly Cannistra #5

Shelly has more than 20 years of dance experience, including four years on a championship high school team, as a high school varsity coach and as an instructor for a Southeastern Wisconsin dance studio. She has judged for numerous WACPC and Badgerette Pom Pon, Inc. events as well as many high school tryouts. Shelly is currently a project manager.

Cara Chase #6

Cara has over 17 years dance experience, including studio training and as a member of championship junior high and high school dance teams. She has extensive studio training in jazz, modern, tap and hip hop. She was the captain of her high school team and coached a junior high team for one year. Cara attended UW-Stevens Point and Minnesota State University-Mankato. She has judged previous WACPC JAM and Regional competitions.

Christine Cody #7

Christine has over 25 years of dance experience including studio training, four years on an award-winning high school team, and four years at UW-Eau Claire. She coached a regional, state and national champion high school team for eight years. While coaching, Christine's team placed every year at Regionals and State. Christine has judged numerous competitions throughout Wisconsin, and judged the Louisiana State Championships. She is currently an elementary school principal in SE Wisconsin.

Carlyn Corcoran #50

Carly was a member of her high school and college dance teams. She has coached a Western Wisconsin high school dance team and has judged area competitions and high school dance team tryouts. Carly is very active in local theater. She has been cast in productions of *West Side Story* and *Savannah & Company*. She is a graduate of UW-LaCrosse with a major in Interpersonal Communication Studies and a minor in PR & Organizational Communication Studies. She currently works for Element Mobile.

Molly Doray #8

Molly was a four year member of her award winning high school dance team. She has been taking studio classes since she was a child. Molly is currently in her second year as a middle school coach in central Wisconsin. She is a full time student at UW-Stevens Point where she is studying elementary education.

Kaya Doyle #9

Kaya has been judging local, regional and national cheer and dance competitions since 2004. Organizations she has worked with include IHSA, IRCA, Cheer Ltd, Champion Spirit Group, AmeriCheer, UPA, Costal, GLCC, Varsity, Jam Live, JamFest, COA, and WSF. She has received her national cheer and dance certification as well as her USASF coaching levels 1-6 certification. She has her Bachelor of Performing Arts, Northern Illinois University and Master of Architecture, University of Illinois – Chicago.

Katie Driessen #10

Katie has over 13 years dance experience as a member of a championship junior high and high school dance teams, as well as studio training. She has worked as an instructor for CWDC. Katie is attending UW-Stevens Point, and currently works at Shopko.

Danielle DuFour #11

Danielle's dance experience began as a child through a local studio. She continued as a member of her high school dance team, collegiate classes and most recently as a member, coach and choreographer of the Milwaukee Mustangs dance team. She has judged many local competitions and tryouts. Danielle is currently a Medical Education and Training Specialist.

Mari Fedie #12

Mari has over 30 years dance and cheerleading experience. She has worked as a dance instructor at studios in Hartland and Sussex and coached a championship junior high dance team for six years. She has judged many events throughout SE Wisconsin, including WACPC competitions. Mari is currently an administrative assistant, a licensed aesthetician and owns her own business.

Ashley Grahl #13

Ashley's 12 years of dance experience includes four years on her high school team, three years as captain of her high school team, and several years of studio training. She has choreographed for local elementary, middle school, and high school teams, and coached a middle school dance program. Ashley is a graduate of Marian University with a degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing a degree in business, healthcare administration and finance.

Bonnie Gray #14

Bonnie has 15 years dance experience including studio training in ballet and jazz. She has coached a varsity dance team and has taught studio classes for 5 years. Bonnie attended University of Wisconsin Parkside, and received her sports management degree from University of Phoenix. Dance Instructor and coordinator for the jazz and hip hop curriculum at Toe to Toe Ballet Studio. Works with the ballet and lyrical performance group at a SE Wisconsin studio. She is also a store manager at Aerie by American Eagle Outfitters.

Jessica Griffin #15

Jessica's dance experience has been as part of her high school and college dance teams and multiple Milwaukee area professional dance teams, including the Milwaukee Brewers Diamond Dancers. She was a studio instructor in SE Wisconsin for 7 years. She has been judging throughout the state for 5 years. She is currently a high school cheerleading coach and freelance choreographer.

Kristin (Jones) Hammer #16

Kristin's 20 years of dance experience include nine years of studio training, four years on her high school team, and one year at the Minnesota Timberwolves Master Dance Classes. While on her high school team, Kristin was named a UDA All-Star and was a member of the WACPC All State team. She has judged several competitions throughout the state since 2002 and has judged for WACPC since 2005. Kristin graduated from the University of Minnesota and in 2011, she received her Doctor of Chiropractic from Northwestern Health Sciences University.

Katie Hanrahan #17

Katie has over 12 years dance experience. She was a four year member, and two-year captain of a state champion high school dance team as well as a four year member, and captain/choreographer of the UW-Green Bay Dance Team. She has choreographed numerous award winning routines and has received numerous personal awards. Katie has worked as a studio instructor in the Madison and Milwaukee areas teaching jazz, hip hop and lyrical. She has judged numerous competitions and tryouts throughout the Midwest. She has her bachelor's degree from UW-Green Bay and currently works as a licensing specialist and paralegal.

Laura Hebel #18

Laura's 19 years of dance experience include 10 years of studio training, 4 years as a member of her award winning high school team and 3 years on a nationally ranked collegiate team. While in high school, Laura received multiple awards including being named an American All-Star Dancer 3 years in a row and was named a UDA All American. Laura has coached at the middle school, junior varsity and varsity levels. She is a 2008 graduate of UW-Stevens Point. Laura currently works as a dental claims specialist for an insurance company.

Jillian Heise #19

Jillian has been involved with dance as a hobby since she was in kindergarten including several years of studio dancing and helping choreograph team performances in college. She enjoys a continued involvement with the dance world through judging local competitions and tryouts. Jillian is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in elementary/middle education and earned her master's degree in reading/language arts from Cardinal Stritch University in 2008. She is currently a 7th grade language arts and reading teacher in SE Wisconsin.

Megan Heller #20

Megan was a member of her award winning high school dance team, the Green Bay semi-professional Blizzards dance team and has coached at the varsity level. She is a graduate of Saint Norbert College. Megan is a kindergarten teacher for the Green Bay School District.

Marsha Heuer #21

Marsha was a 4 year member of her high school dance team. She later went on to coach a southeastern Wisconsin high school team. She has judged many area competitions for a variety of organizations. Bachelor's of Arts with Honors in Majors: International Relations, Southeast Asian Studies, Theater-Specialist from UW-Madison and Bachelor's of Arts Secondary Education Social Science Comprehensive with licenses in Political Science, History, Economics, Sociology, Psychology and Birth-21 Teaching Theater license from UW-Platteville. She is currently a social studies teacher.

Emily Hotchkiss #22

Emily was a member of her high school and studio dance teams. She is currently a varsity dance team coach. She was a dance minor at UW-Eau Claire. Emily currently works as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

Ashley Johnston #23

Ashley has over 17 years dance experience. She was a four-year member, two-year captain of her high school dance team, one-year member of the UW-Oshkosh Dance Team, and two-year member of Green Bay Blizzard Dance Team. She has worked as a studio instructor in Appleton. Ashley received her Bachelor of Arts in Radio/TV/Film and Theatre from UW-Oshkosh. She is currently an account executive for WVTM and WCGV television stations in Milwaukee.

Lori Keiser #24

Lori has over 24 years dance experience. She was a four-year member of her high school team, and coached elementary and high school dance programs. Lori has judged many WACPC Regional and State competitions as well as local dance competitions. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry. Lori is currently a science teacher at Beaver Dam High School and is working toward completing her masters degree in Educational Leadership from Marian University.

Mishra Keller #25

Mishra Harris Keller is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where she was a dancer with Dance Alabama and a charter member of the Alabama Repertory Dance Theatre (ARDT). After receiving a Bachelor of Science in Commerce and Business Administration, she became a company member of Southern Danceworks, where she performed for three seasons under the artistic direction of Teri Weksler. She has performed in The Nutcracker with the Alabama Ballet and was a charter member of the Birmingham Steeldogs Showstealers Dance Team. She then went on to dance for two seasons with Margi Cole's Dance COLective in Chicago, Illinois. After moving to Philadelphia, she danced for one season with the Philadelphia Soulmates and also with B-Tru Collective. Ms. Keller continues to choreograph routines and teach clinics and studio classes. In addition to teaching all over the US, she has taught classes and workshops in Scotland, Japan and Canada. She works with various dance and cheerleading organizations, including the Indiana High School Dance Team Association, Scotdance, Scotcheer, CheerExpo and WCA. Ms. Keller also judges cheer and dance team tryouts, regional, national and international competitions and also serves as Competition Director. She was recently selected as a choreographer for the first Scottish National Dance Team and currently serves on The Dance COLective Board of Directors. In June 2008, Ms. Keller graduated from the Institute for

Integrative Nutrition (IIN) with dual certifications in Holistic Health Counseling from IIN and Columbia University. She is using her training and her nutrition company, Nutrisults, to educate and support dancers on how to best feed and nurture themselves, while maintaining beautiful, healthy bodies and enjoying their dance experiences.

Maddy Krueger #26

Maddy has over 16 years performance experience, first as a studio dancer and then as a four year member of her high school team, where she was also named captain her senior year. She is currently a student at UW-Madison.

Elizabeth Krutz #49

Elizabeth's cheer and dance team experience began in high school. She has worked with many all star and recreation department programs throughout Milwaukee. She is a USASF certified judge. Elizabeth has also coached Special Olympic athletes. She has her degree in Special Education and is currently a gifted and talented instructor for WCATY and a private tutor.

Krista Lass #27

Krista was a member of her high school dance team, studio team and is currently a member of her collegiate dance team. She has worked as an instructor and choreographer for Central Wisconsin Dance Camps. Krista has received multiple awards from the teams she has been a part of. She is currently a daycare teacher and full time student.

Lindsay (Bliemeister) Lauters #28

Lindsay has over 20 years dance experience. She has been a member of a middle school, high school and college dance team and has extensive studio training. Lindsay was named captain of both her high school and college dance teams. She received multiple awards including being named a Badgerette All Star and Badgerette Dance Star. Lindsay is a former coach and has judged WACPC and local area competitions and tryouts. She has a bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders and a master's degree in Speech and Language Pathology. Lindsay currently works as a Speech and Language Pathologist.

Sarah (Konop) Lutz #29

Sarah's 16 years of dance experience include several years of intensive studio training, two years on her junior high dance team, four years on her high school dance team, and two years on the UW-Oshkosh dance team. While on her high school team, Sarah was named a Badgerette Danz Star, All-Star, and was a Miss Badgerette semi-finalist. She has been judging for WACPC since 2006, and judges for many other competitions throughout the state. Sarah is currently a portfolio manager for Associated Bank.

Carley Miller #30

Carley has over 18 years dance experience. She was a member of her high school dance team for four years. She has taken classes at multiple studios in the Fox Valley area and has continued her dance training at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Carley received her B.A. in English from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and is currently in law school at the University of St. Thomas School of Law and a law clerk at the Minnesota Aids Project.

Stephanie Obst #31

Stephanie has 18 years dance experience as a studio dancer and as a four year member of her award winning high school dance team. In 2002, Stephanie helped establish an award winning middle school team in SE Wisconsin. She was the youngest member of the Milwaukee Iron professional dance team. Stephanie is a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee majoring in Advertising and Public Relations with a minor in Communications. She has judged competitions throughout Wisconsin and currently works as a studio instructor.

Kristen Odegaard #32

Kristen has over 20 years of dance experience, including seven years in Illinois competitive cheerleading, and as a member of the UW-LaCrosse Dance Team. She was an instructor for NCA, and has coached several teams in western Wisconsin. Kristen was a board member for WACPC, a WACPC All State judge and coordinator for many years, and has judged for numerous competitions throughout Wisconsin. She is currently the UniServ Director for Coulee Region United Educators /Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC).

Katie Parchim #33

Katie has 15 years dance experience as a studio performer and a four year member of her award winning high school team. Katie has worked as a youth pom and ballet instructor and has coached a middle school recreation team for four years. She is currently a student at UW-Milwaukee, pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice.

Emily Pearse #34

Emily was a member of her high school and college dance teams. She has 15 years studio experience and worked for 2 years as a studio instructor. Emily received her Bachelor of Science in Music, Theater and Communication and a Master of Education from UW-LaCrosse. She currently works as a music teacher.

Crystal Pischke #35

Crystal has been involved in dance team and competitive studio dance most of her life. She has coached the Green Bay Gladiators and a local high school team. She has judged many local area competitions. Crystal received her degree in Business Management and Human Resources with a minor in Dance from UWGB. She is currently a recruiter at a staffing firm.

Kim Pribyl #36

Kim has danced competitively on her high school dance team, as a member of the Green Bay Blizzard Dance Team, on an All-Star team and has trained in a studio. She has judged local competitions as well as WACPC JAM and Regionals. Kim received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UW-Green Bay. She is currently an adjudicator for the state of Wisconsin.

Kristi Rabska #37

Kristi's 14+ years of dance experience includes four years on her high school team, two years on the UW-Stout She-Devils, and two years at the PEC Studios in St. Louis. She was named a UDA and Badgerette All Star while in high school, coached a Wisconsin JV dance team, and has been judging for WACPC for nine years. Kristi is currently a senior account executive for Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising in Chicago.

Stephanie Rudolph #38

Stephanie was a 4 year member of her award winning high school dance team and of the competitive UW-Green Bay dance team. She was a 5 year member and 2 year coach of a semi-professional dance team. Most recently, she coached a high school team to state and national championships. Stephanie is a middle school teacher in DePere.

Amy (Mather) Sacia #39

Amy has 15 years of dance experience including being a member of her high school team. She has worked as an instructor for Just for Kix, and coached a high school dance team for four years, a high school cheer team for one year, and a middle school dance team for one year. Amy has been a WACPC judge since 2005 and has judged for many other local competitions. She is currently a special education teacher at Melrose-Mindoro Junior High School.

Jessica Schneble #40

Jessica has 18 years of dance experience including four years on her high school team and one year on the UW-Whitewater Dance Team. While in high school, she was named a Badgerette All-Star. Jessica has coached for a local high school team and has judged several local and WACPC championships.

Kassandra Sepeda #41

Kassandra has over 14 years of dance experience. She was a member of her junior high and varsity dance teams and a 2 year member of the UW-Stevens Point dance team. She has jazz, modern, tap, ballet and Polynesian dance training. Kassandra has worked a summer camp instructor for CWCC and CWDC and has taught classes for 3 years at a local studio. She is currently a student at UW-Stevens Point.

Amanda Sura #42

Amanda's 20 years of dance experience includes four years on her high school dance team, 15 years of studio training, six years of studio dance instruction, and four years of choreographing and coaching high school dance. She was an assistant coach for her high school's dance team after graduation, and has also coached and choreographed for a state champion dance program in southeastern Wisconsin.

Krista (Kadrlik) Vanderveren #43

Krista has 20 years of dance experience, including studio training, participation in her Minnesota high school's dance department and on her high school's dance team, and was a member of the UW-River Falls Dance Team. Krista has choreographed for local studios and high school teams. She is a UPA certified judge and has judged both in Wisconsin and Minnesota. She is a graduate of UW-River Falls with a degree in Education and a minor in dance education. She is currently an instructor at the New Prague Dance Studio.

Tammy Vann #44

Tammy's 18 years of dance experience includes three years on her high school dance team, three years as a member of the UW-Stevens Point Dance Team, and two years as a member of the Green Bay Blizzard Arena Football Dance Team. She has been a judge for WACPC since 2000, and has judged for many other competitions throughout the state. Tammy is currently an elementary school teacher in the Green Bay area and has been married for six years.

Tara Verdon #45

Tara has over 15 years of dance experience including three years on her high school dance team, and two years dancing for the Enavant School of Dance during college. While on her high school team, Tara was named a UDA All Star, was team captain, and received All Conference dance honors. She was a Just For Kix Dance Program instructor for seven years, and choreographed a local dance team for seven years. Tara has been judging for WACPC since 2006 and judges many other events throughout the state. She is currently the safety coordinator for the Red Cedar Medical Center in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Tracy Wusterbarth #46

Tracy was a 4 year member of her high school dance team. She has received numerous personal awards including being named Miss Wisconsin 2005. She received her Bachelors of Science from Carroll University in Waukesha. Tracy is currently the Director of Career Development at Northwestern Mutual of Sheboygan.

Laurie Weinert #47

Laurie was a two year member of her high school dance team. She has studio training in tap, ballet and jazz. She has been a part of numerous studio productions and performed with the University of Wisconsin Concert Dance Company. Laurie has also worked as a coach and choreographer for Wisconsin high school teams. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration from UW-Eau Claire and is currently the office manager of a family owned roofing company.