



KELLI

OWNER

Kelli has a Master of Arts degree in Performance Management and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Communications from Dallas Baptist University where she received the Christian Leadership scholarship. She is the former All-Girl cheerleading coach at Baylor University and was on the coaching staff with Baylor Spirit Squads for 4 years. Kelli is a former Dallas Cowboys Rhythm & Blue Dancer, the only hip hop team in the NFL, and former Texas Rangers Six Shooter, an entertainment & promotions squad for MLB, where she was also the choreographer for the team. She appeared as a cheerleader in seasons I & II of NBC's Friday Night Lights. Kelli has over 31 years of extensive dance training in jazz, hip hop, ballet, tap, modern and lyrical and grew up in her mother's studio, CTAPA DANCE THEATRE in Clifton. She is a former member and choreographer of the USA Flight Crew. She received college scholarships in both dance and cheerleading at Cisco College & cheered at DBU where she received MVP and the Timothy Leadership Awards. Kelli is a former dance and cheer instructor at Power House of Dance in Dallas and Frisco. She is a 5X UCA All Star Cheerleader. Kelli was a Junior Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader for 5 years. Performances have included: College and Fox NFL Televised Professional Halftime performances alongside: The DCC, Creed, Jessica Simpson, Clint Black, Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Billy Gilman, & Lisa Hartmann Black. Royal Caribbean Cruise Line Performer: Show Dancer & soloist Nassau, Bahamas: Show Dancer & soloist, S.B.C. Cotton Bowl Classic, ESP Comp USA Florida Citrus Bowl. London, England New Yrs. Day parade & performer selected by UCA. Kelli was recently a pro on Dancing with the Waco Stars, that benefits the Family Abuse Center. Many of her students have gone on to cheer and dance at the collegiate and professional levels. She has a true passion for investing in children's lives and looks forward to sharing her expertise with her students, so they can have similar opportunities that she has experienced. The American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators AACCA CERTIFIED.



KAY

TUMBLING DIRECTOR & CHEER COACH

DA Tumbling Director and Head Coach of L2.2 & 3 Elite Cheer at DA. Coach Kay was a power tumbler and cheerleader in junior high and high school. She was an All-American cheerleader in high school. She coached tumbling in high school and throughout college and has never stopped. She has coached several cheer teams, from high school to All-Star. Proper technique is her #1 priority. She is also a mother to two wonderful children, one of which is an elite cheer athlete at DA. She is also a wife and full-time high school teacher.



KATE

DANCE COMPANY DIRECTOR

Kate is a Senior at Baylor University studying Communication Sciences and Disorders with the hopes of becoming a speech pathologist following undergraduate and graduate school. At Baylor, Kate choreographed and led 200 girls in the Sing 2019 2nd placing act. While on the DA staff, she won a Choreography Award with the DA SR Company. Students have received many accolades with her choreography. Previous to college, Kate danced as a Midway Goal Tender line member for two years, and then helped lead the team by becoming a lieutenant her upperclassman years. While on the team, Kate finaled in a number of solo competitions such as Starpower, VIP Dance, and the MCC dance competitions, was awarded with best high kicker of the Midway Goal Tenders for a consecutive 4 years, was named a member of the ADTS dance company, and placed 2nd in best leaps at a Danceline USA competition. Along with personal accomplishments, Kate danced with the award winning Goal Tenders who had the opportunity to dance at halftime of the Dallas Mavericks game, consistently placed 1st in competitions, and were given awards such as best choreography, great precision, outstanding performance, and the WOW factor for a phenomenal Pom routine. As an officer of the Goal Tenders, Kate helped the officer line win awards such as best officer line, best choreography, most admired officers, and awards for impressive technique. Kate gained her experience at a local studio and was on the competitive dance team for 6 seasons. This is Kate's fourth year on staff at Diamond Athletics, and is excited for the year and the opportunity to help dancers improve on their dance technique.

**JAILYN****HIP HOP & JAZZ INSTRUCTOR/ HH TEAM DIRECTOR + JAZZ INSTRUCTOR**

Current Member of the Songleaders Dance Team at Baylor University. Trained and competed in with Stacey's Dance Studio in Kingwood, Tx for ten years. Transitioned to Drill Team in High School where I served as an officer for all four years, helping to lead our team to two overall high scoring championships at ADTS. Dancing is absolutely my passion and getting the opportunity to give back to the dance community through teaching is such a blessing!

**ASHLYN****CHEER COACH & BALLET DIRECTOR**

Ashlyn graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Exercise Science. She moved to Waco with her husband, Adam, while he attends Truett Seminary. She trained

in competitive dance for 6 years, then transitioned to strictly ballet for 5 years. She has won many regional and national titles within her dance career, has worked with many well known choreographers, and has danced all over the country. The studios who shaped her dance career were Jane Mannion's School of Dance in Highland, IL, Priscilla & Dana's School of Dance in Kansas City, MO, and International City School of Ballet in Warner Robbins, GA (now Atlanta). She made a big decision to halt her dance career right before moving to New York City to train at New York City Ballet's School of American Ballet on scholarship.

She then transitioned into cheerleading. She cheered for her high school team for 3 years, and trained all 4 years in college. She was co-captain her senior year of high school, was a UCA All-American Cheerleader, and was invited to try out for the UCA Staff. During her college career, she trained and learned from former and current Auburn Cheerleaders, especially in co-ed stunting, and was an assistant cheer coach for 2 years at a nearby gym. She is very excited to pour into your children, not only by sharing her talents, but by sharing the light of Jesus.



AMBER

DANCE TEACHER & SIDELINE POM COACH

Amber has been dancing for 18 years, both recreationally and competitively. She began dancing at the recreational level at age three and then began at the competition level at age eight. She competed for nine years at Lana's Dance Studio in California. She is experienced in tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary and hip hop. She has competed in trios, small groups, large groups and production numbers in various dance competitions. Every summer her competition team would attend nationals either in Las Vegas or Anaheim, at competitions like L.A. Dance Magic, Starpower, and K.A.R. At the age of twelve, she won Magic Performer of the weekend at L.A. dance magic regional

convention and after this she had the opportunity to compete for Magic Performer of the Year at nationals. While at nationals, she competed for Magic Performer of the weekend while also competing with my team at the competition. She learned different dances and combos and then performing them at a final showcase where a winner was announced. She received runner-up for Magic Performer of the year. Her freshman year at Baylor, she was on the Baylor Dance Company where they trained in various technique and style classes to improve their skills for competition. Her team competed at the American Dance/Drill team competition at UNT where we received awards for our contemporary and hip hop dances. She is currently a Baylor University Songleader.



LYNDSEY

DANCE TEACHER & SIDELINE POM COACH

Lyndsey is currently a sophomore nursing major at Baylor University! She is a member of The Songleaders Dance Team at Baylor and has danced for the last 16 years! She is also on the worship team at Harris Creek Baptist Church and loves nothing more than spending time with people and sharing The Gospel!!! She is thrilled to be on staff this year at DA and can't wait to get to know and love y'all!!



MACIE

HIP HOP CREW & TAP COMPANY DIRECTOR + JAZZ TEACHER

Macie is a current freshman at Baylor University where she is studying neuroscience on the pre-med track as an Honors student. Originally from Temple Texas, she began taking dance at Lisa's Dance Connection at the age of three. At Lisa's Dance Connection, she was trained competitively in tap, jazz, and ballet. As an LDC company member, Macie received numerous awards and had the opportunity to mentor numerous students. As a high school freshman, she made the Varsity Magic Belles drill team of Belton High School. As a Magic Belle, she was a State Champion trio member and apart of a National Champion team. Most recently, Macie performed with the Magic Belles as a feature back-up dancer to Chaka Khan and Jordan Fisher at the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. Macie held various roles as a Magic Belle, serving as a Social Officer, team Chaplain, Hip Hop Company Captain, and Senior Lieutenant over her four years as a member. Under these positions, she choreographed or helped choreograph multiple award-winning routines. She is excited to be joining the DA family and sharing her love for dance to her students. "Everyday brings a chance for you to draw in a breath, kick off your shoes, and dance." -Oprah Winfrey

ADDITIONAL DIAMOND ATHLETICS STAFF

Lexi- Cheer Coach Asst for Shine & Shimmer. Dance sub- Current Baylor University student, finalist for the Houston Texans Cheer team, former competitive cheerleader, pursuing her dreams of cheering for the NFL with training with Kelli. She spent this past summer as a leader and cheer/dance instructor a Kanakuk. This is Lexi's second season coaching at DA!

Kayla B- Asst Coach for Shine. Former competitive cheer coach for China Spring Youth, mother of two DA athletes. Her cheer teams have gone on to win many championships!

Mrs Mindy will be the friendly face you see at the front desk! She makes my day better when I see her and I know you all will feel the same way! She is the proud mother of two amazing sons! Her husband and kids always help us throughout the year with various projects. We are so grateful to have them a part! She grew up in her cousins dance studio in Robinson. She also has many years of teaching experience as a regular substitute at the school and is a frequent sub of our company classes.

Kendall S - Assistant coach for 2.2 Red Diamonds and rec tumbling. Cheer consultant for level 3. Has competed in competitive cheer for many years, up to level R5. She has travelled out of state and competed on two teams! She is amazing at stunting and flexibility and is currently living in Waco and attending college.

Nona B - Assistant tumbling coach. Cheer consultant for all levels. Started out as a competitive gymnast in Austin and moved to cheerleading to be on a Worlds team. She also competed on two Worlds teams with Cheer Athletics! She loves coaching tumbling and cheer. She is also amazing at stunting and tumble technique.

Caytie J. - Assistant tumbling/cheer consultant for levels 2.2 and 3. She did competitive cheer for 8 years and is a 12-time national champion, including NCA and Summit! She was also a part of the Acrobatics and Tumbling team at Baylor University where they won their 5th straight NCATA title.

Dannie Y. - Junior tumbling/cheer coach. She is Coach K's daughter and has been tumbling since she was 3 years old. She is an elite power tumbler who competed in Trampoline and Tumbling for a year and switched to competitive cheer. She has cheered for two level 5 teams at Cheer Athletics Plano and has been to Summit. She is an athlete and coach on the level 3 team. Dannie specializes in elite tumbling skills and focuses on technique like her mom. :) She is also an accomplished flyer. Tumbling and stunting are her specialties.

Lauryn P. - Junior tumbling coach. Has been competing in competitive cheer for several years, from level 2 up to R5 at Liberty. She is an amazing elite tumbler and has been one of Coach K's athletes for two years! She is an athlete/coach on the level 3 team. Her mom, Coach Rachel, also helps coach that team. Lauryn specializes in elite tumbling skills and has amazing technique!