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2017 Grand National Champions ▶

- Savannah Miller – Dance Twirl and 3-Baton
- Jenny Hannah – Strut
- Michael Lopez – Men's Solo
- Lexi Duda – Solo and 2-Baton

▼ Krissy Terwilliger, Feature Twirler
University of Washington
2017 USTA Collegiate Champion



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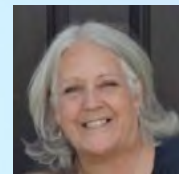


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LETTER FROM THE USTA PRESIDENT



Dear USTA Members,

Happy Fall and welcome back to school everyone and back into our twirling mode! The USTA National Board of Directors held their annual meeting August 25-27 in Kansas City to help get an earlier than past years jump on the 2017-2018 season. It was a great meeting with some great results.

I think one of the most exciting things the board did at their meeting was deeply analyze the health of the organization and how we, as the leaders, could/should help improve the organization's health and culture. After 60 years in existence the BOD is going to let go a bit. We are going to empower our Executive Director of Sport, Mark Nash to "manage" the operations of our organization. He in partnership with our department directors: Member Services-KeriAnn Cooke, Communications-Anna Dolan, Technology-Monica Lee, Technical (Formerly TAG & Competitive Events)-Sandi Rios, Coaches-Kathy Forsythe and Judges-Kathy Butera & Dale White will be responsible for managing their specific areas of the USTA. When you have a question about any of these areas you should contact the department director. Unsure who to contact? Contact Mark Nash and he will direct you to the right person.

The BOD will oversee the business of the USTA and governance, as they should, BUT we are going to be moving on into a more visionary position. We want to determine "where" the organization and sport in the USA is going/goes. Build membership, outreach to areas that we identify as needing our help. Explore new areas and build partnership with other baton and non-baton organizations. Help our councils grow and become stronger. All of this is very exciting and new territory. I believe it will change the face of the USTA in the next 5 years. If you have any suggestions PLEASE pass them on! We are in this together!

We had several Task Force Committees in place last season. Their work has been completed and you should look for updates in the "News & Views" distributed by our Communications Department as well as on the website in the form of updates and important news releases. Make sure if you are searching for something on the website you should remember to check the "Documents" area as well as use the search bar.

In closing, I just want to tell you that YOU are important to the USTA. We hear you and see you. I know at times you might think nothing is happening. I am sure it looks that way BUT I guarantee you, the leadership of the USTA is committed and busy working to make things better for all we serve. Be it recreational baton twirling or sport baton twirling, the USTA is vested in your success. We want to give you the tools you need to participate in and stay in this sport we all love so very much. Help us help you by letting us know what you need.

Have a wonderful start to your school year and season. Let me hear from you. It helps the BOD provide you a better organization!

Warmly and Best Regards,
Karen Cammer
President, USTA

Twirlers, coaches, clinicians inspired, impressed by iTwirl17



iTwirl17

iTwirl17 was dubbed “an educational expo for athletes, coaches and parents of organizations.” By all accounts, it definitely exceeded expectations.

“What impressed me most was there were so many different levels of athletes and coaches,” said iTwirl clinician Dale White, a USTA Certified Coach and Master Judge. “There were a lot of people from various organizations and we came together for a wonderful weekend of twirling.”

White was just one of 17 outstanding clinicians who shared tips, techniques and expertise with the 166 athletes, coaches and parents from across the country and across organizations who attended the event, held Oct. 7-8 in Bowie, Maryland.

The featured clinician was Japan’s Toshimichi Sasaki, a world-renowned coach and choreographer. The nine-time WBTF Gold Medalist (who also holds nine silver and three bronze medals) shared his secrets for teaching rolls and constructing routines with perfect plane, pattern, and directional changes. Other clinicians offered classes specifically for coaches, such as “The Architecture of Solo” and “Compulsories – the winning technique,” as well as classes for parents, focused



on preparing twirlers for competition and for college twirling auditions.

Athlete and coach Emily M. Cooper attended the inaugural iTwirl15 and was excited to return.

“The variety of instructors and topics offered was wonderful! I loved Toshimichi’s 2-Baton class and was in awe of all the innovative new pattern changes that he so effortlessly showed us,” Cooper said. “I also thought Maureen Johnson’s class on technique and training the body for baton was very interesting. It really highlighted the importance of good physical preparation and progression of skills.”

Dawn Riley-Shepetuk, who is now a



“twirler mom” in addition to being a USTA coach and judge, said the event was inspiring.

“It was wonderful, after not being involved in twirling for a few years, to reconnect with the professional world again,” Riley-Shepetuk said. “My four-year-old daughter enjoyed meeting other athletes and doing 2-Baton for the first time,” Riley-Shepetuk added. “She really enjoyed Toshimichi’s twirl class and Mark Nash’s dance twirl class because she got to twirl to a JoJo song!”

USTA wishes to thank all of the clinicians, athletes, coaches and parents who participated in iTwirl17, as well as the director, Kathy Forsythe, and these supporting organizations; the Northeast Regional Council, the New York State Council, the Maryland Baton Council and Star Line Baton Co.

iTwirl19 will be held in 2019 on the west coast, so start making plans now to join us!



2017 REGIONAL CHAMPIONS



2017 Northeast Regional Grand Champions: Laney Puhalla, Strut and Dance Twirl; Richie Terwilliger, Men's Solo and 3-Baton; Lexi Duda, Women's Solo and 2-Baton.



2017 Southeast Region Champions: Sabrina Smith, Sr. Solo, Strut, 2-Baton and 3-Baton; Amanda Trujillo, Jr. Strut and Dance Twirl; Allison Wagner, Sr. Dance Twirl; Julia Arciola, Jr. Solo, 2-Baton and 3-Baton.



2017 Central Region Grand Champions: Savannah Miller, Women's Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton and Dance Twirl; Michael Lopez, Men's Solo; Adaline Bebo, Strut.



2017 Midwest Regional Grand Champions: Madison Eis, 2-Baton; Kimberly Lewis, 3-Baton; Emily Harmon, Dance Twirl; Grace Wennerberg, Strut; Bailey Draper, Women's Solo; Kyler Jump, Men's Solo.

2017 Western Regional Grand Champions: (No photo available.) Sophia Barden, Women's Solo, Strut and Dance Twirl; Kurtis Hubbell, Men's Solo and 3-Baton; Krissy Terwilliger, 2-Baton.

Congratulations to New York State Grand Champions and Festival of the Future Champions! The New York State Grand Champions and Festival of the Future Champions were inadvertently left out of the Summer Catch It! We apologize for that omission!



Congratulations to: 2017 New York State Grand Champions: Siena Kahler, Jr. 3-Baton; Jennifer Stickney, Sr. Solo and Dance Twirl; Stephanie Lupo, Sr. Strut; Trina Catterson, Jr. Solo, 2-Baton, Strut and Dance Twirl; Julia Boss, Sr. 2-Baton and 3-Baton.



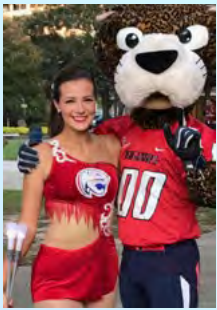
2017 New York State Festival of the Future Champions: Ciara Gonzalez, Beg. And Int. Dance Twirl; Emma Carey, Beg. Solo; Caroline Bayer, Int. Solo.

2017-18 COLLEGE TWIRLERS

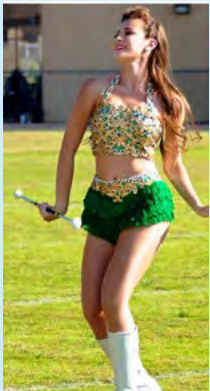
2017-2018 College Twirlers

They are ambassadors for their colleges and universities and add beauty and excitement to the game day experience! USTA is pleased to introduce you to some of our nation's collegiate twirlers for 2017-2018!

ALABAMA



Whitney Williams, Freshman Feature Twirler
University of South Alabama
Mobile, Alabama



Brenna Tadder, Sophomore; Kelly Huntington, Senior; Brittany Lamers, Junior; Allison Forbes, Senior, Captain; Brianne Turnbull, Junior; Alexis Mendez, Freshman; Matilda Higman, Junior
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

ARKANSAS



Miranda Ann, Alexis Newman, Kathryn Marie Griffiths, Michaelah Reynolds, Julia Jones, Feature Twirler Savannah Miller, Elice Siebenhuener, Kathryn Rhomberg, Elise Everly, Madeline Williams and Ashley Wicks Majorettes and Feature Twirler
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, Arkansas

ARIZONA



Mackenzie Saurer, Junior; Madelaine Schmidt, Freshman; Audrey Carlson, Senior Feature Twirlers
Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, Arizona



Brenna Tadder, Sophomore; Kelly Huntington, Senior; Brittany Lamers, Junior; Allison Forbes, Senior, Captain; Brianne Turnbull, Junior; Alexis Mendez, Freshman; Matilda Higman, Junior
University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

CALIFORNIA



Emily Hanna, Senior
Chapman University
Orange, California

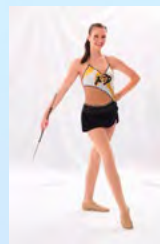


Sabrina Hinojosa, Sophomore & Caroline Glymph, Senior
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, California



Samantha Lowie, Senior; Kaycie Landis, Junior; Kari Webb, Sophomore
San Diego State University
San Diego, California

COLORADO

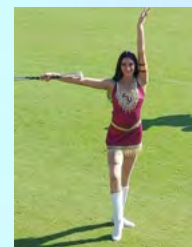


Kaitlyn Turnbull, Sophomore Feature Twirler
Golden Buffalo Marching Band
University of Colorado, Boulder
Boulder, Colorado

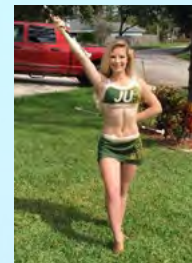
FLORIDA



Talya Carness, Junior Feature Twirler
Florida Gulf Coast University
Fort Myers, Florida



Allison Wagner, Freshman FSU Majorette
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida



Bethany Worley, Freshman Feature Twirler
Jacksonville University
Jacksonville, Florida



Kaitlyn Northup, Freshman; Danielle Willis, Junior; Mallory Cain, Freshman Feature Twirlers
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

2017-18 COLLEGE TWIRLERS

HAWAII



*Emily Dooms, Junior
Aloha Girl Feature Twirler
University of Hawaii
Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii*

IDAHO



*Cheyenne Griffith, Senior
Feature Twirler
University of Idaho
Moscow, Idaho*

ILLINOIS



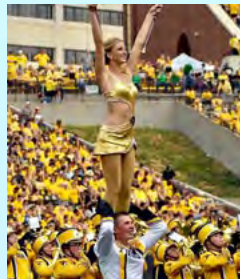
*Andrea Babincsak, Junior; Annie Pacilli,
Senior
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois*

INDIANA



*Silver Twin Brooke Wyatt, Freshman; Silver
Twin Alicia Dennie, Freshman; All American
Twirling Team: Mackenzie Joefreda, Sopho-
more; Erin Groll, Senior; Emma Schafer,
Sophomore; Sarah Cohen, Freshman; Marin
Parker, Freshman; Kara Tighe, Senior; Golden
Girl Olivia Zugai, Senior; Girl in Black Kaitlyn
Schleis, Sophomore
Purdue University
West Lafayette, Indiana*

IOWA



*Kylene Spanbauer, Freshman
Golden Girl
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa*

KENTUCKY



*Madalynn Alt, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky*

LOUISIANA



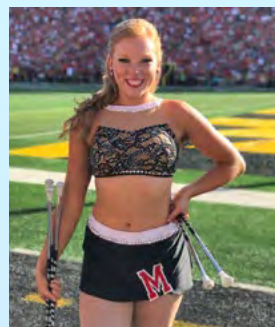
*Keragan Ogden, Freshman
Feature Twirler
University of Louisiana - Lafayette
Lafayette, Louisiana*

MAINE



*Desiree Saucier, Junior; Carley Scanlon, Ju-
nior; Alex Clowes, Freshman; April Woodman,
Freshman; Mateah Hamm, Senior
University of Maine
Orono, Maine*

MARYLAND



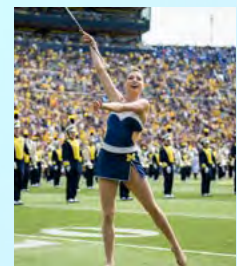
*Lexi Duda
Feature Twirler
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland*

MASSACHUSETTS



*Ally Littlefield, Sophomore; Arista Parillo,
Senior; Brittani Aldrich, Senior; Kimberley
Thornton, Senior; Chrystal Zajchowski,
Junior; Mikenna Conley, Freshman
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts*

MICHIGAN



*Shaelyn Albrecht, Sophomore
Feature Twirler
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan*



*Olivia Negris, Senior
Feature Twirler
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan*



*Carley Fields, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Wayne State University
Detroit, Michigan*

2017-18 COLLEGE TWIRLERS



Claire Wielichowski, Junior; Brianna Bolinger, Sophomore; Jennifer Whipple, Senior
Bronco Band Feature Twirlers.
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan

MINNESOTA



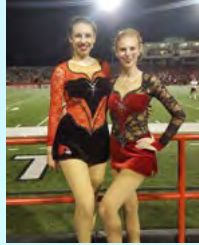
Nicole Nelson, Senior
Feature Twirler
Minnesota State University
Mankato, Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI

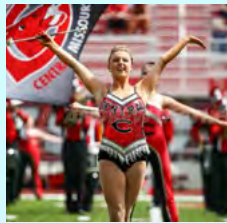


Alex Lund, Junior; Sydney Belyeu, Freshman
Feature Twirler
University of Southern Mississippi
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

MISSOURI



Katelyn Mary Skaggs, Junior; Carissa Frazier, Sophomore
Redhawk Feature Twirlers
Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau, Missouri



Menley Henderson
Feature Twirler
University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, Missouri



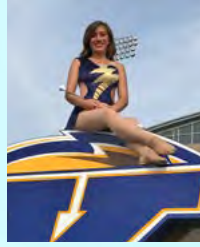
Simone Esters, Lindsey McCormick
Feature Twirlers
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

NEW YORK



Sara Kolipinski, Sophomore; Emelie-Jo Schefler, Sophomore; Hannah Luther, Sophomore
Feature Twirlers
University at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York

OHIO



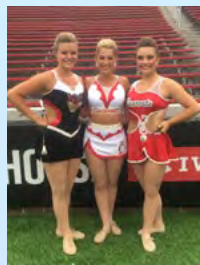
Amy Arslanian, Senior
Feature Twirler
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio



Lindsay Hipp, Sophomore; CeCe Heslet, Sophomore; Amy Arslanian, Senior, Feature Twirler; Amy Dittebrand, Freshman
Touch of Gold Twirlers
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio



Caitlyn Brown, Sophomore; Lianna McDonald, Junior; Madelyn Smith, Sophomore
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio



Angela Lawrence, Senior; Suzy Carter, Senior; Anita Ney, Freshman
Feature Twirlers
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio



Seated: Melanie Walent, Junior, Feature Twirler; Brooke Schaefer, Freshman, Feature Twirler. Penguinettes kneeling: Marissa Snyder, Senior; Rachel Norris, Senior; Jenna Parkany, Junior; Gianna Pesce, Senior, Captain; Alyssa Crump, Junior; Victoria Bevan, Senior; Natalie Toro, Junior. Penguinettes standing: Harlie Silberman, Sophomore; Angela Toro, Junior; Jordan Angelo, Freshman; Michaela Huber, Sophomore; Vanessa Reilly, Freshman; Daelyn Lazor, Sophomore; Dominique Fortunato, Sophomore; Georganna Norris, Freshman.
Youngstown State University
Youngstown, Ohio

OKLAHOMA



Emily Perkins, Freshman
Feature Twirler
University of Oklahoma
Norman, Oklahoma

OREGON



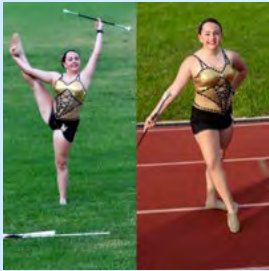
Danielle Cormier, Junior; Ami Hawley, Sophomore
Feature Twirlers
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon

2017-18 COLLEGE TWIRLERS

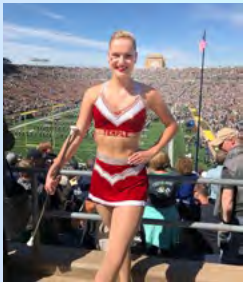
PENNSYLVANIA



Kelsie Fowler, Sophomore; Hannah Wenk, Sophomore
Feature Twirlers
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
Kutztown, Pennsylvania



Jenna Martorana, Senior
Millersville University
Millersville, Pennsylvania



Bailee Russell, Sophomore
Diamond Girl Feature Twirler
Temple University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Madison Darrah, Freshman; Claire Broman, Junior; Emily Nobers, Junior; Julie Jenkins, Junior; Gabrielle Harvey, Freshman
Robert Morris University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SOUTH CAROLINA



McKenna Luzynski, Senior
Feature Twirler
Furman University
Greenville, South Carolina



Domenica Iocco, Senior; Sabrina Smith, Junior; Emily Doyle, Senior
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA



Top: Heather Egbert, Senior; Bottom: Clare Fiore, Freshman, Feature Twirlers
University of South Dakota
Vermillion, South Dakota

TENNESSEE

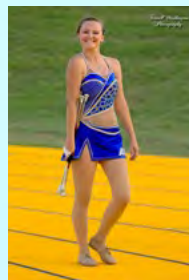


Emily Chaput, Senior, Head Majorette; Kaylee Garrett, Junior, Assistant Head Majorette; Miranda Rasnake, Sophomore, Feature Twirler; Haley Malone, Senior; Alexis Burnette, Sophomore
East Tennessee State University
Johnson City, Tennessee



Elise Halcomb, Sophomore; Cheyenne Hooper, Junior; Rachel Moffett, Junior and Kali Johnson, Senior and Featured Twirler
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tennessee

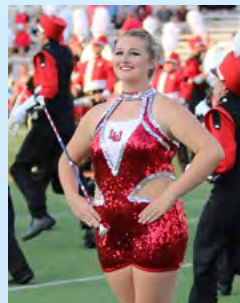
TEXAS



Allie Scott, Senior
Angelo State University
San Angelo, Texas



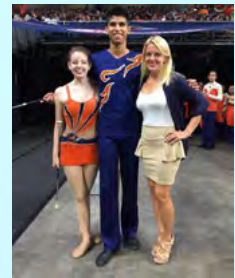
Adaline Bebo, Junior; Paige Glass, Freshman; Jillian Taylor, Freshman; Caroline Carothers, Junior
Golden Girls
Baylor University
Waco, Texas



Kaitlyn Marley, Sophomore
Lamar University
Beaumont, Texas



Top row, L to R: Ally Padron, Emily Smith, Kailin George, Adrianna Chavez, Alyssa Womble.
Bottom row, L to R: Raegan McWilliams, Shae Willingham, Megan Bass, Paxton Parliament.
Texas Tech University
Lubbock Texas



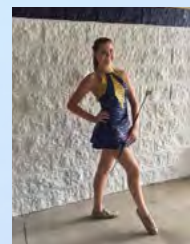
Julie Griffiee, Freshman, Michael Lopez, Senior, Stacie Smith, Coach
Feature Twirlers
University of Texas – San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

VERMONT



Kaila Thomas, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Middlebury College
Middlebury, Vermont

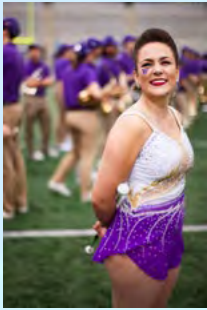
VIRGINIA



Allison Cochran, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Emory & Henry College
Emory, Virginia

2017-18 COLLEGE TWIRLERS

WASHINGTON



Krissy Terwilliger
Feature Twirler
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington

WEST VIRGINIA



Madison Eis, Sophomore; Mia Nordon,
Junior; Jillian Swauger, Freshman, Emmy
Rinehart, Sophomore
Feature Twirlers
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

WISCONSIN



Sarah Hecht, Senior; Malarie Griese, Fresh-
man; Caity McVey, Sophomore
SEMB Feature Twirlers
University of Wisconsin La Crosse
La Crosse, Wisconsin

Hannah Winslow becomes first-ever feature twirler at Salisbury University

EDITOR'S NOTE: When her first college twirling audition didn't go her way, Maryland athlete Hannah Winslow didn't give up on her dream of being a college twirler. Instead, she worked to find another way to pursue her passion and is now living, twirling proof that dreams do come true! Here's her story, in her own words.

It is an honor being Salisbury University's first-ever feature twirler. I twirled at my first Salisbury football game on September 9th and I loved every second of it. Over the summer I emailed the athletic director and activities director and sent them a video of me twirling and expressed my interest in twirling at halftime. I also expressed that I would be providing my own costumes so it would be no expense to them. My high school colors were burgundy and silver and Salisbury's colors are burgundy and gold; so for the first game I wore my old high school costume and we are getting a new one made for future games. Salisbury doesn't have a marching band so it wasn't an issue trying to coordinate with the band director. I'm honored that they gave me this amazing opportunity to twirl for my school!

My first performance went great! I made up a two minute routine to an upbeat song and included one, two and three baton. When I first went on to the field no one really understood what was happening but after my first illusion the crowd cheered every time the baton left my hand. I had an amazing no drop routine and got my first-ever standing ovation! It was one of the best feelings! I was crying tears of joy; it was one of the best



experiences in all of my twirling career.

I love performing - that has always been my favorite part about baton twirling. Now, on campus, I'm known as the girl with the "flippy sticks." I have people who I've never met come up to me and tell me how amazing my performance was. I love twirling for Salisbury University!

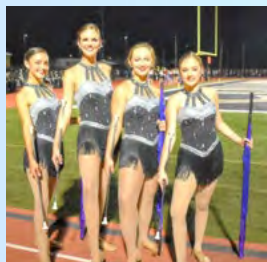
By Hannah Winslow, Feature Twirler, Salisbury University, A Maryland University of National Distinction

WATCH WINSLOW'S FIRST PERFORMANCE [HERE](#).

2017-18 Middle & High School Twirlers

USTA is proud to introduce you to these middle and high school twirlers from across the country! They are supporting their schools and sports teams, helping build school spirit and entertaining fans at games, parades and pep rallies!

ALABAMA



Ivy Falcon, Junior; Carley Byerley, Captain, Senior; Peyton Hightower, Freshman; Madi Martinez, Freshman
Cullman High School
Cullman, Alabama



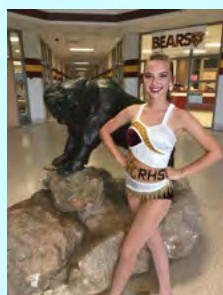
Jordan Carraway, Junior; Jillian Oates, Senior; Paige Jackson, Junior; Jasmine Breneman, Freshman
Daphne High School Twirlers
Daphne, Alabama



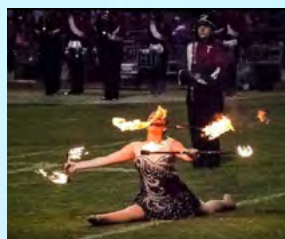
Rosa Mastin, Sophomore; Molly Meilunas, Sophomore; Tori Byrd, Freshman; Mallory Reynier, Freshman
Fairhope High School
Fairhope, Alabama



Mallory Womack, Senior; Marissa Womack, Sophomore; Olivia Owen, Sophomore; Morgan Dempsey, Junior
Glencoe High School
Glencoe, Alabama



Courtney Biggs, Senior
Feature Twirler
Robertsdale High School
Robertsdale, Alabama

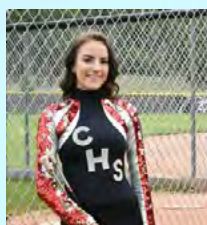


Madeleine Thompson, Junior
Theodore High School
Mobile, Alabama

ARIZONA



Aubrey Cain, Freshman; Addie Travis, Junior; Brittany Lindsey, Senior; Cassie Lilly, Senior; Amanda Cook, Sophomore
Panther Twirl Cats
Coconino High School
Flagstaff, Arizona



Brittany Lindsey, Senior
Coconino High School
Flagstaff, Arizona

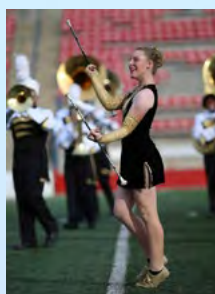


Elizabeth Macario, Freshman; Dominic Macario, Seventh Grade; Sarah Goodman, Freshman; Victoria Birch, Seventh Grade; Krystin Lund, Seventh Grade; Kaitlyn Lane, Sophomore, not pictured..
Spartan Twirlers
Northland Preparatory Academy
Flagstaff, Arizona

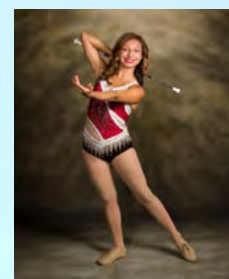


Cody Carter, Junior
Feature Twirler
Paradise Valley High School
Phoenix, Arizona

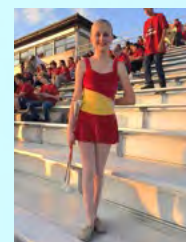
CALIFORNIA



Allison Dutra, Senior
Edison High School
Fresno, California



Melina Morales, Senior
Granite Hills High School
Porterville, California



Darcy Egebakken, Freshman
Feature Twirler
La Serna High School
Whittier, California



LaVeda Chan Payne, 7th grade
Liberty High School/Rancho Middle School
Madera, California



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Live Oak Middle School
Tulare, California



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Mission Oak High School
Tulare, California

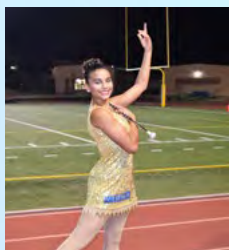
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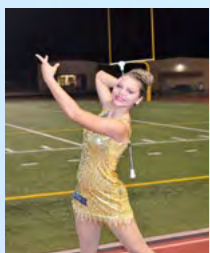
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Monache High School
Porterville, California



Kylie Keene, Junior, Captain
Monache High School
Porterville, California



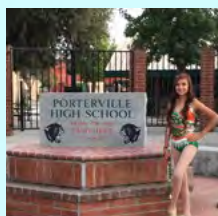
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Angelina Chen, Sophomore; Benjamin Zietz, Sophomore
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Irvine, California



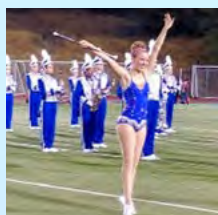
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Palos Verdes High School
Palos Verdes California



Analysse Morales, Freshman
Porterville High School
Porterville, California



Julia Keemm, Sophomore
Portola High School
Irvine, California



Leah Mayer, Sophomore
Rocklin High School
Rocklin, California



Kylie Renteria, Sophomore
Tulare Union High School
Tulare, California



Kameron Eide, Junior; Jessica Gourley, Junior; Khaliah Clark, Freshman
Tulare Western High School
Tulare, California

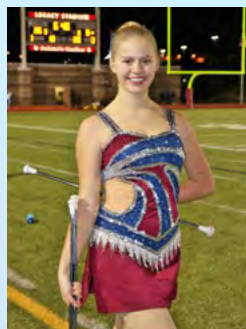
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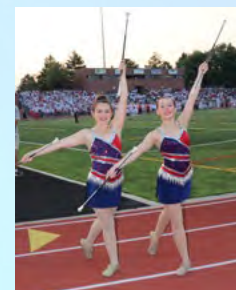
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Banning Lewis Prep Academy
Colorado Springs, Colorado



Sarah Kouns, Freshman
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Berthoud, Colorado



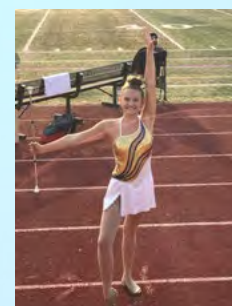
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Cherokee Trail High School
Aurora, Colorado



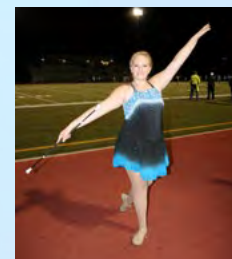
Jessica Cantor, Senior; Alexa Lytle, Sophomore
Feature Twirlers
Cherry Creek High School
Greenwood Village, Colorado



Jolina Andrews, 8th grade
Feature Twirler
Eaglecrest High School
Centennial, Colorado

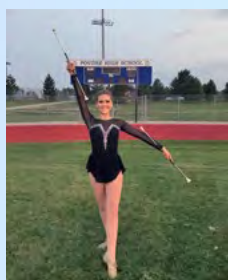


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Fort Collins High School
Fort Collins, Colorado



Liz Anne Soeth, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Mountain Range High School
Westminster, Colorado

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Longmont, Colorado*

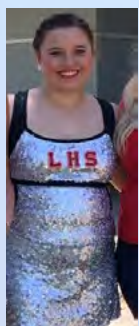


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Silver Creek High School
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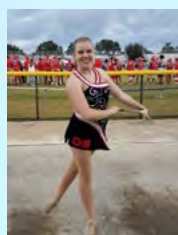


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Emma Young, Freshman; Audrey Schulz,
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Windsor High School
Windsor, Colorado*

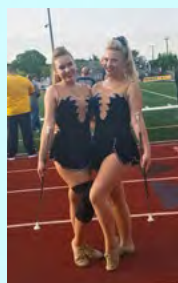
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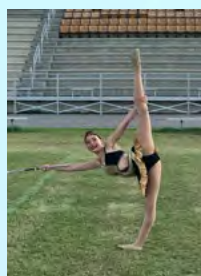
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Leesburg, Florida
Leesburg High School*



*Kayleigh Kenslea, Senior
Feature Twirler
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Port St. Lucie, Florida*



*Grace Karbonik, Junior; Anna Beno, Junior
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*

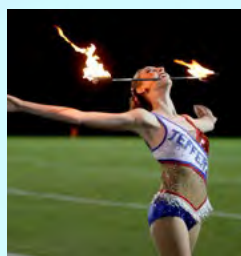


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Feature Twirler
West Nassau High School
Callahan, Florida*

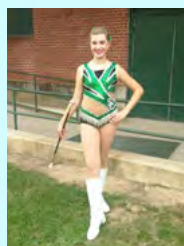
GEORGIA



*Ryleigh, Junior; Daisy, Junior; Kendra,
Junior; Samantha, Junior
Emanuel County Institute
Twin City, Georgia*



*Kate Hildebrand, Junior
Jefferson High School
Jefferson, Georgia*



*Sabrina Cannon, Freshman, Majorette
CoCaptain
Seminole County Middle High School
Donalsonville, Georgia*



*Whitney Dawson, Freshman; Alaina Calla-
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Washington-Wilkes Comprehensive High
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Washington, Georgia*



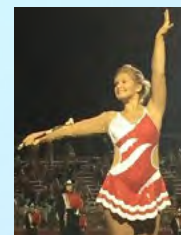
*Reagan Weaver, Senior, Auxiliary Captain
Wayne County High School
Jesup, Georgia*



*Hannah Moxley, Junior; Blakely Ray, Sopho-
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Junior; Jadalynn Ginn, Junior; Emily Teston,
Junior, Feature Twirler; Ellie Townsend,
Sophomore, Feature Twirler; Reagan Weaver,
Senior, Auxiliary Captain; Twirler; Madison
Eason, Junior; Ansley Harter, Freshman;
Addison Owens, Junior
Wayne County High School
Jesup, Georgia*



*Gracie Patterson, Sophomore; Jacey Kelley,
Freshman
White County High School
Cleveland, Georgia*



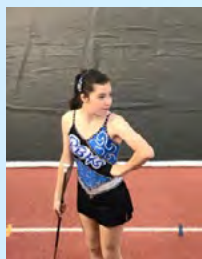
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Winder, Georgia*

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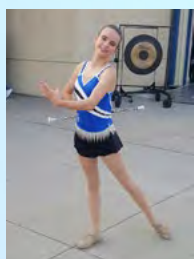
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Air Force Academy High School
Chicago, Illinois*

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*Audrey Brick, Freshman
Feature Twirler
Riverside Brookfield High School
Riverside, Illinois*

KANSAS



*Brianna Tayfel, Sophomore
Goddard High School
Goddard, Kansas*



*Marta Guzman, Sophomore
Maize High School
Maize, Kansas*

KENTUCKY



*Haley Rice, 7th grade
Featured Twirler
Jackson County High School
Richmond, Kentucky*

LOUISIANA



*Reese Randolph, Freshman
Captain Shreve High School
Shreveport, Louisiana*

MASSACHUSETTS



*Victoria Rybicki, Freshman; Kaleigh Cooper,
Freshman; Allison Cote, Freshman
Belchertown High School
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Coached by Kristi Ochs*



*Julianna T., Sophomore; Emily S., Freshman;
Morgan O., Sophomore
Bridgewater Raynham Regional High School
Bridgewater, Massachusetts*

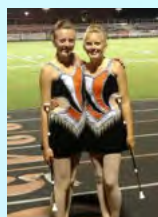


*Allison Nickerson, Senior
Feature Twirler
Middleboro High School
Middleboro, Massachusetts*



*Front row: Madison Walgreen, Senior Co-
captain; Allison Nickerson, Senior Captain
and Feature Twirler; Katie Johnson, Senior.
Middle Row: Jade Almodovar, Sophomore;
Kaitlyn Creamer, Junior; Jules Andrade,
Junior; Abby Wager, Junior; Rachel Peterson,
Junior; Maegan Costa, Freshman. Top Row:
Clara Anderson, Freshman; Hannah Stearns,
Sophomore; Laura Swartz, Sophomore; Lily
Nee, Sophomore; Tabi Babbin, Sophomore;
Lorraine Frawley, Coach. Missing from photo:
freshman Allison Connors.
Middleboro High School
Middleboro, Massachusetts*

MICHIGAN



*Beth Blanck, Junior; Allison Blanck, Fresh-
man
Brighton High School
Brighton, Michigan*



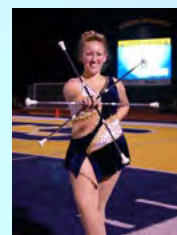
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Britton-Deerfield High School
Britton, Michigan*



*Lizzie Agee, Sophomore
Forest Hills Northern High School
Grand Rapids, Michigan*



*Emily Summerfield, Sophomore
Lake Orion High School
Lake Orion, Michigan*



*Libby Hartman, Sophomore
Feature Twirler
Oxford High School
Oxford, Michigan*

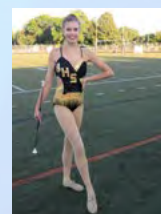


*Rachel Johnson
Pinckney High School
Pinckney, Michigan*



*Amanda Coy, Senior, Co-Captain; Kelly
Coghlan, Senior, Co-Captain
Saline High School
Saline, Michigan*

MINNESOTA



*Lauren Borchart, Senior
Burnsville High School
Burnsville, Minnesota*

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MISSISSIPPI



Alyssa Webb, Senior; Kayla Webb, Junior; Ginger Trochesset, Senior, Captain; Leah Cantrelle, Senior
D'Iberville High School
D'Iberville, Mississippi



Lilly Holley, Sophomore
Gulfport High School
Gulfport, Mississippi

MISSOURI



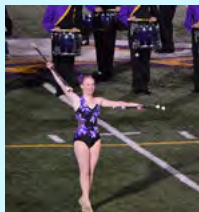
Alyssa Gibson, Freshman; Annalyse Todd, Junior; Abby Sloan, Junior; Dallas Campbell, Sophomore Captain; Sarah Petty, Senior; Hannah Mowrer, Senior, Captain; Maddy Nigut, Sophomore, Feature Twirler; Hunter Timmons, Junior; Shade Horton, Freshman; Hope Nixon, Freshman.
Kennett High School
Kennett, Missouri

NEW JERSEY

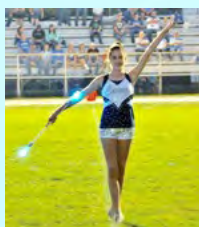


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Bogota High School
Bogota, New Jersey

OHIO



Kimberly Lewis, Senior
Feature Twirler
Avon High School
Avon, Ohio



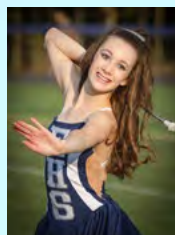
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Carey High School
Carey, Ohio



Natilea Schaffner, Sophomore
Feature Twirler
CVCA High School
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



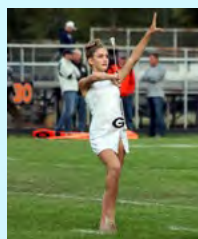
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East Knox High School
Howard, Ohio



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Feature Twirler
Edgewood High School
Trenton, Ohio



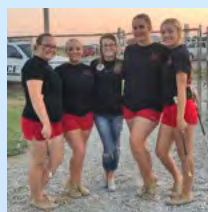
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Galion High School
Galion, Ohio



Kallan Stricker, Freshman
Gibsonburg High School
Gibsonburg, Ohio



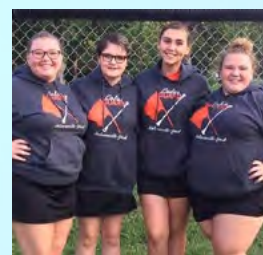
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Jonathan Alder High School
Plain City, Ohio



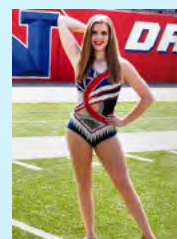
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McComb High School
McComb, Ohio



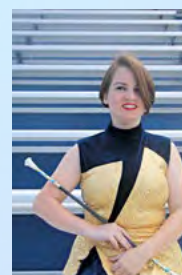
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Mentor High School
Mentor, Ohio



Sara Stufflebeam, Senior; Brianna McDonald, Junior; Noel Taylor, Junior; Lily Walter, Sophomore
Nelsonville York High School
Nelsonville, Ohio



Claudia Swauger, Sophomore
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Niles McKinley High School
Niles, Ohio



Sidney Coleman, Senior
North Ridgeville High School
North Ridgeville, Ohio

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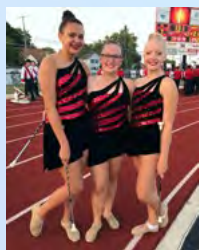
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Oak Harbor High School
Oak Harbor, Ohio



Nina Sowers, Junior
Feature Twirler
Pride of Piqua Marching Band
Piqua High School
Piqua, Ohio



Raegan Alsept, Sophomore; Katie Gibson, Junior; Brianna Back, Senior; Kennady Smedley, Freshman; Arianna Allen, Sophomore; Madisyn Smart, Senior; Courtney Picklesimer, Freshman; Madison Lasch, Senior
Plymouth High School
Plymouth, Ohio



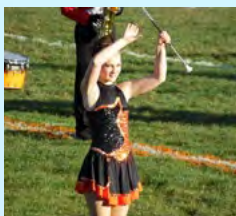
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Akron, Ohio

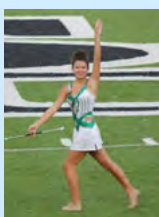


Front row: Sevonei Brown, 7th grade; Telanei Brown, Sophomore, Feature Twirler. Back row: Paige Deere, Freshman; Jocelyn Holtsberry, Sophomore, Feature Twirler; Shai-Anne Settle, Sophomore
Urbana High School
Urbana, Ohio



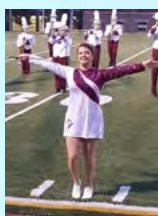
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Wellsville, Ohio

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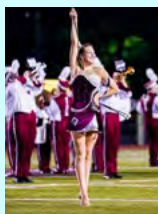


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Feature Twirler
Santa Fe High School
Edmond, Oklahoma

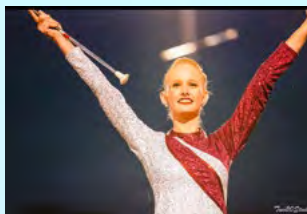
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Altoona Area High School
Altoona, Pennsylvania



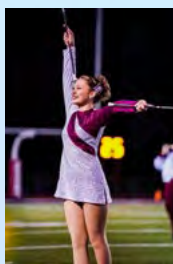
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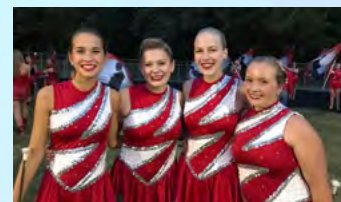
Stacey, Junior
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Altoona, Pennsylvania



Mikenzie Juskalian, Freshman; Mikenzie Juskalian, Junior; Micaela Shackelford, Freshman
Malvern Prep
Malvern, Pennsylvania



Front row: Gianna, Co-captain, Angela. Co-captain, Savanna, Lindsey. Second row: Kelsey, Leah, Marlena, Alexis, Emily. Back row: Morgan, Karina, Samie, Alaina, Lizzie, Cassie
Plum High School
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



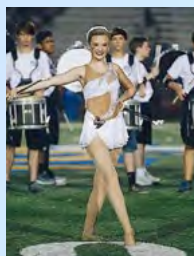
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West Middlesex High School
West Middlesex, Pennsylvania

SOUTH CAROLINA



Lauren Yates, Freshman; Kaidence Hanks, Freshman; Aimee Gillespie, Senior; Mary Katherine Bigby, Sophomore; Kianna Leverette, Senior; Renee Davis, Sophomore; Katherine Jennings, Freshman; Leah Keaton, Sophomore
Belton-Honea Path High School
Honea Path, South Carolina

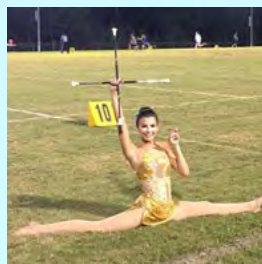
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Feature Twirler
Fort Mill High School
Fort Mill, South Carolina*



*Front row, left to right: Caylin Palmer, Senior;
Cassidy Olazaval, Senior; Zantasia Turner, Senior,
Head Majorette; Jaden Liedtke, Junior; Katelyn
Cowles, Sophomore. Back row, left to right: Skielar
Foreman, Freshman; Elizabeth Reynolds, Sophomore;
Jaycee Beavers, Freshman; Kayla Pierce, Sophomore;
Kendall Seward, Freshman.
Diana High School
Diana, Texas*



*Chailie Alsaffar, Junior
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Founders Classical Academy
Lewisville, Texas*

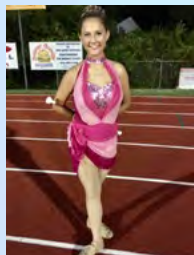


*Lucia Follman, Freshman
Three Strands Academy
San Antonio, Texas*

TENNESSEE



*Marissa Mitchell, Junior, Head Majorette;
Christina Triplett, Junior; Olivia Williams,
Freshman; Kealee Sandidge, Freshman
Sullivan Central High School
Blountville, Tennessee*



*Mollie Burke, Freshman
Red Bank High School
Chattanooga, Tennessee*



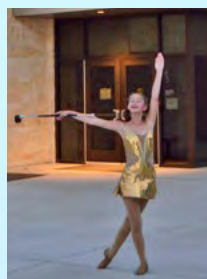
*Left: Piper Vegh, Junior
Flour Bluff High School
Flour Bluff, Texas
Right: Kayla Flournoy, Sophomore
King High School
Corpus Christi, Texas*



*Mylah Childress-Cain, Senior
Feature Twirler and Drum Major for the
Gilmer Buckeye Band
Gilmer High School
Gilmer, Texas*



*Kasey Strouse, Senior
Feature Twirler
Needville High School
Needville, Texas*

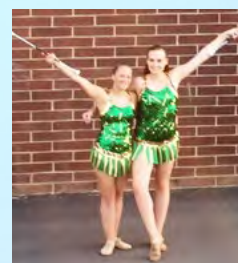


*Katy Herber, Freshman
Pflugerville High School
Pflugerville, Texas*



*Victoria Contreras, Junior
Veterans Memorial High School
Corpus Christi, Texas*

VIRGINIA



*Abigail Pierce, Freshman; Tori Elder,
Sophomore
Louisa County High School
Louisa, Virginia*

TEXAS



*Katelynn, Sophomore; Alexis, Junior; Chey-
anne, Senior; Katherine, Freshman; Myah,
Senior; Adely, Senior
Chapel Hill High School
Tyler, Texas*



*Alicia Ramirez, Sophomore; Samantha Kunts-
chik, Sophomore; Lilliana Ramirez, Senior
Gonzales High School
Gonzales, Texas*



*Front Row, left to right: Mya Gunter, Fresh-
man; Emily McCalister, Junior; Carrie Boykin,
Freshman. Back Row, left to right: Emily
Pierce, Sophomore; Emily Cruseturner, Twirler
and Drum Major, Senior; Tatum Gates, Senior;
Victoria Alexander, Junior; Hillary Alexander,
Junior; Landri Bayless, Junior.
Rusk High School Twirlers
Rusk, Texas*

WASHINGTON



*Cait Hume, Freshman; Julia Higheagle, Fresh-
man; Katiana Welsheimer, Senior; Natalie
Jonene, Senior;
Kirsandra Welsheimer Senior
Olympia High School
Olympia, Washington*

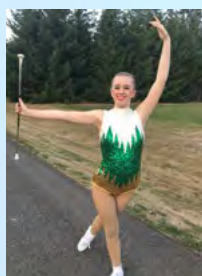
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Olympia High School
Olympia, Washington



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Shelton High School
Shelton, Washington



Samantha Gilson, Sophomore
Tumwater High School
Tumwater, Washington

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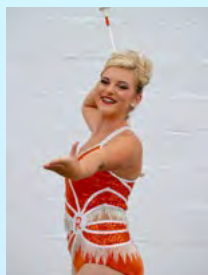
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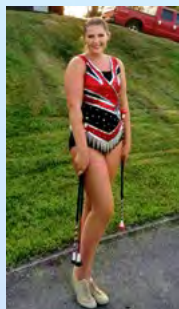
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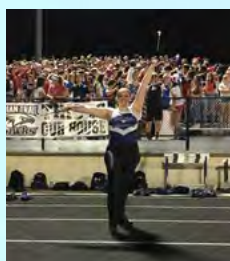


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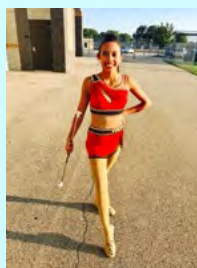


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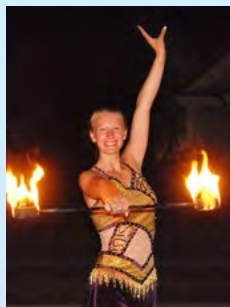
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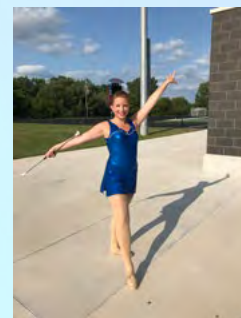
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Katiemarie Owen, Senior
Feature Twirler
St. Joseph Catholic Academy
Kenosha, Wisconsin



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2018 Grand Prix brings USTA and NBT

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success!” – Henry Ford, American captain of industry and founder of the Ford Motor Company

The Team USA Welcome Banquet began with this notable quote by Henry Ford. It parallels the ideology behind the major twirling organizations coming together, keeping together for the past two years and working together to accomplish a common goal for the future.

2015 Grand Prix - Abbotsford, British Columbia

2017 Grand Prix - Porec, Croatia

2019 Grand Prix - ?

The outstanding athletes for this adventure arrived a little hot and tired from their international trek to the beautiful town of Porec, Croatia. The journey from Venice, through Slovenia and on to this coastal resort town on the Adriatic Sea, brought twirlers from around the world together. With outstanding accommodations and safe arrivals, the stage was set for a great adventure of athletes invited from the USTA and the NBT in their respective events, ready to compete with the best twirlers from around the world.

The Welcome Banquet was the opportunity for athletes, professionals and friends to spend an evening kicking off their time

together. Many athletes were already familiar with each other and have spent years at competitions together. Whether new friends or old, here they were ONE. ONE Team USA, ready to compete. The next day, a great practice laid the groundwork for the start of wonderful performances.

For international competitors, one of the biggest thrills is the entrance at the Parade of Nations. The Grand Prix Opening Ceremonies didn't fail to deliver the goosebumps. Hearing our National Anthem in that setting solidifies the sense of purpose and teamwork. And with that, the performances began!

With competition in Solo and 2-Baton for men and women, and then the team competi-



tion, the two days were packed with exciting no-drop performances and new achievements



ABOVE, RIGHT: GP Team USA after first practice

BELOW: 2017 GP and IC athletes Merri-Frances Dmitrzak, Adaline Bebo and Michael Lopez.

BELOW, RIGHT: Lexi Duda and Madison Eis, the flag bearer and sign carrier for the USA at the 2017 Grand Prix Closing Ceremonies



All athletes together as one Team USA

in risk and technique.

Old friends and new, from around the world, competed as friendly rivals and teammates. And, most importantly, the coming together of different organizations with one common goal – the advancement of our sport. When people unite, differences disappear and the strength in unity lifts us all.

The 2017 Grand Prix culminated with a

closing banquet. Everyone left the evening and eventually, Croatia, with common memories of this event. In competition and experience, we acknowledged ONE organization, ONE world and ONE sport. Together, we are better.

Congratulations to the USA Grand Prix medalists: Michael Lopez, Gold in Adult Men's 2-Baton and Silver in Adult Men's Solo;

Lexi Duda, Silver in Sr. Women's Solo and Bronze in Sr. Women's 2-Baton; Brandon Ellis, Silver in Jr. Men's 2-Baton; Connor Rudd, Bronze in Sr. Men's 2-Baton; Jenny Hannah, Bronze in Adult Women's 2-Baton; Kyler Jump, Bronze in Adult Men's 2-Baton.

By Kyle Keiser, USTA Master Judge, Certified Coach and Team USA Coordinator

Team USA shines at 2017 International Cup



Even as the NBTA members of the U.S. Grand Prix Team headed for home, other members of the USTA International Cup Team were on their way to Croatia for a second round of incredible international competition.

The International Cup was established by the World Baton Twirling Federation (WBTF) in 2005 to provide more opportunity for international competition, to build twirling in developing countries and to move twirling toward acceptance as an Olympic sport. Held in odd-numbered

years, the IC gives athletes the opportunity to represent their countries, compete on an

ABOVE: 2017 US IC Team

BELOW: Congratulations to the South Florida Dynamics Kairos team! They won the Silver Medal in Team A at the #2017IC with a beautiful no drop performance!

BELOW, LEFT: The excitement of the U.S. IC judges on Day Two! Front to back, Krystal Mignone, Kathy Butera Fanny, Dale White, Julienne Close-Walsh, Sherri Carter and Amanda Guidroz.



international level, and experience both the pressures and the benefits of international travel and competition.

The International Cup Competition offers three levels of competition, Elite, A and B, giving athletes the opportunity to compete with similarly-skilled athletes. However, U.S. athletes only participate at the Elite and A levels. U.S. IC athletes must qualify at the U.S. National Baton Twirling Championships a full year before each International Cup Competition is held.

The commitment is lengthy, the demands are great, but the rewards are greater still.

International Cup athletes have the opportunity to win international titles in events including Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Pairs, Teams and Groups. This year's U.S. IC Team represented USTA and the USA very well!

Congratulations to USTA's International Cup Medalists!



ABOVE: Kyler Jump, Madison Eis, Kaitlyn Turnbull and Brianne Turnbull represented USA in the 2017 International Cup Opening Ceremonies show, and they did a great job!



LEFT: IC Opening Ceremonies

GOLD MEDALISTS – ELITE LEVEL	SILVER MEDALISTS – ELITE LEVEL	BRONZE MEDALISTS – ELITE LEVEL
Adaline Bebo, Gold, Artistic Twirl Sr. Elite	Michael Lopez, Silver, Men's Artistic Twirl, Adult Elite	Sophia Barden, Bronze, Artistic Twirl, Jr. Elite
Michael Lopez – Gold, Men's 2-Baton Adult Elite	Michael Lopez – Silver, Men's 3-Baton, Adult Elite	Krissy Terwilliger – Bronze, 3-Baton, Sr. Elite
	Richie Terwilliger – Silver, Men's 2-Baton, Adult Elite	Curt Burrows – Bronze, Men's 3-Baton, Adult Elite
	Lexi Duda – Silver, Women's 2-Baton, Sr. Elite	Lexi Duda – Bronze, Women's Solo, Sr. Elite
	Sophia Barden – Silver, Women's 2-Baton, Jr. Elite	
GOLD MEDALISTS – A LEVEL	SILVER MEDALISTS – A LEVEL	BRONZE MEDALISTS – A LEVEL
Eis/Jump – Gold, Artistic Pairs, Adult A	SFDynamics – Silver, Team A	Turnbull/Turnbull – Bronze, Artistic Pairs Sr. A
Cassidy Tse, Gold, Artistic Twirl, Sr. A	McNamara/Rustan – Silver, Artistic Pairs, Sr. A	Amanda Trujillo – Bronze, 3-Baton, Jr. A
Merri-Frances Dmitrzak – Gold, 3-Baton, Adult A	Finkel/Godfrey – Silver, Artistic Pairs, Adult A	Alexandra Spenik – Bronze, 3-Baton, Sr. A
Kyler Jump – Gold, 3-Baton, Adult A	Kyler Jump – Gold, Men's Artistic Twirl, Adult A	Grace Wennerberg – Bronze, Women's 2-Baton, Jr. A
Marissa PIERCE – Gold, Women's 2-Baton, Jr. A	Emery Harriston – Silver, Men's Artistic Twirl, Adult A	Austin Peterson – Bronze, Men's 2-Baton, Sr. A
Cassidy TSE – Gold, Women's 2-Baton, Sr. A	Megan Ekstrom – Silver, 3-Baton, Adult A	Brianne Turnbull – Bronze, Women's Solo, Sr. A
Kyler Jump – Gold, Men's 2-Baton, Adult A	Sabrina Smith – Silver, Women's 2-Baton, Sr. A	Emery Harriston – Bronze, Men's Solo, Adult A
Cassidy TSE – Gold, Women's Solo Sr. A	JaZee Griffith – Silver, Women's Solo, Sr. A	
Kyler Jump – Gold, Men's Solo, Adult A	Marissa Pierce – Silver, Women's Solo, Jr. A	

Important Information from USTA - Fall 2017

The Technical Committee (formerly the Technical Advisory Group) is pleased to announce important information from USTA and the WBTF that affect our sport and organization.

INTERNATIONAL CUP

WBTF is excited to declare the new age grouping for the Junior Women.

In an effort to promote and foster growth in the Junior level, and to encourage new countries to participate in international competition, WBTF has divided the Juniors into two groups for all levels and events. Splitting the Junior division this way will help disperse the competition amongst the athletes more evenly.

Effective immediately, the following age categories will apply.

Junior One: 12 years to 14 years

Junior Two: 15 years to 17 years

Look for the updated USTA International Cup selections manual available online soon!

ARTISTIC GROUPS

USTA Board of Directors approved the inclusion of the Artistic Group as a USTA sanctioned event. This exciting new event will be offered at local, state and regional competitions and the National Championships. To obtain copies of the event score sheet please refer to the USTA Rule Book.

Artistic Groups

- ◆ One level will be offered.
- ◆ Content restriction will follow the Content Restrictions for groups - see chart.
- ◆ Number of members: minimum of 10. No maximum.
- ◆ The group may consist of members of both sexes, if so desired.
- ◆ Same time limit as WBTF Team.
- ◆ Scores are not flashed for the WBTF Group event.

Clarification: The content restriction will support the philosophy of the new group concept and allow coaches and judges to focus on general effect, choreography and precision.

ARTISTIC GROUP (WBTF GROUP) CONCEPT SUMMARY:

The Group and Team events must be DIFFERENT and must be JUDGED DIFFERENTLY. The priorities for GROUP need to be different than they are for TEAM or the two events will fuse together in the judging and produce perpetuated confusion.

In GROUP the ultimate EFFECT of PERFECTION and CLARITY is paramount. This is achieved by utilizing COMMON, MASTERED skills among ALL athletes within a program that is an architectural composition highlighting FORMS, PICTURES, PATTERNS and TRANSITIONAL MOVEMENT. These priorities produce a visual EFFECT that is reflective of the soundtrack and MAY (but not required) even encompass a theme, character or storyline.

In GROUP, it is not expected that all modes of twirling will be equally demonstrated as they are in TEAM. In GROUP, the skill set should be TOTALLY consistent and mastered among ALL members. This will encourage MORE participation of athletes with limited achieved skills and give the coach/choreographer the freedom of working toward this concept WITHOUT the pressure of HAVING to include criteria that is expected in the TEAM event. The DEPTH of material and skills is NOT the emphasis as it is in TEAM. The use of the baton within the various modes will only serve to compliment and enhance the production without interfering with the ultimate goal of pristine perfection and clarity. RISK, as we know it, is NOT a factor for success in the GROUP event. An impressive sense of UNITY must be emphasized that produces a CLEAN and VISUAL APPEAL. To all viewers, a sense of ENTERTAINMENT should be conveyed.

CONTENT RESTRICTION PENALTIES ARTISTIC GROUPS:

The following penalty will be deducted for each illegal element that exceeds the Content Restrictions:

GROUP will receive a 10 point penalty (for each infraction).

CONTENT RESTRICTIONS CHART FOR ARTISTIC GROUP

CATEGORY	ONE LEVEL ONLY
Spins	• 1 spin Baton Releases No Restrictions Reception No Restrictions • Body Releases No Restrictions Reception No Restrictions • 2 Spins Baton Standard Release Standard Reception • Body No Restrictions
Aerial Gymnastic	• Not allowed with or without toss
Stationary Complex & Traveling Complex	• Single major body move under the toss • Baton Standard Release Standard Reception • Body No Restrictions
Double Element Tricks	• Not allowed under the toss
Rolls	• No continuous front neck rolls (with or without hands) • No front neck figure 8's • No monster rolls (partial or complete)
Contact Material	• No Restrictions

**Walkovers can be front or back

DEFINITION OF TERMS:

Standard Reception – (refers to type of catch) Vertical or Horizontal RH or LH catch or RH or LH grab.

Standard Release – Vertical RH or LH thumb toss. Vertical RH or LH backhand toss or Horizontal RH or LH toss.

Major Body Moves: A move that requires significant control, flexibility, strength, amplitude and extension. This classification includes all body moves desired and includes moves such as: Illusions, walkovers, leaps, or jumps (of any type), sauté arabesque, attitude, grand battement, sauté de basque, tour jeté, cabriole. These moves will be approximately 3 or more counts in duration.

Minor Body Moves: A move that does not require significant control, flexibility, strength, amplitude, or extension and additionally does not require horizontal or vertical reorientation to the baton (no body rotations <turns>) or maneuvering the body upside down (illusions, bows, etc). These moves will be approximately 2 counts in duration. This classification includes moves such as: hop, skip, piqué, step-step, and coupé, sauté. This category will often be used as preparation or follow through movements. Refer to the for definition of terms not defined in this chart

ATTENTION: THE CHAINE' TURN IS CONSIDERED A SPIN

EXECUTION OF ANY DISALLOWED MOVES WILL RESULT IN A PENALTY TO BE ASSESSED FOR EACH VIOLATION OF CONTENT RESTRICTIONS.

US TRIALS

The US Trials will be held March 23-25, 2018 in Shelbyville, IN at Shelbyville High School, 2003 South Miller Street, Shelbyville, IN 46176.

Due to uncertain weather conditions, the school has reserved the right to use Friday, March 23rd as a snow make-up day. The facility will not be available to USTA until after 4pm. The detailed competition schedule will be released as soon as the entries are closed.

ATHLETE vs JUDGE vs COACH POLICY

A challenge for any sports organization is permitting participation at various levels while encouraging a foundation of fair play. When considering those who act as athlete, coach and/or judge, the Board sought feedback from members throughout the country. Each area has specific considerations whether large or small, covering large areas of land or smaller regions, and the availability within geographical areas of athletes, coaches and judges. In an effort to reach a solution that is mindful of such considerations, the Board conducted a survey of members. We received great feedback! Although impossible to satisfy every problem and every situation, the Board adopted a policy which considered the valuable feedback of members and addresses the main areas of conflict concern when members wear many hats. To this end, the Athlete vs Judge vs Coach Policy was adopted.

ALIEN POLICY

Any athlete who is not a US citizen but who is legally residing in the USA may participate in USTA sanctioned events, including local, state, regional and national championships. However, such athletes may not compete in any other country's national championships within the same competitive year.

Proof of legal residency is required. Contact the Executive Director of Sport at mark@ustwirling.com for additional information and to apply for this status.

EVENT NAME CHANGES:

The baton twirling world is on a fast track toward Olympic acceptance. Along with this path comes rapid changes that reflect our growth as well as our vision for the future. An area that needs clarification is the names of certain events due to a fusion of USTA

home based events, events within the International Cup structure and events of the World Cup format.

Beginning September 1, 2018, the following events will be named accordingly and all manuals will reflect the events and their official names.

Solo Pairs:

The new name: **Duet** (the ORIGINAL name of the event) will make a comeback. Duet is the performance of two people to the Solo music and performed in ONE lane.

Dance Twirl Pairs:

The new name: Artistic Twirl Pairs is the performance of two people to the selected music of the USTA. The concept summary for WBTF Artistic Pairs is in harmony with USTA Dance Twirl Pairs.

Freestyle Pairs is the performance within the Pre-Trials and Trials programs that includes two people performing to music of their own choice and utilizing the entire floor space.

Dance Twirl:

The new name: **Artistic Twirl**

As we move into the "next age" of performance within musical interpretation, the event "DANCE TWIRL" known as Dance Twirl will be now be officially named "ARTISTIC TWIRL" to properly fit into the schematic of national and international competition as set by the World Baton Twirling Federation. Although adopting this as the official name of the event, the concept of musical interpretation with the use of the baton and body both interpreting the music still remains the same. This action consolidates and unifies the event formerly known as DANCE TWIRL and merges with the International Cup's name, ARTISTIC TWIRL.

This clarification and uniformity of the names of these events should alleviate confusion as we move forward in national and international competition.

USTA POLICY: ATHLETE vs JUDGE vs COACH

POLICY: It is USTA's policy to ensure that members who hold a variety of positions within the organization are conflict free during the competition season. At the beginning of the season, members must declare what position they will hold to avoid conflict. Affected members should make their declaration to the Executive Director of Sport, or in the case that position is vacant, the USTA President.

For the purpose of this policy, the following is defined:

- ◆ **Athlete:** USTA member who competes in any USTA competition during the season. This includes USTA affiliated competitions such as the Pan Pacific Cup, International Cup and World Championships.
- ◆ **Judge:** Professional USTA member who is a certified USTA Judge, adjudicating USTA competitions during the season.
- ◆ **Coach:** USTA member teaching students for pay whether they are credentialed or not.

Judge/Athlete:

If the member is an Athlete and a certified Judge, and has chosen to be an Athlete for the competitive season, the following will apply:

- ◆ Authorized to judge local contests but cannot compete in said contest. They should recuse themselves from judging anyone in their age category.
- ◆ Authorized to attend workshops for certification or recertification.
- ◆ Not authorized to judge any state, regional, national or international competitions for any season in which they are also a competing Athlete.

Athlete/Coach:

If the member is an Athlete and a Coach and has chosen to be an Athlete for the competitive season, the following will apply:

- ◆ The Coach may not compete against his/her students.
- ◆ The Coach may not be considered the Primary Coach for any athlete, team or pair for the US Trials, Pre-Trials, Pan Pacific Cup, International Cup or World Championships.

Judge/Coach:

If the member is a Judge and a Coach, the following will apply at state, regional, national and international competitions:

- ◆ When judging a contest, the Judge may not take on the role of a Coach during that contest
- ◆ Judge's and Coach's credentials will still be listed on the Professional Listing on the USTA website.

Athlete:

If the member has declared themselves as an Athlete, they are prohibited from serving in a USTA leadership position or on any USTA Board of Directors at the national or regional level. They may participate as a member of their state Board of Directors.

Violations of this policy should be reported via the USTA Incident Resolution Report, available at this LINK.

This policy is effective September 1, 2017.

Meet USTA's Council Presidents, Part 5:



Donna McAtee as a high school twirler.

Donna McAtee, Oregon Baton Council

Enjoy this Q&A with Donna McAtee, president of the small but mighty Oregon Baton Council, supporting USTA and the sport of baton twirling in the Pacific Northwest.

How did you initially get involved in baton twirling?

I started twirling at age seven because the high school majorettes were sent to each of the elementary schools in our town to prepare anyone interested in marching with our school band in our annual Butterfly Parade. It was held each October in honor



McAtee was a member of the award-winning Monarchs of England Twirlers from Carmel, California. They were coached by Jenny England.

of the Monarch Butterflies who wintered over in our coastal California town. Every class from every school picked a theme and marched through the parade, i.e. "The Cat in the Hat Welcomes the Monarchs" or "Mrs. Galloway's Pirates Welcome the Butterflies." As a girl, you could come to the afterschool lessons with the high school majorettes and learn a routine. I couldn't wait to wear the white and purple satin costume. After a couple of years I joined a local baton group and then in high school started competing.

How have you been involved in twirling over the years... as an athlete, coach, judge, contest director, council member, USTA roles, etc.?

I stayed active in twirling as an athlete and a teacher for my coach until age 20. Then I had a few years away from twirling as my husband and I got married, 1974, and started a family. I coached some in the places we lived but started my group here in St. Helens, Oregon in 1988. I became a

judge in 1997. I started participating in our state council in the 1990's but don't really



McAtee and the Oregon Baton Council are constantly promoting the sport of baton twirling.

remember when I first held an office. Our twirling community is quite small here in Oregon so everyone needs to pitch in and be a part of our council.

Tell me about your council – how many members, what types of events or activities it sponsors, special things it does, etc.

We have six council members and we have all been active for a long time. We usually sponsor five or six events each year: practice contest, contests, state competition, a workshop for athletes and a workshop for judges. Each year at our state contest we give the "Guiding Star Award" in honor of Lois McMillon, Sharon Bush and Susan Bennett. The award is given "To a person who exhibits leadership and promotes baton twirling through a positive attitude and excellent support of twirlers." Usually the recipient has shown an extraordinary quality in the encouragement of twirling activities.



Betsy Salter was the 2017 recipient of the Guiding Star Award.

What is the biggest challenge and the biggest reward of being your council president?

I guess the biggest challenge is just trying to make our twirling community grow in our state. Frequently we receive requests for coaches outside the Portland metro area but we just don't have any one to refer interested twirlers to for lessons. We continue to try and encourage our retiring athletes to start coaching wherever they live.

What are the qualities of a successful council president?

What does it take to be a successful council president? Support from the other coaches, dedication, a willingness to go above and beyond and that the other coaches want our council to be a success.



McAtee presents and award during a 2017 competition.



The Oregon Baton Council offers special events and awards for new twirlers to encourage their interest and participation in the sport.

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The Oregon Baton Council hosts several events each year, including the Oregon State Baton Twirling Championships.



59TH ANNIVERSARY U.S. NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS



From a thrilling Finals Show and the exciting Collegiate Championships, to workshops for judges, coaches and athletes and the Festival of the Future, there were many memorable moments at the 59th Anniversary U.S. National Baton Twirling Championships, held July 10-15 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

On July 9, before Nationals even began, more than 20 judges and coaches took advantage of two outstanding workshops. The Express Judges' Workshop was taught by Master Clinician Krystal Mignone and focused on evaluating the "what" of the program, assessment approaches how to deal with drops. The Coaches' Workshop was taught by Kathy Forsythe, Dale White and other renowned coaches who covered topics including choreographing perfect Solo and 2-Baton routines and progressions from beginner to intermediate in those events, as well as a session on adjusting routines for different organizations.

Veteran coach Michele Ekstrom, and her daughter, Megan Ekstrom, a newer coach,

found the Coaches' Workshop worthwhile.

"The presenters made it relevant for all levels of coaching," Michele Ekstrom said. "I felt everyone was able to take away great information to improve their coaching."

Competition began on July 10 with the prestigious *U.S. PreTrials*, followed by two days of National competition which culminated with a thrilling Finals Show. The top two Junior, Senior and Adult finalists brought their best and battled for the title of *Grand National Champion* in Solo, Men's Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Strut and Dance Twirl.

Congratulations to our 2017 Grand National Champions:

- ◆ Lexi Duda – Solo and 2-Baton
- ◆ Savannah Miller – Dance Twirl and 3-Baton
- ◆ Jenny Hannah – Strut
- ◆ Michael Lopez – Men's Solo



Following the Finals Show, the new Grand National Champions signed autographs and athletes, parents, siblings coaches and others enjoyed dinner, dancing and door prizes at the annual Athletes' Party.

Another highlight of Nationals week was the *Collegiate Championship*, which featured some of the nation's top college twirlers representing their schools with dynamic routines that had the crowd cheering and chanting. University of Washington Feature Twirler Krissy Terwilliger took top honors and was awarded the Miller Cup, donated



Grand National Champion Michael Lopez signs a t-shirt during the Athletes' Party



Collegiate Championship contestants.



Krissy Terwilliger, Feature Twirler, University of Washington, 2017 Collegiate Champion.



TOP LEFT: Door prize fun at the Athletes' Party
 TOP CENTER: Dancing queens at the Athletes' Party
 TOP RIGHT:
 ABOVE: Senior Dance Twirl Fun
 LEFT: Happy dancers at the Athletes' Party
 RIGHT:
 BELOW: Congratulations to the inaugural members of USTA's All Catch Club!



by Savannah Miller, USTA's first-ever Collegiate Champion and University of Arkansas Feature Twirler.

The energy and enthusiasm continued through two days of team competition followed by the National Athletes' Clinic, an event that attracted more than 100 athletes and coaches. They had the chance to work with and learn from renowned coaches including Paige Campbell, Kellie Donovan-Perelman, Kyle Keiser, Dale White and Grand National Champions Savannah Miller and Jenny Hannah.

Nationals week wrapped up with the Festival of the Future, a national competition for beginning and intermediate athletes. USTA debuted the "All Catch Club," a group made up of Festival athletes who did no-drop performances. Sarah-Jo Moloney was the very first athlete to earn an "All Catch" patch.

"I was very excited," said the 16-year-old from Florida. "I didn't even know I had the all catch until they told me!" Moloney actually earned two "All Catch" patches, one for Strut and another for Dance Twirl.

Enjoy more photos from Nationals on the

USTA Facebook page and get complete Nationals results on the **USTA website**.

Already, athletes, families, coaches and judges are looking forward to next year's Nationals. Get more information on the next page and make plans now to join us in Jacksonville, Florida for the **60th Anniversary U.S. National Baton Twirling Championships!**

Join us in Jacksonville for the
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CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

July 8-14, 2018

**Veterans Memorial Arena
Jacksonville, Florida**



2018 U.S. NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE (Subject to change based on entries received)

SATURDAY, JULY 7TH

9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Judges Workshop
1:00 - 5:00 pm	U.S. Pre-Trials Judges Focus Meeting
4:00 - 6:00 pm	Registration Open at Hyatt Regency
5:00 - 6:00 pm	U.S. Pre-Trials Music Test
7:00 - 9:00 pm	USTA General Assembly at Hyatt Regency

SUNDAY, JULY 8TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
7:45 am	U.S. Pre-Trials Athletes' Meeting
8:00 am - 5:30 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: U.S. Pre-Trials Compulsories, Short Program, Pairs, Teams and Freestyle; Jr. & Sr. Women, Sr. Men, Team USA Medal Round; Awards

MONDAY, JULY 9TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	IC COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: International Cup 2 & 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl & Artistic Pairs, Solo, Team & Groups International Cup Qualifier Announcements

TUESDAY, JULY 10TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
7:45 am	Opening Ceremony, Introduction of Judges & Board of Directors, President's Welcome
8:00 am - 7:00 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: National 2-Baton, National 3-Baton, Awards National Dance Twirl & Dance Twirl Pairs, Awards

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
8:00 - 3:30 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: National Strut, Awards National Solo and Pairs, Awards
4:00 - 7:00 pm	National Finals Show
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Athletes' Party/Champions' Celebration in Sports Club Area
9:30 pm	Building Closes

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
8:00 am - 6:30 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: FOF & National Twirl Teams, Parade Corps, Show Corps, Show Teams, Collegiate Event National Twirl Team Finals, Command Performances by 2018 National Champions, US World Team, Collegiate Awards, Team Retreat

FRIDAY, JULY 13TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
8:00 am - 4:30 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: FOF & National Dance Twirl Teams and Trios National Dance Twirl Team Finals, Command Performances by High Scoring Show and Parade Corps, Introduction of the Stars of the Future - US Pre-Trials Gold Medalists, Command Performances by 2018 USA Team Gold Medalists, US Pen Sales, Team Retreat
7:00 pm	USTA 60TH Anniversary Celebration, Hall of Fame Inductions & Dinner at Hyatt Regency

SATURDAY, JULY 14TH

7:00 am	Registration & Doors Open to Public
8:00 - 3:00 pm	COMPETITION FOR THE DAY: Festival of the Future Foundation Events: awards presented at judges' tables FOF Strut FOF Dance Twirl, Dance Twirl Pairs; Strut and all Dance Twirl Awards FOF 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Awards FOF Solo, Pairs, Awards

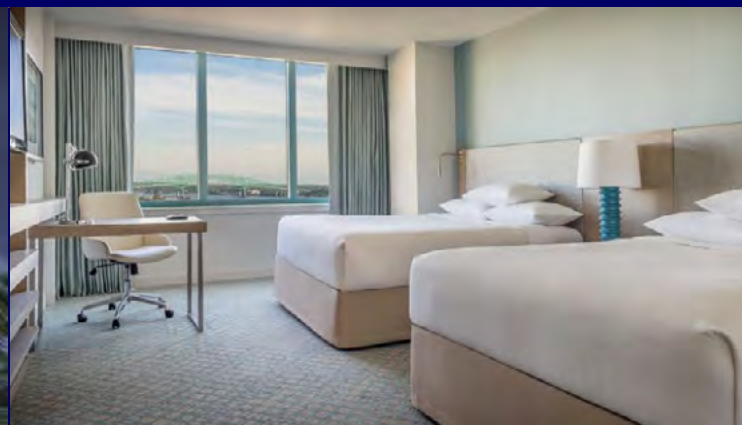
USTA's HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Registration, meetings and 60th Anniversary Celebration will take place here



HYATT REGENCY JACKSONVILLE RIVERFRONT

225 East Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32202 | Phone: (904) 588-1234



USTA SPECIAL GUEST ROOM RATES:

Flat Rate 1-4 Occupancy:	\$ 129.00 + tax
Premier Suite:	\$ 50.00 additional per room
Regency club:	\$ 30.00 additional per room
Queen waterfront Upgrade:	\$ 35.00 additional per room
King Waterfront Upgrade:	\$ 45.00 additional per room
Junior Suite:	\$ 239.00 + tax
VIP Suite:	\$ 850.00 + tax
Presidential Suite:	\$1200.00 + tax
Suite Pricing: All suite prices are quotes with one bedroom	
Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state & local taxes (currently 13%)	

ALL ACCOMMODATIONS OFFER

- Free Wi-Fi available in guest rooms & social spaces, excluding meeting spaces
- Hyatt Grand Bed® • Spectacular St. Johns River or Downtown views
- Television with remote control, cable movie channels and in- room pay movies
- Video account review and checkout • Mini Fridges in all of the rooms
- Two telephones with voicemail and speakerphone • Individual climate control
- Electronic door lock • Full bathroom amenities and hair dryer
- Coffeemaker with complimentary coffee • Iron / ironing board
- iHome® alarm clock radio

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Pool: Outdoor, rooftop heated pool / hot tub; pool bar open seasonally
- 24-hour Hyatt StayFit®: state-of-the-art fitness center featuring cardio machines, free weights, weight machines and lockers

MAKING RESERVATIONS

A dedicated website is now available for you to book your hotel rooms online. Reservations can be made starting **July 15, 2017** at this web address:

To make your reservations, please click here.

Calling = 1-888-421-1442. **ASK FOR US TWIRLING GROUP RATE**

Team Directors wishing to book multiple rooms for their group should call this number: **1-904-360-8683** OR EMAIL

After the contracted rooms are filled, Hyatt will automatically offer guests their prevailing rates via the same attendee website, based on availability.

RESTAURANTS & BARS

- Trellises Restaurant: serving breakfast, lunch and dinner in a casual atmosphere with an emphasis on fresh regional favorites
- JAXX Sports Bar: catch all the sports on four big-screen TVs while enjoying light fare and a great selection of beer, wine and spirits
- Currents Lounge: a favorite meeting place for cocktails and conversation; a purveyor of Starbucks® products and breakfast items to go in the morning
- Providing complimentary wireless internet access
- Morton's Steak House on property!

OTHER AMENITIES

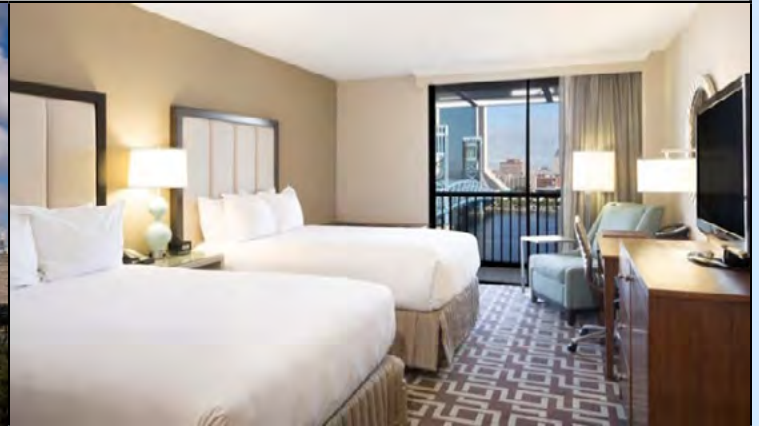
- Multilingual staff • ATM • Safe-deposit boxes at front desk • Gift Shop
- Laundry/Dry Cleaning • Valet and self-parking • Convenience Collection
- Prevailing parking rate will apply. Overnight valet parking is currently \$20.00 with "in & out" privileges, and overnight self-parking is available for \$15.00.

ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES WITH SPECIAL USTA RATES



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront

1201 Riverplace Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207 | Phone: 800-222-8733



Located in the vibrant downtown area on the Southbank of St. John's River, DoubleTree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront offers a modern experience. Beautiful guest rooms and suites with walk-out balconies offering exceptional views. Two restaurants and a lounge, including Ruth's Chris Steak House. 24-hour fitness center, outdoor swimming pool and terrace with loungers and tables. or Your Comfort and Convenience

AMENITIES:

24/7 On-Site Security / Automated Teller (ATM) / Baggage Storage / Bar Area / Concierge Desk / Electric Service / Elevators / Extended Stay Available / Gift Shop / Hilton Honors Digital Key / Keurig Coffee Makers / Laundry/Valet Service / Lounge / Luggage Hold / Martin Coffee Co. Coffee / Multi-Lingual Staff / On-Site Convenience Store / Premium Aroma Actives Products / Room Service / Safety Deposit Box / Snack Shop / Sweet Dreams Bedding / Walk-Out Balcony in All Rooms / iHome Connectivity / Fitness Room and Pool / The group has a reduced self-parking rate of \$10. Currently our overnight self-parking rate is \$12. Valet is current \$20. Valet rates will be subject to prevailing rates at check in.

USTA SPECIAL GUEST ROOM RATES:

Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 129.00 + tax

\$10 for each additional adult over two adults per room.

Guaranteed Riverfront room subject to \$20 additional charge per room.

Ask for Special Rate requesting the 2018 US Baton Championships Rate Code: **UST**

To make your reservations, please [click here for Booking Website](#):

Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state & local taxes (currently 13%)

MAKING RESERVATIONS

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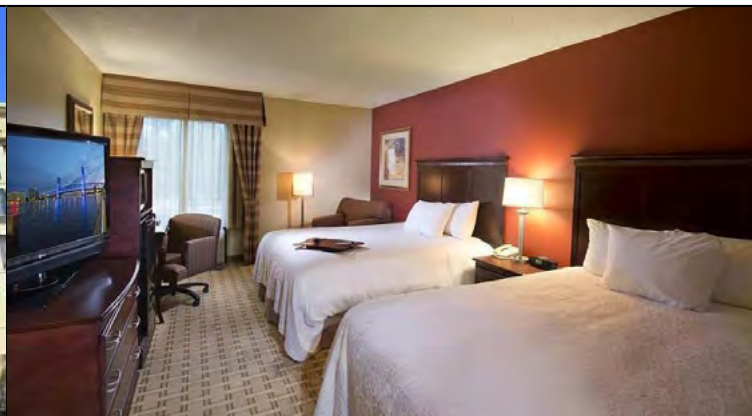
Team Directors wishing to book multiple rooms for their group should call this number: **904-360-8873**



JACKSONVILLE-DOWNTOWN-I-95

1331 Prudential Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Phone: (904) 396-7770



Main amenities

Free hot/cold buffet breakfast and WiFi / Outdoor pool / 24-hour fitness center / Self parking / 24-hour business center / 24-hour front desk / Coffee/tea in a common area / Convenience store / ATM/banking services / Laundry service

USTA SPECIAL GUEST ROOM RATES:

Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 119.00 + tax

Ask for Special Rate requesting the 2018 US Baton Championships

Rate Code: **UTA**

To make your reservations, please click here for [Booking Website](#).

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If you need additional assistance, please call (904) 396-7770

Team Directors wishing to book multiple rooms for their group should call this number: (904) 396-7770



JACKSONVILLE DOWNTOWN-SOUTHBANK

1201 Kings Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Phone: (904) 396-6888



USTA SPECIAL GUEST ROOM RATES:

Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 129.00 + tax

\$10 for each additional adult over two adults per room.

Ask for Special Rate requesting the 2018 US Baton Championships Rate Code: **NBT**

To make your reservations, please click here for [Booking Website](#).

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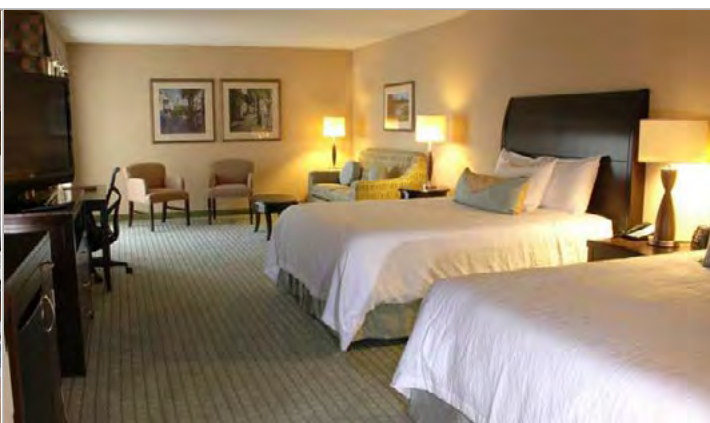
If you need additional assistance, please call 904-396-6888.

Team Directors wishing to book multiple rooms for their group should call this number:

904-396-6888

Room rates are quoted exclusive of applicable state & local taxes (currently 13%)

- Spacious suites with one king- or one king and one queen-size beds - all with a pull-out sofa bed.
- Suites have separate living and sleeping areas.
- Fully equipped kitchens with new granite countertops and cabinets featuring a full-size refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher and two-burner stovetop.
- Complimentary internet access.
- Enjoy a complimentary Suite Start™ hot breakfast daily and an evening social* Monday through Thursday evenings.


USTA SPECIAL GUEST ROOM RATES:

Single/Double Occupancy: \$ 109.00 + tax

Ask for Special Rate requesting the 2018 US Baton Championships Rate Code: **NBT**

MAKING RESERVATIONS

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If you need additional assistance, please call 904-396-6111.

- This Hilton Garden Inn features complimentary WiFi
- 24-hour Business Center
- complimentary fitness center
- full-service restaurant on the property

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Are there folks you would like to thank?

I would like to thank all the coaches and adults who continue to participate in twirling in our state: Shanon Barker, Thomas Breuckman, Katy Anholt, Kendra Vrieze, Amy Bonaduce and Debra Anholt. Without them we would not be able to hold our events, as they are all willing to give of

their time to our sport. I would also thank the parents of our past twirlers who still come out every year to support twirling at our contests: Linda Guy, Melissa Lungberg, Darlene Boles and Steven McAtee (He didn't know he had 45 years of twirling in his future when he married me).

Finally, I guess I have to say the twirling

made me a better person who can face the world with confidence that I don't think I would otherwise possess. It's also given me the chance to see so many places and do so many things over the years that have enriched my life.



Coaches Debra Anholt (ABOVE) and Kathy Anholt (RIGHT BELOW) encourage twirlers during a competition.

RIGHT ABOVE: Parents of current former twirlers volunteer at Oregon Baton Council events. Here Kerry Zambrano, Linda Guy and Steven McAtee work the check-in table.

FAR RIGHT, ABOVE: Council members Shanon Barker, Katy Anholt and Debra Anholt watch the contest while also working to keep the event on schedule.

FAR RIGHT, BELOW: McAtee and council member Thomas Breuckman keep the contest running smoothly.



United States Twirling Association
Individual Membership Application - 2018 Season
 (For Team & Organization Memberships, please use the Team & Organization Membership Form)
Apply online at www.ustwirling.com

All memberships include accident insurance and \$10,000 of medical / dental coverage. All memberships expire Aug. 31. Apply or renew by Sept. 1 to get the lowest price of the season, avoid late fees and ensure you receive all USTA mailings.

Member Name				Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female	
Parent/Guardian Name (If athlete is under 18)				Renewal ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Address			Athlete's Primary Coach		
City	State	Zip	Birth date		USTA ID
Member Email			Parent/Guardian Email		
Phone	☐ Check ☐ Credit Card	Card No	Expiration	Code	
Type: MC VISA Am. Ex. Discover		Name on Card	Signature		
Billing Address		City	State	Zip	

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the membership type you wish to purchase. Find the column that contains the date of your filing. Check the box where those two choices meet. Pay that fee. All memberships expire on Aug. 31 no matter when you apply. Apply or renew your membership by Sept. 1 each year to receive the lowest price, avoid late fees and ensure you receive all USTA mailings.	Best price of the season! Pay between 7/15/17 and 11/01/17	First Late Fee. Pay between 11/02/17 and 12/01/17	Second Late Fee. Pay between 12/02/17 and 7/14/18
FIRST YEAR INDIVIDUAL • Proof of membership letter • National Entry mailer, Catch It! e-Zines	You may ONLY apply for this membership type ONCE!	☐ \$18.00	☐ \$18.00
FULL • Same benefits as First Year Individual • Uniform insignia (new members) and Winners' Magazine	Most popular membership type!	☐ \$35.00	☐ \$45.00
FAMILY MEMBER (First family member must hold a current Full, Elite or some form of Professional membership) • Proof of membership letter	Each member must fill out a separate form.	☐ \$20.00	☐ \$25.00
ELITE • Same benefits as Full • Access to Elite documents on the USTA website.	Required for all participants in the PreTrials, Trials, and International Cup Programs	☐ \$55.00	☐ \$65.00
PROFESSIONAL ELITE • Same benefits as Elite and Professional • Must be a Level I Certified Coach and/or Judge • Minimum age applies as listed below under Professional	Required for PreTrials, Trials and International Cup coaches and judges.	☐ \$100.00	☐ \$110.00
PROFESSIONAL-Registered or Certified-check appropriate box • Same benefits as Full • Coach and/or Judge patch – new certified members • Certificate (for first-time certified members only) • Access to Professional documents on the USTA website • \$2 million liability insurance coverage (certified members only) Minimum age: 16 Minimum age to vote: 18	☐ Registered Coach No insurance coverage	☐ \$80.00	☐ \$90.00
	☐ Certified Coach or Judge Insurance coverage provided	☐ \$80.00	☐ \$90.00
Alumni Association This member type includes proof of membership letter, Catch It! e-Zines (if e-mail address is provided) and Catch It! Winners' issue. This member type does NOT include the privilege of entering competitions, insurance coverage or Professional voting privileges.	This member type is for retired coaches & judges, former athletes and their parents/other relatives or anyone interested in supporting twirling.	☐ \$21.00	☐ \$21.00

Public Professional Listing - As a service to the public and our **Professional Members**, USTA provides a Public Professional Listing on the USTA website to make it easy for people to find baton twirling coaches or classes in their area. In order to protect our members' privacy and personal information, **USTA Professional Members must OPT IN** to this listing and provide the information they want listed on the Public Professional Listing. Your professional membership must be **current** to appear on the listing. If you would like to be included in the Public Professional Listing, please do the following:

- * Go to www.ustwirling.com and login to Members Only using the User ID and Password you created when you set up your Members Only account.
- * Click on Edit My Profile in the left hand menu.
- * Scroll down to "Professional Preferences" at the bottom of the page and check the box for "I want to be part of USTA's Public Professional Listing."

WAIVER/INDEMNITY OF LIABILITY: I agree to assume the risk of any injury that may happen to me (or my child) as a result of participation in a USTA sanctioned event. I further agree to indemnify and hold the United States Twirling Association, its agents or employees harmless from any loss they may sustain as a result of injury to me (or my child) as a result of my participation in USTA events. I have read the "Parents/Legal Guardians Responsibilities" in the current edition of the USTA Information, Procedures and Rules Book. As a condition for USTA's acceptance of my child's (or my) entry in a USTA event, I agree to abide by and perform each of the duties that are set forth in that statement. By participating in a USTA event, you give USTA permission to use photos and video of this athlete taken in conjunction with a USTA event.

Signed	Date
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Send to: USTA Member Services ♦ 4023 Bernice Rd ♦ Seaford, NY 11783 ♦ Phone (321) 206-3242



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Director Name				Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female	
Team/Organization Name				Renewal ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Address				Director USTA ID	
City		State		Zip	
Member Email					
Phone		☐ Check ☐ Credit Card		Card No	
				Expiration	
				Code	
Type: MC VISA Am. Ex. Discover		Name on Card		Signature	
Billing Address		City		State	
				Zip	
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TEAM (Only one unchanging team and/or 15 or fewer athletes) - Catch It! e-Zines & Winners' mailed to address above - Member letter for the team - Accident insurance on each athlete listed on roster		Group Fee +		☐ \$65.00	
		# of Athletes _____ X		☐ \$3.00	
ORGANIZATIONAL (More than one team and/or 16 or more athletes) - Catch It! e-Zines & Winners' mailed to address above - Member letter for the organization - Accident insurance on each athlete listed on roster		Group Fee +		☐ \$165.00	
		# of Athletes _____ X		☐ \$3.00	
				☐ \$3.00	
				☐ \$4.00	
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Please attach a team/organization roster to this application.					
For each athlete please provide the following:					
Athlete's Name					
Athlete's Date of Birth including Month/Day/Year					
Athlete's Address					
Athlete's City, State and Zip Code					
Athlete's Parent/Guardian Name					
Athlete or Parent/Guardian Email					
Athlete or Parent/Guardian Phone					

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THE CHAMPIONS ARE COMING...

ARE YOU ?

**August 2-5, 2018
Kissimmee, FL, USA**

Hosted by:



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND BENEFACTORS!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

USTA will be hosting the 35th World Baton Twirling Championships in Kissimmee, Florida, August 2nd-5th, 2018. This is the most prestigious event for our sport, and is a very large financial undertaking.

Because this event does not generate revenue for the USTA, we are asking all State/Region Councils, Professional Members, interested individuals and teams/groups for volunteers and financial assistance to help run the competition and cover the costs of these championships.

The success of this endeavor is of great importance to the sport of baton twirling in this country as well as throughout the world. On behalf of the USTA Executive Board, Technical Advisory Group, and the 2018 World Championships Staff, thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Please email any and all questions to Karen Cammer at president@ustwirling.com.

VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer to help as practice gym coordinators, competition and practice monitors, food, refreshment and hospitality, administration, digital/social media, ceremonies, celebrations, tabulation, country host, registration, print work.....and the list goes on!

DONATE!

Your generous donations will go towards the Welcome Party for the Athletes, the Reception for the World Delegates, Ceremonies, the Live Stream, and more!

Benefactor form:

<http://www.ustwirling.com/content/getattachment/Benefactor-Foundation/2017-Benefactors-Form-updated-042017.pdf.aspx>

Be sure to select "2018 World Championships, Kissimmee, FL" as the designation for your donation.