



## MEET YOUR CONTEST STAFF

**Kayla Bennett**  
Contest Director



Kayla has been with the circuit for the last five years serving in multiple positions including contest director, timing/penalty judge, tabulator, and unit check-in representative. She works full time in the accounting department at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas. Kayla marched trumpet at Mansfield Legacy High School and is on staff as a marching tech with the program. She loves the interaction with the kids NTCA provides, in addition to the many friendships made with our circuit directors, judges, and other NTCA staff.

**Eric Barnes**  
Timing & Penalty Judging



Eric is one of newest Timing and Penalty Judges, having joined the NTCA staff in 2018. He comes with years of experience in the marching arts. He was a member of the marching band throughout high school, then went on to march with the Pride of Oklahoma, and played on the tuba line with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps. Currently, he's traveling the country supporting his wife in her career as a traveling Physical Therapist. Eric is a past band director and enjoys the connection NTCA provides to both students and the activity. He believes that the greatest part of NTCA is witnessing the incredible improvement from each performance group throughout the season.

**Emily Parkins**  
Tabulator



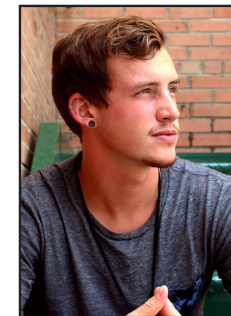
Emily joined the NTCA staff three years ago as a Tabulator and Unit Check-In Representative. She works as an ESL Specialist at Trinity Basin Preparatory in Ft. Worth. Emily enjoys contest day energy and the opportunity to be part of the pageantry arts now that her two band kids are grown. She loves spending time on site with her daughter, Kayla, one of Contest Directors. Emily has fond memories of her time in both guard and marching band at Martin High School.

**Nick McMahan**  
Unit Check-In Representative



This is Nick's second year working as unit representative for NTCA. He currently works as the guard director at Legacy High School in Mansfield ISD and proudly serves on the NTCA executive board as Member at Large for Cadet, Novice and RA classes. He also works as a groundskeeper for luxury apartments in Fort Worth, and designs for colorguard groups in Corpus Christi and Frisco, TX and Ozark, MO. He also moves for Muscle Memory Dance Theatre in Dallas. He loves the community that NTCA provides and enjoys a part of the family here since he started performing in the early 2000s.

**Sam Farr**  
Sound Engineer/Announcer



This is Sam's 3rd season as an announcer with NTCA. He is a self-employed musician, music producer, and Drumline instructor. Sam enjoys hyping the crowd as he announces groups, allowing performers to bask in the spotlight as they hear their name announced. The pageantry arts have been part of Sam's life since high school Drumline. After high school Sam performed with Vigilantes Indoor Percussion, Trooper Drum and Bugle Corps, and Santa Clara Vanguard on snare drum. Since his drum corps days, Sam has worked as an audio engineer for Guardians, Troopers, and SCV. For the last six years Sam has taught high school drumline around the DFW metroplex.