



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.

Will Torres
Timing & Penalty Judge



Will began his NTCA journey in 2016 as a contest director, then moved into serving as a timing and penalty judge in 2017. He also judges T&P for WGI events. He works full time at Tarrant County College as a learning and development specialist and adjunct instructor. Will was in marching and concert band all through high school and college, going on to perform with Glassmen and Phantom Regiment. He is also involved in the activity as a technician, designer, and consultant. The pageantry arts is a family affair for the Torres family. His wife, Anna Torres, is a colorguard director in the circuit. The creativity, dedication, and passion required of the instructors and students makes it a truly unique and rewarding activity to be a part of. Participating in the marching arts activities as a student helped Will develop maturity, work ethic, and attention to detail that led him to become a personally and socially responsible adult.

Sarah Larrabee
Tabulator



This is Sarah's second year with the circuit as a tabulator. He is a social studies teacher at Lamar High School in Arlington. As a past performer from 2008-2011, with the Mansfield Legacy High School Colorguard, she developed a special connection to the sport

and the circuit. Time with NTCA provides the opportunity to stay involved with an activity so dear to Sarah's heart. She enjoys watching the sport evolve and the progression of the performers' abilities.

Emily Parkins
Unit Check-In Representative



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.

Peter Ponce
Sound Engineer/Announcer



This is Peter's second year announcing for NTCA. He has extensive experience as an announcer beginning in 1998 as the announcer for the UTA Maverick Marching Band and various marching contests through the years including the Duncanville Marching Invitational, UIL Region 5 Marching Contest. He also announces at local WGI events. Peter's experience with the marching arts goes back to his high school and college days where he was a drum major at Lamar High School in Arlington, University of Texas at Arlington, and East Texas State University. His experience as an educator spans over twenty-five years. Peter's latest education endeavor is as the Coordinator of Assessment for Birdville ISD. He enjoys witnessing the evolution of winterguard and the connections made between audience and performer.