

Melissa began dancing at the age of 5. She studied ballet with Jayne Jeffers in Tulsa for 11 years. During this time, Melissa was also involved with the dance team program at Union Public Schools. After graduating from Union, Melissa went on to become a member of the World Famous Kilgore College Rangerettes. As a member of the Rangerettes, Melissa was able to train in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern under various instructors at the college level. She also traveled across the nation and abroad performing with this prestigious organization. After graduating from college with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education, she began teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade until she had her 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 girls. Melissa has directed a very large public school dance program as well as taught varying ages of dance for many years. She enjoys teaching camps across the nation during the summer, as well as choreographing and judging for numerous dance contests at the high school level.