

STUDIO — TEAM



Kayleigh Kontz - Studio Director

Kayleigh is the visionary founder and director of KayKo Baton Studio. She is a United States Twirling Association, certified Level-One coach and has trained alongside world class instructors. Kayleigh was a 3-time member of Team USA and holds three World Championship gold medal titles (Belgium, Switzerland, Italy). She also holds multiple National Championship team and individual titles. Kayleigh has over 15 years of experience instructing students of all ages and levels.

Kayleigh is passionate about creating a nurturing environment where students can explore their creativity and develop their technique through a holistic approach to baton and dance education.

Fun Fact: Kayleigh was pictured on the cover of Sports Illustrated alongside basketball star, Doug McDermott, while on the dance team at Creighton University. This Sports Illustrated issue was a re-creation of the 1977 Larry Bird Sports Illustrated issue!



Erin Koch - Dance Instructor

Erin Koch studied dance performance at Oklahoma City University before graduating with her BA in Theatre from South Dakota State University. Erin danced professionally throughout the United States and Germany and brings to us her expertise of over 25 years of teaching experience.

Erin was the founder and director of "Joy In Motion" in Nierenhof, Germany. She taught and encouraged over 500 students during this 10 year reign.

Erin enjoys teaching classical ballet, jazz, tap, folk and musical dance to students in various dance studios, Bible camps, schools and churches throughout Germany and the United States. She has also choreographed multiple musicals and dance performances.

Erin enjoys watching students learn and grow into confident, successful adults. She is looking forward to making a positive impact on the wonderful students and families of KayKo Baton Studio!

Fun Fact: Erin worked on numerous stage productions with the now Broadway star, Kristin Chenoweth, while studying dance performance at Oklahoma City University!



Becca Flores - Dance Instructor

Becca Flores grew up dancing competitively through high school and also competed in pageants, including the Miss Iowa State Pageant. She has been part of KayKo Baton Studio since May 2022, teaching Pom Pom and encouraging students to find joy and confidence through the arts.

Outside the studio, Becca has enjoyed a variety of creative roles — such as teaching piano lessons, leading worship at her local church, serving in youth ministry, and working as a licensed cosmetologist. She is passionate about using dance and music as a way to inspire and uplift students.

Becca is the proud mom of three children, including a daughter who twirls on the competition team.

Fun Fact: She once danced and marched in a parade through Disney World!



Denise Odegaard- Strength & Conditioning Specialist

Denise earned her Bachelors Degree in Kinesiology from the University of Minnesota as well as her Masters Degree in Nurse Anesthesia from the Minneapolis School of Anesthesia. She is currently the nurse at Holy Redeemer School.

She is a fitness guru passionate about instilling the importance of creating healthy habits starting from a young age.

Denise has two girls involved with the KayKo Competition Team, therefore, has witnessed during baton competition weekends that a great twirler is an overall strong twirler!