

## **ASHLEY CHRISTMAN**

Born and raised in southwest Florida, Ashley started dancing at the age of 3 at Angelic Academy of Dance. She began competing locally and nationally at the age of 8 and achieved several title, first place overall, and high score awards. At the age of 14, Ashley began training at Dance Arts by Maria and Gulf Coast High School. At Gulf Coast, she was a member of their dance line and the captain for 2 years. During her time on the dance team, she performed at dozens of high school football games, halftime shows for the Miami Dolphins and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Hollywood Christmas Parade in Los Angeles, and many local events and competitions. It is here where she first began choreographing solos, pep rally dances, and competition routines.

Ashley moved to Tallahassee, FL in the fall of 2011 to attend Florida State University. During her college years, Ashley took classes at Dance Fusion Studios, was a member of their performance team, and trained under the direction of Wendy Crawford, a former Florida State University Golden Girl and the studio owner. She attended numerous conventions and intensives, and also performed at various local events including Florida State University basketball and volleyball half time shows. Ashley was also a member of Pi Beta Phi fraternity and a part of their dance team that performed for thousands of university students, raised money for charities, and won 1st place multiple years in a row. Outside of dance, Ashley held important leadership roles in sorority recruitment, philanthropic event planning, and website management.

Ashley graduated from Florida State in the spring of 2015 with a double major in Advertising and Graphic Design. She has since relocated back to Naples where she works as a graphic designer during the day and teaches dance around the southwest Florida area at night. She has come full circle and is so excited to be back teaching where she grew up dancing, and alongside the teachers and coaches that helped her become who she is today.