

# WICHITA TDE NATIONAL JUDGES



## ***BROOKE GEBB***

Brooke Gebb is a native of Arkansas and holds a BPA in Dance Performance from Oklahoma City University. Prior to beginning her teaching career, she traveled performing on cruise ships, off-Broadway, regional, dinner theatres, and theme parks. She began her teaching career in the public school system, teaching dance at Lake Mary High School in Lake Mary, Florida. She eventually transitioned to K-5 education and became the Dance Coordinator and Fine Arts Chair at the Pinewood Fine Arts Magnet School in Orlando, Florida where she rewrote and oversaw the dance curriculum for the entire Orange County Public School District. Teaching credits also include Dance Masters of America, Lyric Academy, Cotillion NWOKC, New York Film Institute, The Dance Effect, I Love Dance, the University of Oklahoma and numerous studios across the country. She performs locally with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic POPS and sings in a band. Brooke is married to Dr. Paul Gebb an Associate Professor of Dance and Entertainment at OCU, and they have three young children.

## ***Dr Paul Gebb***

Dr. Paul Gebb is a native of North Carolina and has lived in Oklahoma since 2007. He holds a BM in Vocal Performance/Musical Theatre from James Madison University, a MFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Florida, and an Ed.D. in Higher Education and Organizational Change from Benedictine University. Prior to beginning his teaching career, his wife and he traveled the world performing on cruise ships, off-Broadway, regional, dinner theatres, and theme parks. He began his teaching career in the K-5 public school system, The New York Film Academy, and soon became the Director of Education for Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma. At Lyric he oversaw the curriculum for the Thelma Gaylord Academy which taught voice, dance, and acting to over 200 students a week. Transitioning onto the Oklahoma City University campus, he became the Coordinator for the MFA program in Dance for the Ann Lacy School for Dance and Entertainment. Today he acts as the Director for the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, a position he has held since 2012. He is the father of three children, Greyson, Carter, and Townley, and is the husband to Brooke Gebb.



## ***Lauren Alston***

Ms. Lauren Alston is a native of Columbia, South Carolina. Her dance career began under the direction of Donna Lewis (Founder of Dee Crump School of Dance) and later flourished under the direction of Dale Lam (Director of Columbia City Jazz Dance School). While under the guidance of Dale Lam, she was taught by many reputable choreographers including: Stacey Calvert (Principle Dancer at New York City Ballet), Nick Lazzarini (Winner of So You Think You Can Dance), Travis Wall (Emmy Award Winner and Co-Owner of Shaping Sound), and Trey Holloway (Back up Dancer for Whitney Houston). Ms. Alston's professional career began at age 16, when she was invited by the Chinese Cultural Council to tour various cities in China for 32 days and perform over 40 shows. Soon after, she performed in several music videos and commercials, to include but not limited to, Huggies, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, and Carolina Imports. As she continued her quest to fulfill her artistic zeal, she became Co-Director of Columbia City Jazz's Company II, Hip Hop and Jazz Competition Team Director at Griffin School of Dance, Creative Director for DJ Bois Obscur, and national and regional judge and instructor for several dance competitions and convention. As her ambition continues to cultivate, Ms. Alston looks forward to sharing her passion and insight with more eager artists.