# **2018-19 MEDIA GUIDE**

## MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUNT TEAM

#### **QUICK FACTS**

East Lansing, Michigan

Founded: 1855

Enrollment: 39,423 (2018)

Mascot: Spartans

Colors: Green & White

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3 Time STUNT National tournament qualifiers





# Meet the Michigan State Coaching Staff Head Coach – Caitlyn Vermiglio

Caitlyn Vermiglio is the Head Coach of the MSU All-Girl Cheer & STUNT Team. This is her third year as head coach of the program with the year prior as assistant coach. From 2012-2015 she was an active athlete of the program and competing in STUNT. STUNT was started at Michigan State University in 2012, as this was Caitlyn's first year on the team. She is so grateful to have been an athlete in STUNT prior to becoming a coach, as this separates her from many other STUNT coaches and offers her a different perspective.

This will be Michigan State's third Nationals appearance with the first being in 2017 in Dallas, Texas. She was also fortunate enough to be awarded STUNT Coach of the Year in 2017 and became an active member in the STUNT Advisory Board. STUNT is an amazing sport that has allowed her to grow as an athlete and now as a coach.

Caitlyn loves the competitive nature and how it allows cheerleading to become a little less subjective. This sport can highlight the strengths from different athletes

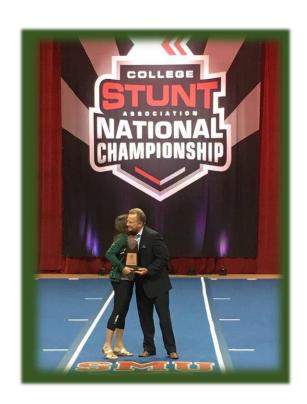
with the variety of difficulty. She is looking forward to continuing her cheerleading career with this program, as it is growing faster with more success than anyone could have ever dreamed. Caitlyn will forever be a Spartan! GO GREEN!



#### Caitlyn Vermiglio - Head Coach

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# **Assistant Coach – Brianna Ferguson**

Brianna Ferguson is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as assistant coach for MSU All-Girl Competitive Cheerleading. Previously, she cheered sideline and competitive seasons for 4 years at Roseville High School. She came to MSU in 2013 for her freshman year and cheered for MSU program all 4 years of her college career.

Ms Ferguson states that, "This team has allowed me to learn many cheerleading and personal skills that I never would have gathered had I not been a part of this program. As an athlete, it was easy for me to pick up STUNT as a lot of the same skills and precision are mastered in both MHSAA and STUNT. Joining the team a year after their first STUNT team was a great experience for me. It was a learning experience for myself and our program, so knowing I was part of the process was an amazing feeling."

In 2017, Brianna was a member on the first team to make it to STUNT Nationals for MSU All-Girl. It was a memorable senior year of cheerleading for Brianna.



Brianna graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Kinesiology this past December with specializations in Coaching and Health Promotions. As an assistant coach, Brianna specialized in flyer's flexibility and advancement of skills this past season.

Brianna remarks that, "STUNT as a coach is a completely different mindset, but being able to compete in it the past 4 years made it that much easier to help lead the team to success. I am extremely thankful to be able to coach a group of such talented athletes and once again be headed to STUNT Nationals. Go Green!"

Brianna Ferguson - Assistant Coach

# **Assistant Coach – Paige Thornton**

Paige Thornton is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as an assistant tumbling coach for the Michigan State All Girl Competitive Cheerleading team. Paige has five years' previous experience coaching All-Star, but this year she has found her passion coaching college age athletes and especially STUNT.

Paige was a former 4-year athlete on MSUCCT and a member of the first STUNT teams in Michigan. She has been amazed to see how the sport has developed and grown into the wonderful entity it is today.

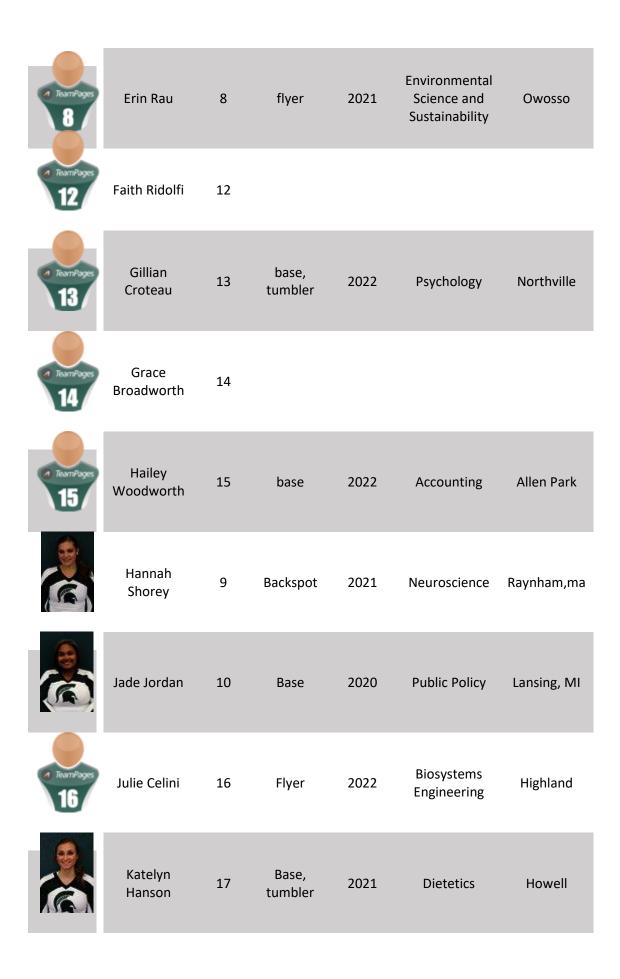
When Paige is not coaching cheerleading, she is the head athletic trainer at Livonia Churchill High School in Livonia, MI.



Paige Thornton - Assistant Coach

# Team Roster

Picture	Athlete	Number	Position	Graduation Year	Major	Hometown
7 TeamPages	Abigayle Bergeron	1				-
7 TeamPages	Carolina Poliss	2	base	2022	Human Biology	Sterling Heights
1 TeamPages	Celeste Sarzynski	3	base	2022	Neuroscience	Allen Park
	Cia Krall	4	base, tumbler	2021	Nutritional Science	Novi
	Courtney Gifford	5	base	2019	Human Biology	Davison
1 TeamPages	Emily Burgin	6	base	2021	Mathematics	Rochester
1 TeamPages	Emily Schiavi	7				-
	Emma Berkal	11	base	2019	Business: Marketing	Lake Orion



	Katie Faloon	19	Backspot	2021	Special Education	Macomb, MI
	Kelsey Daldine	18	Base, tumbler	2019	Nursing	Clintojn Twp, MI
	Kristina O'Connell	22	Flyer	2021	Genomics & Molecular Genetics	Plainwell, MI
	Lauren Hooper	21	flyer, tumbler	2019	Education	Houghton Lake, MI
	Lauren Scott	23	base, tumbler	2020	Psychology	Clarkston
1 TeamPages 20	Lexie Hampton	20	base	2022	Human biology	Lexington
1 TeamPages 24	Lorie Saunders	14/24	base	2021	Finance	Manchester, England
7 TeamPages 25	Mackenzie Bachert	25	Backspot	2022	Human biology	Troy
7 TeamPages 26	Maddie Tanner	26	base	2022	Kinesiology	Lake Orion

	Madison Weishner	32	Flyer	2020	Kinesiology	Beacon Falls, CT
	Marissa Payne	27	backspot	2021	Veterinary Technology	Concord
1 TeamPages 28	Mykel Michaud	28	backspot	2022	Hospitality Business	Tawas MI
	Rayanna Demello	35	base	2021	Social Relations and Policy	Charlotte, MI
1 TournPages 29	Sarah Pilarski	29	backspot	2022	Pre-Med	Rochester Hills, MI
	Sophie Roeder	38	flyer, base, tumbler	2021	Human Development and Family Studies	Midland
	Sydney Pieczynski	39	Flyer	2021	Pre-Vet	Norton Shores
	Sylvia Pisvoroski	40	flyer, tumbler	2021	psych/education	Hanover Park
1 TeamPages	Taylor Bell	30				-

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