

2018-19 MEDIA GUIDE

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUNT TEAM

QUICK FACTS

Lubbock, Texas

Founded: February 10, 1923

Enrollment: 37,010 (2017)

Mascot: Red Raiders

Colors: Scarlet & Black

Web site:

<https://www.depts.ttu.edu/centerforcampuslife/spiritsquads/ttustunt.php>

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President: Lawrence Schovanec

Athletic Director: Kirby Hocutt

Senior Women's Administrator:

Judi Henry

2017 STUNT Record:
3-6 overall season record
3rd Place, Division 1

Texas Tech CoEd Cheer
2019 National Champion
in Division 1A Large-Coed



Meet the STUNT

Head Coach – Bruce Bills

Bruce Bills concludes his eight year as Head Cheer & Mascot Coach, 16th year with the Spirit Program at Texas Tech University. Previously, he has served as Assistant Cheer Coach and Pom Squad Coach.

Bills led the CoEd Cheer Squad to the program's first ever NCA Division 1A National Championship in 2017 and just sealed another championship for 2019 with this years CoEd team.

In their first year of STUNT competition, Bills coached the All-Girl Cheer Squad to a 3rd place finish in Division 1. In addition to coaching both All-Girl and CoEd Cheer Squads and Raider Red, he oversees recruiting efforts, fundraising procedures, appearance scheduling, tryout logistics, and serves as the manager of the website and social media sites.



Bills has worked in the Undergraduate Admissions Office as a recruiter for Texas Tech. As an undergraduate student, he worked in the Center for Campus Life as the publicist for the Spirit Program.

He graduated from Texas Tech with a Bachelor of Business Administration in 2007 and was a Texas Tech Cheerleader for three years. He is currently working towards receiving his master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in Sports Management, Business Administration, and Higher Education Administration.

Bills has worked on the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) staff for seven years and served as a Head Instructor. He also judges and coordinates local cheerleading tryouts and competitions.

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Meet the Spirit Program Director

Stephanie Rhode

Stephanie Rhode starts her 16th year as the Spirit Program Director at Texas Tech University. She serves as the administrator to the Cheerleaders and Pom Squad, Raider Red, and Masked Rider program. Rhode performs the business functions of the program, including financial aspects, academic progress, squad travel arrangements, and is the external relations contact for the Spirit Program. Rhode serves as the chairperson for the Masked Rider Advisory Committee and co-chair for the Spirit Coordination Committee.

Rhode is a Unit Associate Director in the Center for Campus Life office. Previously, she was the Spirit Coordinator for three years and spent several years as a volunteer in Parent Relations office.

She is married to Robert, who serves as the Spirit Program photographer. She has one daughter, Katie, who is a former Tech Cheerleader and Pom Squad member. Stephanie also has two sons, Jason & Nick.

In addition to working with the Spirit Program, Stephanie previously served as a gymnastics judge for local and state competitions.

Rhode graduated from Christian Brothers University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

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Team Schedule











WINS	LOSSES	TIES
5	3	0

Date	Away Team	Score	Home Team	Score	
+ 02/02/19	Oklahoma City University	6	Texas Tech University	18	Win
+ 02/02/19	Texas Tech University	9	Oklahoma Baptist University	17	Loss
+ 03/09/19	Texas Tech University	8	Oklahoma Baptist University	20	Loss
+ 03/09/19	Texas Tech University	14	University of Texas	11	Win
+ 03/09/19	Maryville University	10	Texas Tech University	16	Win
+ 03/09/19	University of Central Oklahoma	11	Texas Tech University	12	Win
+ 03/10/19	Cal Poly	12	Texas Tech University	19	Win
+ 03/10/19	Texas Tech University	6	Oklahoma State University	20	Loss



Team Roster

Picture	Athlete	Number	Position	Year in School	Major	Hometown
	Ashley Grissom	10	Base, Tumbler	Junior	Kinesiology	Odessa, TX
	Brooke Henry	5	Base	Sophomore	Public Relations	Dallas TX
	Cameron LeCates	18	Top, Tumbler	Freshman	Pre-Nursing	Round Rock, TX
	Colby Swayzer	26	Back Base	Freshman	Pre-Nursing	Spring, TX
	Decklyn O'Neal	17	Top, Tumbler, Basketer	Junior	Pre-Nursing	Frisco, TX
	Jade Brown	23	Base	Senior (graduating)	Public Relations/Sports Mgt	Lake Jackson, TX
	Jessica Stiglmeier	1	Base	Junior	Kinesiology	San Antonio, TX
	Keelie Laird	2	Base, Tumbler	Freshman	Kinesiology	Katy, TX



Keely
Ehlers

9

Base,
Tumbler

Senior
(graduating)

Business
Marketing

Lubbock, TX



Kendall
Billstone

6

Base,
Tumbler

Junior

Early
Childhood
Education

Fort Worth,
TX



Kendall
Jones

0

Top,
Tumbler

Freshman

Pre-
Nursing

Tomball, TX



Lexi
Atkinson

3

Top, Mid-
Layer

Senior
(graduating)

Journalism

Fort Worth,
TX



MacKenzie
Avery

27

Base

Freshman

Computer
Science

Red Oak, TX



Maddi
West

4

Top, Mid-
Layer,
Basket

Junior

Pre-
Nursing

Weatherford,
TX



Madi
Durham

11

Side
Base,
Tumbler

Sophomore

Pre-
Nursing

Houston, TX



Makinzy
Gresson

20/28

Base

Freshman

Pre-
Nursing

Fort Worth,
TX



Mindy
Gilbert

8

Top, Mid-
Layer

Junior

Pre-
Nursing

Waco, TX



Paxton Barber

15

Back
Base,
Tumbler

Junior

Pre-
Occupational
Therapy

Colleyville,
TX



Rylee Freeman

7

Top,
Tumbler,
Basket

Sophomore

Pre-Nursing

Palm
Springs, CA



Sam Smith

12

Base,
Tumbler

Senior
(graduating)

Kinesiology

San
Antonio, TX



Tanner Jones

13

Base,
Tumbler

Senior
(graduating)

Business
Marketing

San
Antonio, TX



Taylor Harrison

24

Top, Mid-
Layer,
Basket

Junior

Public Relations

Lubbock,
TX



Whitney Wheeler

22

Base,
Mid-
Layer,
Tumbler

Junior

Communication
Studies

Flower
Mound, TX



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Official pages of the Texas Tech Spirit Program:

Texas Tech STUNT



Be sure to follow us on social media for pictures from competition.

Twitter & Instagram: @ttuSTUNT