



# MEDIA GUIDE

**DI COLLEGE STUNT  
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*APRIL 13-14, 2024*

**QUALIFYING TEAM INFORMATION**



# UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

## ABOUT

- **Institution:** Public
- **Location:** Lexington, Kentucky
- **Colors:** Blue & White
- **Enrollment:** 34,000
- **Mascot:** Wildcat
- **Founded:** 1865
- **Division:** DI
- **Conference:** Southeastern Conference (SEC)
- **President:** Eli Capilouto
- **SWA:** Rachel Baker
- **Athletic Director:** Mitch Barnhart
- **Head Coach:** Blair Bergmann
- **Years Coaching STUNT:** 3
- **Assistant Coach:** Catherine Ruslavage, Vanessa Copeland
- **General Info:** Scholarships available, Priority Registration, Game Tickets, Travel Opportunities, Access to Athletic Trainers and AT Facility



## HEAD COACH/TEAM NOTES

**Favorite thing about coaching STUNT:** I like that there's so many moving pieces. It's not a one and done for the day. You get multiple opportunities in a single game. I also like the strategy aspect and seeing momentum shifts throughout a game.

**Best Quarter:** The strongest quarter for our team is the 4th. 4th is my favorite because it's exciting getting to watch all 3 rounds put together and build in energy.

**Season Highlights:** Being able to compete all the routines, seeing them grow on and off the mat, watching our team chemistry build

**Team Traditions:** N/A

**Fun Facts:** We have 4 Ellie's and 3 Isabella's.

**Coach Bio:** Bergmann came to UK in the summer of 2020 as an assistant cheerleading coach. Shortly thereafter, he took over as the head coach of the Kentucky club team STUNT squad. Bergmann, who cheered collegiately at Alabama, brings a decade of successful experience as an athlete and coach. At Alabama, Bergmann was a 2015 UCA D1A Coed National Champion athlete. He has spent time as a UCA College Staffer and UCA Core Staffer. He was most recently an assistant coach at Ole Miss, where he worked with both the Coed Squad and the All-Girl Squad. In 2017, he coached the UCA D1A All-Girl Game Day National Champion squad. "Being named interim head coach of the UK STUNT program has been incredible," Bergmann said. "Our current student-athletes have such a love for the University of Kentucky and seeing this opportunity present itself for them really motivates me to give my best every single day. Additionally, the opportunities this program will provide for other female student-athletes that want to attend UK and compete at a high level are second to none."

## STUNT STATS



STUNT Conference:  
**Mid America West**



CONFERENCE  
RECORD **5 - 2**



OVERALL  
RECORD **15 - 6**



STARTED  
STUNT IN **2022**



**2 NATIONALS  
APPEARANCES  
2022: 7th, 2023: 2nd**



# THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AT MARTIN

## ABOUT

- **Institution:** Public
- **Location:** Martin, Tennessee
- **Colors:** Blue (Navy), Orange, & White
- **Enrollment:** 6,900
- **Mascot:** Skyhawks
- **Founded:** February 10th, 1927
- **Division:** D1
- **Conference:** Ohio Valley Conference
- **President:** Dr. Yancy Freeman (Chancellor)
- **SWA:** Danelle Fabianich
- **Athletic Director:** Kurt McGuffin
- **Head Coach:** Amber Minton
- **Years Coaching STUNT:** 3
- **Assistant Coach:** Mindy Halverson



## HEAD COACH/TEAM NOTES

**Favorite thing about coaching STUNT:** Watching the program grow and coaching a new sport, game day play and strategy, the challenge of progressing to the next level of routine, and mentoring the athletes.

**Best Quarter:** Quarter 1

**Season Highlights:** UTM vs MBU at our home tournament-Last round of quarter 4, and we were trailing by 4 points. Even though we knew we couldn't win, our team chose to do level 5 for the first time. They gave it their all and got all 3 points! It was really a WOW moment and the energy in the room was incredible!

**Team Traditions:** Team chant that honors one of UTM's longest fans, prayer circle

**Fun Facts:** Although we are a D1 school, we are a very small school in a small community. Our team consists of 21 athletes and has gone against some of the strongest and largest programs in STUNT this season. The majority of our athletes also cheer for football and basketball. 17 of our athletes are Freshman and Sophomores.

**Coach Bio:** Amber Minton, who attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and a former Skyhawk assistant cheerleading coach, was named the new head cheer and dance coach on June 8, 2020. Minton has owned Flip & Tumble Gymnastics in nearby Union City, Tenn. since 2005, building the business from the ground up. She oversees all daily business operations, accounting, scheduling, coaching competitive cheerleading teams, instructing tumbling classes, choreography and managing social media. The Perry County High School graduate was a Skyhawk cheer assistant under Fran Spears during the 2011-12 season. During that time, Minton was responsible for practices, choreography and managing the cheerleaders at games. Minton has established a winning culture at Flip & Tumble Gymnastics as her teams have earned multiple national championships. That includes titles in organizations such as Cheersport (2013, 2015, 2016), WSF (2013), One Up (2015), Mardi Gras (2015), Athletic Championship (2016, 2017), US Finals (2017, 2018) and Jamfest (2019). In 2020, Minton's Flip & Tumble teams had a winning season with America's Best and Deep South Spirit, bringing home three paid bids to national competitions before the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Minton has been a scoring, head, review and safety judge all over the United States for various competition companies since 2011. She also takes business and rules classes each year at the U.S. All Star Federation Regional Conference. Minton is married to her husband Blaze and the couple has three sons between them.

## STUNT STATS



STUNT Conference:  
**America MidWest**



CONFERENCE  
RECORD **3 - 2**



OVERALL  
RECORD **4 - 6**



STARTED  
STUNT IN **2021**



**0 NATIONALS  
APPEARANCES  
2024: TBD**



# CALIFORNIA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

## ABOUT

- **Institution:** Private
- **Location:** Riverside, California
- **Colors:** Navy & Gold
- **Enrollment:** 13,000
- **Mascot:** Lancers
- **Founded:** 1950
- **Division:** DI
- **Conference:** WAC
- **President:** Dr. Ronald Ellis
- **SWA:** Rachel Keys
- **Athletic Director:** Dr. Micah Parker (VP of Athletics)
- **Head Coach:** Brandon Seagondollar
- **General Info:** Scholarships available, Priority Registration, Game Tickets, Travel Opportunities, Access to Athletic Trainers and AT Facility, Sports psychologist



## HEAD COACH/TEAM NOTES

**Favorite thing about coaching STUNT:** Having the opportunity to grow the sport for future generations, and having the opportunity to mentor and disciple these athletes as they start to transition into the real world after college.

**Best Quarter:** 4th Quarters are strongest for our team. They love the opportunity to finish strong! Their favorite quarter is probably 3rd quarter. Our girls on the sideline LOVE having more of an impact on the athletes on the mat throughout the routine.

**Season Highlights:** This season has been one filled with grit, hard work, and perseverance. Through and through, the team has shown that they are willing to go the extra mile to achieve the goals they set for themselves. Despite numerous setbacks, the trust and reliability they have found in each other has laid the foundation for the successes we are seeing.

**Team Traditions:** We have plenty of team traditions that all start from the girls and the legacy they want to leave behind after their time in the program is over.

**Coach Bio:** California Baptist University named Brandon Seagondollar as the new head coach for the stunt team in January 2020 after the university announced it as the newest varsity sport. Prior to taking over the STUNT program, Seagondollar served as the assistant cheer coach since August 2016 and has been vital to the Lancers' success on the mat. In the 2021 inaugural season, the Lancers posted a perfect 15-0 record to claim their first-ever DI/DII STUNT National Championship. The Lancers beat Oklahoma Baptist in the finals by a score of 19-11 to complete the perfect season. To go along with the historic season, the Lancers claimed their first-ever West Coast Championship when they went a perfect 5-0 in conference play. Kaeli Busell was the highest-rated player in the championship game with a 51. Seagondollar came to CBU after serving as the assistant coach at UC Santa Barbara and director and head coach of the Pacific Coast Magic 5 Cities All-Star team. He cheered collegiately at the University of Hawaii. Over his coaching career, Seagondollar has taught and spot advanced tumbling and stunting skills, including twisting and specialty skills. He came on board and helped the Lancers continue their stretch of dominance, helping CBU claim its fifth-straight National Cheerleaders Association Championship in 2017 and first-ever stunt group championship. Since then, the Lancers have won two more NCA championships to extend the streak to seven consecutive seasons. Seagondollar and his wife Emily were married in 2018.

## STUNT STATS



STUNT Conference:  
**Independent**



CONFERENCE  
RECORD **20 - 0**



OVERALL  
RECORD **20 - 0**



STARTED  
STUNT IN **2021**



**3 NATIONALS  
APPEARANCES  
2021 - 2023: 1st**





# UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

## ABOUT

- **Institution:** Public
- **Location:** Conway, Arkansas
- **Colors:** Purple, Gray, & White
- **Enrollment:** 9,790
- **Mascot:** Bears
- **Founded:** 1907
- **Division:** DI
- **Conference:** The Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN)
- **President:** Houston Davis
- **SWA:** Natalie Shock
- **Athletic Director:** Brad Teague
- **Head Coach:** Alyssa Morrow
- **Years Coaching STUNT:** 2
- **Assistant Coach:** Brooke Fletcher
- **General Info:** Scholarships available, Priority Registration, Game Tickets, Travel Opportunities, Access to Athletic Trainers and AT Facility, Sports psychologist



## HEAD COACH/TEAM NOTES

**Favorite thing about coaching STUNT:** My favorite thing about coaching STUNT is the ability to see the growth in my athletes. Being such a new sport it's common for majority of my athletes to have no experience in the sport before joining our team. I've had the privilege of teaching these athletes about this sport that I loved so much when I was in college and competing and I have witnessed amazing growth in their skills and their overall drive and passion when it comes to the sport. Being a STUNT coach was a dream that I've had since competing in STUNT in college and I have loved getting to be a mentor and a coach to these new athletes.

**Best Quarter:** Quarter 1 is our strongest quarter in regards to scoring points consistently. Our favorite is quarter 4 because the energy is so high and we get the chance to redeem ourselves from any mistakes that might have happened in previous quarters.

**Season Highlights:** Earning our first program win against SNU at Dallas Baptist -Our weekend at Trevecca Nazarene when we scored points with our partner routine 7 almost every time we played it.

**Coach Bio:** Alyssa Morrow joined the Central Arkansas coaching staff in the Spring of 2023. With prior experience as a STUNT athlete at Southwest Baptist University (2019-2021) as well as one year of Assistant Coaching the Drury STUNT team in their inaugural season (2023), Morrow is wrapping up her first season as head coach of the University of Central Arkansas STUNT program. In her previous experience she played an integral role in the inaugural seasons of both the SBU and Drury STUNT teams and is now getting to do the same in her current role at UCA. In Morrow's first year with the Bears she has pushed the athletes to always be better than themselves and fight to improve each time they take the mat. Moving forward Morrow hopes to see her program grow and excel as the sport itself continues to expand across the country.

## STUNT STATS



STUNT Conference:  
**Mid America West**



CONFERENCE  
RECORD **0 - 4**



OVERALL  
RECORD **3 - 13**



STARTED  
STUNT IN **2023**



**0 NATIONALS  
APPEARANCES  
2024: TBD**