

PARKER KILPATRICK

Growing up in College Station, TX, Parker experienced an enriching, 10-year K-12 competitive dance career. She began dancing at age nine with the Expressions Dance Company at Expressions Dance and Music in College Station. Additionally to studio dance, Parker was a member of the College Station High School Strutters drill team for her freshman and sophomore years, representing the CSHS Cougars at Friday night football games, pep rallies, and drill team contests. Her high school dance career came to a close her senior year at The Dancezone in Houston, TX where she solidified her dance training as a member of the senior pre-professional company, Protégé. Because of her varied experiences, Parker has strong foundational training in numerous dance genres: contemporary, ballet, jazz, hip hop, drill, pro-style, and more.

Following high school, she traded in her maroon for burnt orange. Parker attended the University of Texas at Austin where she was a member of The Texas Pom Squad, performing in Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium and taking on the basketball court in front of over 100,000 Longhorn fans for all four years, even holding numerous Spirit Program leadership positions along the way. Parker recently completed course work for her Plan II Honors degree and is currently pursuing a second degree in business management and consulting. While at university, Parker enjoyed working as a dance instructor at a local studio, kickstarting her love of teaching.

Now, while continuing her education and exploring possibilities for professional growth, she also seeks pro-dance opportunities, being a 2023 finalist for The Dallas Cowboy's Cheerleaders and will be joining The Dallas Cowboy's Rhythm & Blue for the 2023-2024 Season under the direction of Jenny Durbin-Smoth.

Parker is so excited to join the Elevate family and share her experience with her students while learning and growing as a dancer alongside them.'