

Warrior Varsity Dance Team

Head Coach
Cindy Clough

Varsity Coaches
Ali Geraets
Julie Davidge
Terri Ebinger
Avery Davidge

Varsity Captains
India Hiltner
Jada Bentson
Quinn Geraets

2021-22 Varsity Record

Pequot Lakes	1st Place Kick
Chanhassen	3rd Place Kick 4th Place Jazz
Wayzata	3rd Place Kick 4th Place Jazz
CLC #1	1st Place Kick 1st Place Jazz
Edina	3rd Place Kick 5th Place Jazz
CLC #2	2nd Place Kick 2nd Place Jazz
Sections	1st Place Kick 3rd Place Jazz



State Kick Off Show - BHS Gym

WE ARE SO PROUD TO BE SECTION KICK CHAMPS AND THIRD IN JAZZ!!

It has been a privilege to coach this team. We have pulled together and worked so hard. Proud does not adequately describe my feelings. We knew that our section was going to be harder this year with the addition of Sartell and Maple Grove and we rose to the challenge.

We have swings who are the lifeblood of our team. Helping out off the floor in so many ways. Going in when they are needed to fill a spot when someone is sick or injured. Sometimes a thankless job, but SO APPRECIATED and so essential for making our team successful. Thank you swings!!!

A huge thanks to our coaches who give so many hours to mentoring, teaching and molding our JV and Varsity Teams. It is a privilege to work with you and call you my friends. Thank you coaches!!!

Our parents are amazing. We thank them for all of the driving, rhinestoning, sewing, meals, switching around of schedules, cheering and for always providing a shoulder. Thank you parents!!!

Custodians and administration, we appreciate you. Thanks for all you do for us. (We have great support at Riverside, Baxter, BHS and JFK.) Special thanks to Michelle Hilborn and Jack Freeman.

Our seniors dance their last dance in the BHS Gym today. We are so happy you are here to watch them and applaud their efforts. This is one special group of young women who will be very missed. They have definitely left an imprint on our hearts. We LOVE you seniors, thanks for showing the way!!!

FANS we hope you will follow us as we hit the TARGET CENTER. It is definitely an event where you will be VERY PROUD to be from BRAINERD. The camaraderie and pride of this group will amaze you on and off the performance floor. Thanks for the support!!!
Still Kickin'

Cindy Clough

Minnesota State Dance Team
Tournament
Friday, February 18th - Jazz
Saturday, February 19th - Kick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We feel it is so important for younger dancers to watch the STATE Tournament. It is great to support the team and for young dancers to see what could be ahead of them if they work hard and set goals.

In support of the KIXTERS we hope you will purchase a POSTER for a dollar. Varsity members will be signing autographs following the show.

Good Luck!
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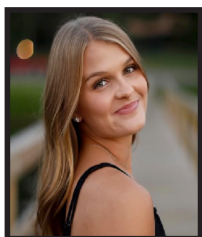
JUST FOR KIX

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CLASS OF 2022



Quinn Geraets

Parents: Roger & Tracy Geraets

Future Plans: I plan to attend the University of St. Thomas and currently I'm undecided on a major.

I'm also going through the tryout process for their dance team.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: My most memorable experience is sections this year. The whole team was so ready to get on the floor. There were barely any nerves, everyone was so pumped. It was so much fun.

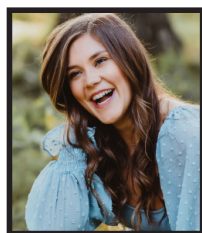
Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing experience was as a 7th grader, I missed a whole kick set and got cut out of the kickline during State Finals. I think it was more embarrassing crying for hours afterwards.

I would like to be remembered for: I would like to be remembered as a strong motivator and good friend. I love my teammates and hope they will still call or text for advice or to just simply talk.

Advice to younger dancers: My advice to younger dancers is to reach for big goals. There is so much you are able to achieve, come to practice ready to work your butt off. Don't hold back and practice how you want to perform.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: There is so much I have learned from being a Brainerd Kixter. Not only being a better athlete, but being a better person. I have learned countless life lessons and will cherish them forever. Always remember, early is on time and on time is late.

I would like to thank: My coaches for pushing us to be our best everyday and always putting in so much work outside of practice for us. My teammates for being a second family. I love every single person SO much.



Jada Bentson

Parents Names: Jim & Joslyn Bentson

Future Plans: I will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth. I will be majoring in elementary education.

I also plan on trying out for the UMD dance team in April!

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: Getting 3rd at state or Double winning sections in 2018-2019 for the first time while being on the team.

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: When Coach Julie was taking a picture of India Hiltner and I after we had a performance at the US Bank stadium my 8th grade year. She told us to run fast back to our bus because we had fallen VERY behind from the rest of the team. India and I accidentally got onto the band bus and the whole band then looked at us very confused. That was the last time Julie let India and I do anything by ourselves again.

I would like to be remembered for: Being someone who pushes to her limits and someone who is fun, bubbly, and always being the person anyone can come to for anything!

Advice to Younger Dancers: Is to have fun! You can never get these years back on the team so make tons of friends, make memories, make mistakes and learn from them, work hard and dance your heart out.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: Kixters has taught me so many things I will take with and use for the rest of my life. Such as how to make a 6 hour practice feel like a short 2 hour practice by choosing the right mindset and having fun with the people around you.

I would like to thank: My mom and dad for helping through out my years on the dance team. I would like to thank my coaches for pushing me to do my best and always challenging me. My teammates for being there for me whenever I need them and working with me to accomplish amazing things. Lastly I would like to thank Gladly for getting me through the dance.



India Hiltner

Parents: Nate & Ally Hiltner

Future Plans: I currently plan to attend the University of St. Thomas,

majoring in Exercise Science, and hopefully competing on the dance team.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: I think that winning sections this year was one of the most memorable things for me. We have had a tough battle with Sartell this year, and had a hard week at practice the week of sections... hearing that we won was an incredible feeling because I knew it was all worth it. Hard work and perseverance paid off!

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing experience on the team would be having a panic attack right before walking on the state floor for the first time during my 7th grade year. (I pulled through and killed it though)

I would like to be remembered for: More importantly than ability, I would like to be remembered for a creative mind, strong work ethic, and leadership characteristics. I hope all my kixter sisters know that I will always be there for them, and primarily I hope people remember me as a friend forever.

Advice to Younger Dancers: My biggest advice is to dance full out every time so that you have no regrets. Getting off the competition floor and knowing that nothing could have gone better is something you will cherish forever, and it comes from pushing each and every time.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: I think that I have learned more about myself as an athlete and a person than I ever thought I would. Coaches have taught me life lessons that I will use throughout my future, and I have formed friendships that I know will last a lifetime. These past six years on the team have been a big part of forming the woman I am today.

I would like to thank: My teammates for giving me an amazing last year on the team, my coaches for the wisdom and kindness you have shown inside and out of practice throughout the years, and most importantly my parents for the endless support and sacrifices they have made to make it possible for me to be a Brainerd Kixter.



Macin Freed

Parents: Jason & Emilee Freed

Future Plans: I'm undecided on a college but in between Baylor or University of Iowa and major

in kinesiology and be on the Pre-Physical Therapy track.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience:

Probably winning sections this year especially since this year we had two great teams move into our section which made it a lot harder for us but when we got 1st in kick it was huge deal for us.

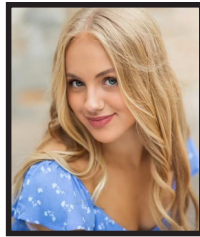
Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience:

I would like to be remembered for: being a hard worker and a good motivator to others. Also for the younger dancers to remember me as someone they can always talk to and know I will be there for them.

Advice to Younger Dancers: Don't take a practice for granted because honestly it goes by a lot faster than you think and when you are at practice give it your all you will feel a lot better about yourself and it will really help you in the long run.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: Coach Clough has always taught us "early is on time and on time is late" which is something I will forever go by. Also that everyone on this team has a special and important value and place that you deserve to have and don't take that for granted because it's a special thing that I would never trade anything for.

I would like to thank: My coaches for always being by my side and helping me and giving me life lessons I will value for forever. My teammates for being my 2nd family and always being there to uplift me if I need it. And my parents for being my biggest cheerleaders and personal Ubers when I needed to get anywhere and making everything possible for me to be apart of this team.



Thea Shogren

Parents: Mike & Jana Shogren

Future Plans: I will be attending Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University next year. I plan to major in marketing or journalism with a minor in Spanish.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: My most memorable experience on the team was definitely being announced as third in the state in kick last year. We weren't necessarily expecting it and it was such an incredible moment that we got to share with our teammates, families, and coaches.

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing moment on the team was very recent...As the jazz team was walking onto the floor for sections, I walked in with the swings to watch because I was unfortunately too sick to dance. The embarrassing part was that I was crying like a baby in front of the entire audience. I managed to pull it together for kick though!

I would like to be remembered for:

More than anything, I would like to be remembered on the team for having a strong work ethic and setting a good example for younger dancers. I am definitely not the most vocal leader on the team and I tend to be on the quieter side at practice. However, I have always done my best to work hard in order to set an example of what is expected on our team. I also hope I am remembered for being kind to everyone and welcoming to new people because I know what it was like to be a very young rookie.

Advice to Younger Dancers: My advice to younger dancers is to enjoy every moment on this incredible team. I know it is so cliché but your time on the team will seriously go by so fast. Enjoy every camp, every hotel stay with your teammates, every early morning practice, and every last performance. I would do anything for it to last a little longer.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: I have learned so much throughout my six years on the team, not only about dance, but about life as well. My coaches and teammates have helped to shape me into the person I am today. I have learned the value of hard work, punctuality (early is on time, on time is late), teamwork, and countless other skills that will help me for the rest of my life.

I would like to thank: My mom, for rhinestoning every costume, dealing with my attitude, and never missing a meet. My dad, for doing countless father/daughter dances, helping me carry my absurd amount of stuff for competitions, and always making me laugh. My coaches, for teaching me how to perform confidently and improve as both a dancer and a person. And finally, my teammates, for being sisters and friends to me every day.



Greta Schloemer

Parents Names: Jon & Mary Schloemer

Future Plans: I plan on attending college in either California or New York. I am currently undecided on a major.

Most Memorable

Kixter Experience: My most memorable experience was finding out that we placed third at state this past year. We were in a hotel and I didn't actually hear the announcement. I just heard screaming and saw everyone jumping. It was the most incredible feeling to find out that we had medaled.

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience:

My most embarrassing experience was a couple of years ago when we were at the Blaine invitational. I was running up the bleachers to catch up to my team and I fell. It was so loud and everyone looked at me.

I would like to be remembered for: I would like to be remembered for being kind and supportive of my teammates, in and outside of dance. I hope people see me as being a good friend and always there for them.

Advice to Younger Dancers: Take it day by day. Dance can be demanding both physically and mentally and you can only do your best. Taking each day at a time will help you to be in the moment and it allows you the ability to always give it everything you have.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: Kixters has taught me so much throughout my time on the team, but two values that really stuck out to me are time management and work ethic. I learned time management by being able to balance school, homework, practices, competitions, friends, and family life effectively. I have learned to have a better work ethic because Kixters requires you to work hard to achieve the level of skills and competitiveness that our team has.

I would like to thank: My coaches for always pushing me to do my best. My teammates for being like a family to me and making the best memories. My friends who are not on the team for being so supportive and helpful during my time on the team. Lastly, I'd like to thank my family for being so understanding and supportive for the past six years.





Allie Roemer

Parents: Bill & Jo Roemerr

Future Plans: I am taking a gap year before college and am going to teach dance at my old Just For Kix studio in St.

Michael Albertville.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: My most memorable kixter experience was my first practice on the team after moving to the Brainerd area because everyone was so welcoming right away and I knew it was going to be a great experience.

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing kixter experience was having a panic attack in the chute at the Blaine competition my junior year and then getting harassed by the athletic trainer after the performance because I was crying so hard and they thought I needed oxygen.

Advice to Younger Dancers: My advice to younger dancers is to cherish every moment because your time on the team goes faster than you could ever imagine.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: I learned to always push your hardest even if it feels impossible in the moment because the outcome is greater than the struggle.

I would like to thank: I would like to thank every dance coach I have ever had for teaching me to do what I love and I would also like to thank my teammates for always being there for me no matter what I am going through and finally I would like to thank my parents for putting me in dance and doing everything for me to be able to dance all the way through high school.



Madison Lee

Parents: Perry & Jeanne Lee

Future Plans: I am undecided on a college but my top choices are St. Cloud State University or

University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire and I am planning on majoring in Nursing.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: My most memorable experience was going to camp at Rochester over the summer of 2019. Not only did I enjoy performing Wedding Crashers with the team in a different city but also being introduced to so many people from other teams and trying new styles of dances.

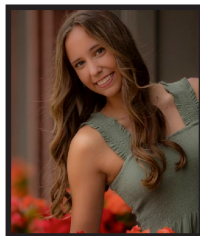
Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing experience was at the Blaine invitational my rookie year during JV jazz's last performance of Boogie Wonderland where I fell on my butt during a pencil turn.

I would like to be remembered for: Being a hard worker and influencing others around me to work hard, motivating and cheering for my teammates, and for being someone to talk to about anything.

Advice to Younger Dancers: Appreciate every day. Even through the seemingly impossible and long practices, your hard work will push you over the top and make you the best dancer you can be. By pushing yourself every day, you will leave the floor with no regrets. One quote that stuck with me is "practice like you've never won; perform like you've never lost."

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: My four years of being on the dance team have changed me immensely, and for the better. Not only have my dancing and performing skills improved, but I have also made many new friendships and bonds with people both younger and older than me which wouldn't have been possible without being a part of this team. I have learned numerous life lessons which I can use in both my dance life and daily life.

I would like to thank: My coaches for all the work they put into the team and guiding me to be the most successful version of myself. My teammates for being like a second family and pushing me to be better every day. And, last but not least, my parents for being my biggest supporters and for their sacrifices to give me the best opportunities in my life.



Abby Thom

Parents Names: Nathan & Holly Thom

Future Plans: Finish my AA degree at CLC then after that my plans are undecided.

Most Memorable Kixter

Experience: Placing third in kick at state last year.

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: Falling on my butt at a practice at CLC before state.

I would like to be remembered for: Being someone that is approachable and being known as helpful and always friendly.

Advice to Younger Dancers: Even if you don't think so, the coaches know what they are doing and know what they are talking about, they are only doing what's best for the team, it's not personal.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: Being involved in kixters has made me slightly petrified to be late, but maybe that's a good thing? And I also have learned that things aren't always handed to you and you need to work for the results you want.

I would like to thank: All of the coaches for being truthful and telling us what we personally need to work on to benefit not just the team, but ourselves as well.

I would also like to thank everyone on the team this year for making this year memorable, even though it has gone by so fast this year



Natalie Mayoral

Parents Names: Scott & Pamela Nelson

Future Plans: Attend college and major in elementary education.

Most Memorable Kixter Experience: The parents sending JV off for Blaine for the last competition of the season .

Most Embarrassing Kixter Experience: My most embarrassing moment would be when we were at practice and we were doing a backwards roll, and I smacked the floor with my entire body and made a big slapping noise, and not only was it caught on video, it was in front of half of the team.

I would like to be remembered for: I'd like to be remembered for being motivational and pushing hard even if you don't think you can make it through the one or two run throughs for the day, keeping people's moral high and trying to make the best environment possible.

Advice to Younger Dancers: My advice to younger dancers is to never give up or stop doing what you love, never negatively look at yourself in the mirror at practice and think your anything less than perfect, think about how you have skills and tricks that other people cannot do and value them. I'd also like to say even if you are in the back row of a dance, do not make it effect you or how you dance, you are always seen and recognized.

Insight or the value you found by your involvement in the Kixter program: I've learned to be a part of a team, a family and a community of people that surround you with endless support and love, I've learned much about myself as a dancer, like what I'm good at and what I needed to improve on, and I've learned a lot about myself as a person too, like how to take criticism well and have thicker skin, I've learned many life lessons and I'll take them with me throughout my lifetime and use them when needed.

I would like to thank: My wonderful coaches, for always being there at practice for us everyday, for giving up their personal time to be with us and make us better, and teaching me so many things I can't even list them. I'd like to thank my parents for always coming to my competitions and supporting the team, driving me to practice when I wasn't able to drive, and being my number one fans.

7:00pm Show Order

Cuppy Cake

Ramalama Daisy

L.O.V.E.

Mambo Italiano

Her

So Cold

Love More

Stupid

You'll Be in My Heart

Vouge

Spice Up Your Life

SENIOR RECONGITION

Mickey's Magic Mix

It's a Circus

Clap Along

Bathing Beauties

Preschool Mass Routine

Sparklers Jazz (2-3rd)

Firecracker Mass Routine

Starlites Kick (4-5th)

Shooting Stars Lyrical

Crosby-Ironton Varisty Jazz

The Crew (Pre-1st Hip Hop)

BWDT Varisty Jazz

Twinkler Ballet/Lyrical (2-3rd)

Starlite Jazz

Sparkler Kick(2-3rd)

Mon Twinkler Kick

BWDT JV Kick

Crosby-Ironton Varisty Kick

BWDT Varsity Kick

Cindy/Amanda/Dani

Sharaia

Ali/Dani/Sharaia

Ali

Cierra

Sharaia

Dani

Sharaia

Harlie

Amanda

Following the show the BWDT will be on the gym floor to autograph banners.

Congratulations to the BWDT JV Kick and Jazz teams on an amazing season. They were extremely sussessful this year, taking top honors at some very difficult competitions. Hats off to their hard work and dedication to the program.



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