



Aaron Theall | Corps Director of Operations

Aaron Theall is currently the Corps Director of Operation for the Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps. Aaron began his drum corps career with Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps as a member of the mellophone section in 2008 and returned in 2011. In 2014, he joined the instructional staff of the Louisiana Stars Drum and bugle Corps where he became the Assistant Corps Director in 2015. Aaron is currently the director of bands at DeRidder High School. He also assists with bands at DeRidder Junior High School. Both the marching band and concert bands have earned superior ratings under the direction of Aaron. He is currently in his seventh year at DeRidder High School and DeRidder Junior High School.

In his free time, Aaron enjoys playing in the local community theater's productions of musicals. Aaron plays french horn in the Lake Charles Community Band, cornet in the British Brass Band Association of Louisiana, baritone saxophone in the Southwest Jazz Ensemble, and rings hand bells and plays french horn in the orchestra at First Baptist Church in DeRidder, Louisiana. Aaron has served as an honor band clinician and marching band judge in the state. Aaron is a 2012 graduate of Louisiana State University where he received a bachelors of music education in instrumental music. He is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity and Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society. While attending LSU, he was named a Who's Who Among in American Colleges and Universities. He was also recognized in 2013 as a recipient for the Louisiana Music Educators Association's Outstanding Young Music Educator's Award.



Jeremi Edwards | Assistant Corps Director/Tour Director

Jeremi is in his final semester at The University of Louisiana at Lafayette working towards his Masters Degree in Music Composition. During his time there he served as both a Graduate Assistant for The Pride of Acadiana. As well as a Teaching Assistant in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette music theory department. Under the mentoring of Dr. Quincy Hilliard Jeremi has completed several original works varying in style, form and instrumentation. Before attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Jeremi graduated from McNeese State University with his Bachelors Degree Instrument Music Education. He is a proud alumni of the The Pride of McNeese Marching Band where he served as Drum Major in 2015. Following his graduation this May, Jeremi plans to attend Louisiana State University in the fall of 2019, to pursue his PhD in Composition with a minor in Theory.

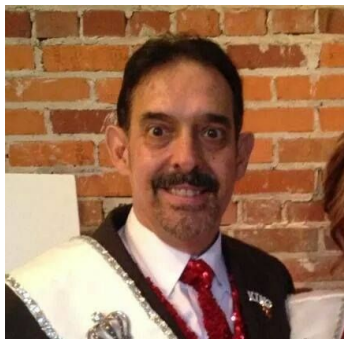
Although his primary instrument is flute, Jeremi still had a draw to participate in drum corps, which led him to audition for Louisiana Stars in our inaugural year. Since then, he has served as a drum major for Louisiana Stars in the 2014 and 2015 seasons. After aging out with Stars, Jeremi returned to the corps to assist in the corps' admin, brass, and visual staffs in the 2016 and 2017 seasons. In the pre season of 2018, Jeremi was promoted to the Louisiana Stars Tour Director position as well as the second assistant Corps Director. After completing the successful season of 2018, Jeremi moved up to the first assistant position to help the new Corps Director bring the next chapter of The Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps to the next level.

Jeremi is a proud member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he received the rank of Eagle Scout in 2008. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow and revived the Vigil Honor in 2012. He is also a proud brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and Kappa Kappa Psi fraternities.



Neil Simon | Administrative Consultant

Neil Simon is a native of Lafayette LA and graduated from the University of Louisiana Lafayette – GO Cajuns! He is enjoying his 22 year as music teacher (high school for 18 years and currently in his 4th year at the elementary level). As a high school director his bands consistently earned superior ratings. He has been involved in drill design and brass arranging for over 25 years. Neil was a member of the Minnesota Rivermen 1982 and Star of Indiana 1986-87. He is still active as a trumpeter for weddings, churches, and dance bands. As a composer Neil has 2 pieces for young band published with FJH.



Darrel Comb | Administrative Consultant

Retired Educator of 39 1/2 years. Band director for 18 years in which he lead his band to over 450 superior ratings and a number of class championships in marching bands. Known for his innovative marching band designed shows – quoted by adjudicators as “being on the cutting edge of marching band design in the state of Louisiana”. The last school band he directed received its first state sweepstakes in Symphonic Band. While band director he was instrumental in establishing Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion in Southwestern Louisiana. He has been a Marching Band Adjudicator and Mentor for over 40 years. He served as an Education Administrator for 21 1/2 years during which time he was name as the Outstanding Louisiana Assistant Principal of the year and finalist for Louisiana Middle School Principal of the year. Through innovative program that introduced leadership training and responsibilities to all students, his school in which he was assigned Principal went from a “C” status to an “A” status school under his leadership. He has devoted his time to the youth not only as an educator but also as a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America where he has been recognized with honors on several occasions. He has been instrumental in bringing leadership training for the adults in scouting through national recognized programs. He came on board in 2016 to serve The Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps as a volunteer Tour Director and consultant/counselor for members, staff and volunteers. Early in 2017 he was elected on to the Board of Directors for Louisiana Stars and served as an Assistant Corps Director. Then in December of 2017 was elected to serve as the 2018 Corps Director in charge of Operations. He is honored to have served Louisiana Stars in this capacity and will continue to dedicate himself to its traditions and ideals.



Kaylee Friou | Director of Media

Kaylee is a 2015 graduate of Delcambre High School. She played the clarinet for nine years. She has also attended University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 2015 and 2016 and marched with the Pride of Acadiana for two seasons before leaving to pursue a fulltime job in daycare. Kaylee joined Louisiana Stars media staff in 2017 after learning about the position from a corps member right before move ins. Being an alumna from Delcambre High, under the direction of Neil Simon in the Pride of Pantherland, she has always been a fan of Louisiana Stars since their debut in 2014. She could not wait to join the Stars and capture the memories of the members that would last a lifetime. Little did she know she would absolutely fall in love with her job and return for 2018 with more ideas and plans for media. Now leading a media team for 2019, she is super excited for new ideas from such a great team!

Kaylee enjoys nature, photography, collecting crystals and various animal bones, and any form of art. She currently has a dog, Marcy, a snake, and an amazing job for the rest of the year with Zoo-Zoom, learning and teaching about wonderful exotic animals. You can always spot her out in the crowd with brightly colored blue hair, always on her phone updating all of Star's social media, and with a camera and other wires hanging from her neck. Her online portfolio can be found on Instagram under [@graveyardfoxphotography](#) and can also be contacted at media@louisianastars.org



Braden Eymard | Administrative assistant

Braden is from Cut Off, LA and graduated from South Lafourche High School. He marched with Louisiana Stars its inaugural year in 2014 and 2015. In 2016, he participated with Elite Independent. Braden participated in many of Southeastern's ensembles and has performed with the SELU Wind Symphony at Orchestra Hall and the Kennedy Center. He's enjoyed working with the marching programs of Southeastern Louisiana University, Pontchatoula, South Lafourche, Lakeshore, and Fontainebleau High School.

Braden is currently the Director of Bands at Holy Ghost Catholic School and is attending Southeastern Louisiana University for Music Education.



Elijah List | Operations Intern

Elijah List is from Springhill, Louisiana. He is a Sophomore at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and is currently pursuing a degree in Strategic Communication with a major focus in Public Relations and a minor in Promotional Management. His hobbies include listening and playing music, spending time with his friends, and drinking coffee.



Hannah Bishop | Communication Intern

From Greensboro, North Carolina. A junior majoring in Mass Communications with a minor in English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Plays the Alto Saxophone in the Pride of Acadiana marching band. Avid traveler and a fan of Television and Film. Want to work with Louisiana Stars to witness the behind the scenes aspects of a drum corps and get a real-life experience in communications.



Ola Jackson | Operations Intern

A former military brat, Ola Demus-Jackson moved to the Fort Polk, Louisiana area with her family in 1990. She stayed in the Vernon Parish School System until moving to Natchitoches, Louisiana, where she attended LSMSA and Northwestern State University. While at NSU, she was an active member of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma National Honorary Band Sorority. After receiving her Bachelor of Music Education degree in 2012, she returned to Vernon Parish to become the music teacher at Leesville Jr. High School.

Ola enjoys playing in community bands, is a current member of Southwest Jazz, and rings bells and plays in a church orchestra in DeRidder, Louisiana. She previously worked with the Louisiana Stars Drum and Bugle Corps as a volunteer and looks forward to further contributing as an Operations Intern.