

## **Kim Hille**

### **2020 High School Coach of the Year**

Kim Hille received her BA from Washington State University in Elementary Education and her MA from University of Connecticut in Gifted and Talented Education. She earned her National Board certification in CTE in 2005. She is currently an 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher at Bush Middle School where she has also coached the middle school dance team for the past 27 years.

Kim has been the head dance coach of The Tumwater High School Dance Team for the past 24 years. She was born and raised in the Tumwater area and was a member of the team in high school. Kim began her coaching experience while in high school, coaching the Jr. High team that fed into Tumwater during her junior and senior years of high school and freshman and sophomore year of college.

Over the course of her 24 years, her varsity team has earned 32 State Championship titles, nine 2<sup>nd</sup> place and four 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes in her 48 attempts. Tumwater competes nationally every other year, has made UDA finals seven times, and took the Kick National Championship in 2019 at Contest of Champions.

Kim was inducted into the WSDDCA Coaching Hall of Fame in 2016 and was voted WSDDCA Coach of the Year in 2005, which were huge honors.

In 2009, Kim started two Tumwater Parks and Recreation Dance Teams for dancers, grades second through eighth. The program brings dance to the Tumwater Community youth and provides many performance opportunities. The program currently has 47 young T-Bird hopefuls.

Kim continually works to fine-tune her program—focusing on the athlete to develop strong characters, outstanding leaders, and a tenacity not often found in today's youth. Kim prides herself in building relationships among team members, and between herself and the athletes—a dance family. Kim hopes to leave a lasting impression on the athletes that graduate from her program.