

COMPLIMENTS FOR COACHES
2012 NBTA "COACH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION"
BELCHERTOWN H.S., February 12, 2012

Thank you to all twirlers who sent in compliments about their coaches. Be sure to enter your coach's name in the free raffle for coach's prizes, (coach must be in attendance to win). ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET PER TWIRLER PLEASE, located next to food concession.

Coaches' Corner

- At conclusion of teams, all coaches will be recognized in the gym. Following introductions, coaches are invited to partake of the refreshments prepared just for you in the Coaches' Corner (approx. 10:45 am, during modeling portion). Thanks to Belchertown parents serving the coaches' breakfast!
- Be sure to enter your name in the free raffle for three coaches' gift baskets to be awarded during the solo portion of the competition. Baskets made & donated by Gangi Strutter & Endicott College Feature-Twirler Katie Yeaton. Thank you, Katie!

*Coaches Sandy Gozzo,
Karen Saucier & Sue Andrews*

"I have been taking lessons with Sandy Gozzo and her two daughters, Karen and Sue, for 7 years. With the help of all three of them, I am beginning to reach the twirling goals that I have set for myself. Sandy is such a special person. She is kind, funny, thoughtful and spiritual. She works hard to help me do my best. She knows how important twirling is to me and she is always thinking of ways to make me better. Karen and Sue are also special people. They love the sport of baton twirling as much as anyone could. They have been so helpful teaching me new tricks and preparing me for competitions and pageants."

Zoey Corey

Coach Colleen Maccini

Mrs. Maccini makes all my practices so much fun! We laugh and laugh during my private lessons. She helps me feel confident and relaxed during competitions. I look forward to every time we get together. She is a great coach

Allison Nickerson

Holly DeGroot

Holly DeGroot is so much more than a coach to her students. She helps us reach our twirling goals and gives us the courage to take chances on our educational and personal goals. She is always there to put a smile on our faces and reminds us that "can't" is not in our vocabulary.

Words can not begin to describe the impact you have made on our lives and the life long friend you will always be. We love you!!

Love, The girls in your bunch :)

*Coaches Allison Stuart,
Jessica Hacket, Tina Langella, &
Kara Rogowski*

Thank you Coach Jess for teaching me so much and for helping me with my double-elbow catch blind. You make baton twirling so much fun! I heart you!

Katelyn Lucas

Coach Jess tells me to do the chicken wing which I love to do! She watches me twirl and helps me practice. I love coach Jess!

Madison Anderson

Our coaches are the Best-Ever, we are thankful for them, we love them, and they have "Mad Patience" to coach all 31 of the World Champion Silver Starlites. You guys deserve Flowers every day! We love you too, Jodi!

Love Calise & Valon Henry - Twins for life

My coach Jessica Hackett makes twirling special because she always has a smile on her face, she relates to every twirler on the team. Jess made my show-twirl and she made it very entertaining and goofy. Her personality shines through the routines she makes and the twirlers she coaches.

Cassandra Conrad

Coach Allie is the best because she makes me feel happy and that I want to keep on twirling and never quit! Every time I see Allie, she makes me smile. Nobody can replace my Coach Allie!

Coach Jess teaches me a lot of tricks and tells me to keep on trying. Then I do it! She makes twirling fun!

From Gabrielle Santalis

You know the saying "Friends come and go but family is forever", this is what I think of Coach Allie, she is my family! She always has a positive attitude rain or shine!

From Leah Santalis

Coach Tina White, Kayla, & Heather

Coach Tina has taught me so many life lessons in the years that I have twirled. She has helped me conquer my fears, reminded me of what I am capable of, and at many lessons told me, "Don't think, just twirl."

Kelly Lewicki

Twirling at the Elite Studios makes me feel like when I'm there, I have a family that has the same hobbies that I do. My aunt Tina and her helpers Heather, Kayla and Shannon give me support and inspiration to do my best and give my all 110%

Tammie Ulich

What makes Tina White special? Tina is the most supportive and caring coach ever. Her diligence and support for her senior team and her gentleness and kindness toward the young twirlers show how amazing she is!

Love Heather G.

I love my 3 coaches. They make us work very hard. I really love to twirl because of them.

Amanda G.

I love twirling with Elite because all of the coaches and the twirlers are very helpful and supportive. They always help you when you can't get a trick and when you need help with your costume. They are like my second family and the Elite Studio is almost like my home away from home.

Kelsey Gallant

Tina makes twirling fun. Whenever I have a bad day at practice or a competition she reassures me it's not about the trophy or the title, it is about how much fun I have doing the sport I love and keeping a smile on my face the whole time.

Love, Kayla Pierce

Coach Tina is really kind and encouraging. She is a really good role model. We all love her!

Love, Liddy

I have 3 coaches, Miss Kayla, Miss Heather, and my mom, Tina. They are very nice, loving and inspiring coaches. They make me love baton. I love coming to the studio to twirl. I love the coaches here.

Morgan O'Blenis

Miss Tina is an awesome coach. She always finds ways to make practice fun. She always supports the team at competitions and makes cards for the team to wish us good luck.

Love, Sierra

Miss Tina makes Elite feel like it is a family. Tina constructs a great environment and pushes me to achieve all my goals.

Lauren

Tina is an awesome coach. She inspires me to do and try my best at all times. She creates these perfect routines that everyone loves. She's spectacular.

Elizabeth

Miss Kayla, Heather, and Coach Tina love being here and make me love twirling.

Love Caitlin

Tina tells us to never give up and try our best. She says that it doesn't matter if we win or lose, it just matters if we try our best. Tina is very inspiring and is the best coach I could ever have!

Brianna

Coaches Barbara Kupras & Kristi Kupras Ochs

Kristi is funny, nice and understanding. She's always joyful. When she sees someone that is doing a part of their routine wrong she always goes back to that part of the routine and helps that person. She's a hardworker. Kristi makes sure that you have the routine down right.

Tiffany Ducharme

Barbara Kupras is very supportive and makes twirling fun! Kristi Ochs always makes classes fun and helps me work my hardest!

Megan Senecal

Coach Tracey Gangi Johnson

I have fun learning new things with Miss Tracey.
Lily

Aunt Tracey is the best teacher in the whole world! She always comes up with the coolest, most fun ways to learn a trick or a routine. She also spend times finding tips and information to help us with our baton skills, our baton supplies and life in general. She is not just a coach, she is so much more! Thanks for everything!

Love Olivia Kane

Miss Tracey inspires me with her positive attitude and enthusiasm. She challenges me both as a twirler and as a person, pushing me to strive for more and helping me achieve my full potential. (& always with a big smile)

Meryl Campbell

Tracey Johnson has been the best coach you could ask for. She is kind and patient and always creative. I love when we work on new material because she finds way to connect sections in the most unique ways. Miss Tracey has also been very supportive of me, especially over the last six months. She believes in me even when I doubt myself.. I have learned so much from her about twirling and about myself that will carry me into college next year. Miss Tracey, thank you for being my coach and mentor.

Love, Jordan.

Coach Colleen Tighe

She is patient when teaching new skills and very supportive of each of her twirlers. Plus, she encourages us to participate in charity events like the Twirl-a-thon that we hold each year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Thanks Coach Tighe; you're the best!

Mikayla Bibbins

Mrs. Tighe is a great baton teacher for many reasons:

- she teaches baton very well, in a fun and non- confusing way
- she cares about all of her twirlers- I remember when my mom had surgery, she came to our house to drop off a hot meal
- she spends lots of her time on her twirlers- she will spend time on looking for costumes, creating solos, etc.
- she never puts too much pressure on her twirlers
- she is always nice to all of her twirlers
- she is always doing her best in making great twirlers

~Hannah Oak

A poem about Coach Tighe, but suitable for all of our coaches here today!

My Coach Always Says

By Allie Driscoll

My coach always says
Practice pays off,
To try your hardest and
Don't ever give up.

My coach always says
You don't have to get 1st,
Just as long as you put
In your all.

My coach always says
"Did you have fun today?"
"Did you learn something new?"
"Did it come from your heart?"

My coach is the best!