

Deven Pressley & Trish Merck took over the CRPD gymnastics program 15 years ago and Deven began the Gysations competitive team. Trish developed a passion for the younger gymnast and has enjoyed watching her youngsters grow and move up through the program.



Trish Merck

Trish Merck is the director of our early childhood program. She has been involved in the sport of gymnastics for over 40 years. She competed as a young gymnast and continued on to compete for 2 years at Auburn University where she majored in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Trish started teaching gymnastics at age 15 and has been teaching gymnastics in the Cumming area for over 22 years, 15 of those years at CRPD. Obviously, she loves the sport! Trish also taught P.E. and Kindergarten for several years following her college graduation. Trish is USAG safety certified, has completed KAT training (Kinder Accreditation for Teachers Certification program) and has recently completed Pre-School Fundamentals Hands-on training through USA Gymnastics University. When Trish isn't in the gym, she enjoys reading, hiking, Zumba, spending time with family and friends, and being involved at Cumming First United Methodist Church. Trish has been married to Jim for 30 years and they have 3 grown children, Sarah, Daniel and Seth.



Deven Pressley

Deven is a member of USA Gymnastics and AAU (Amateur Athletic Union). She is safety certified, has completed the USAG university school of recreational gymnastics, and has taken the Positive Coaching Alliance course. She also is a certified meet director with USAG. She attended Gainesville College majoring in physical education.

Deven has been with the CRPD gymnastics program for 22 years, previously

working under the former director. She takes great pride in the Gymsations program, developing it to be a sense of family and community. Deven believes every child is a gift from God and deserves as much attention, respect and love as the next.

Deven and her family live in Dawsonville. She is married to her Highschool sweetheart Jody, and together they've had 3 children, Levi, Chloe, and Julian. Levi is an electrician's apprentice and coaches gymnastics and tumbling with the CRPD program. He also coaches wrestling. He is attending school to become a paramedic. Chloe is a 7th grader and a competitive gymnast with Gymsations. Julian is a 2nd grader and plays football, baseball and wrestles.

When Ms. Deven isn't in the gym, she's usually still working! In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, fishing with her husband, being outdoors, and watching her children's various sports.



Cathy Campfield

Cathy Campfield is Gymsations Girl's Team Director. She works with classes, preteam and each level of the girl's competitive team. She has been working for CRPD for 15 years. Gymnastics is definitely her passion and she feels that watching the girls overcome and conquer obstacles is very rewarding.

She has been involved with gymnastics for 40 years. She was a competitive gymnast in Ohio, competed for 11 years, qualified for level 10 Nationals five times, and qualified for event finals every year. She received a gymnastics scholarship to the University of Nebraska and finished 3rd all-around at Big 12 Championships as a freshman. Cathy graduated with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, she worked for Phillips Petroleum in Oklahoma and Texas before being transferred to Georgia.

Cathy has been married for 20 years to her wonderful husband Mark and has lived in Cumming the entire time. Cathy and her family attend Good Shepherd Catholic Church. she has 3 great kids, Elena, Peter and Robby. They are all involved with competitive gymnastics! Elena is a senior at Central and plans to go into Elementary Education in college. Peter is an 9th grader and will be entering the STEM program at Central. Robby is in 6th grade and is homeschooled.

In addition to coaching, Cathy has been judging for 18 years. She is a member of USA Gymnastics and NAWGJ, she is Safety Certified, a certified Meet Director, background checked and have completed coaches training through USAG. She is a Nationally rated judge and judges competitions throughout the Southeast. Judging

has given her a definite edge as a coach. Cathy spends hours learning routines and memorizing rules. She judges almost every weekend and has an opportunity to watch many athletes in the southeast! When in the gym, Cathy is able to give a different perspective to the girls and other coaches in the gym. She also is the choreographer for our optional routines and helps the girls select the most suitable music to fit their ability and style. For the past 3 years she has been a clinician at the Georgia State Clinic and in the fall will take a position on the State AAU board. She also has been the president of the booster club for the FCHS Gymnastics team for the past two years.



Chris Wise

Chris is our boys' program coordinator. He is an instructor of boys gym, tumbling, boys pre-team. He is also the head coach of our boys' competitive team. He is a USAG Professional member, USAG certified Men's Artistic Gymnastics Junior Olympic Team Coach and a certified Instructor. He has completed his safety certification and has completed courses in the USA gymnastics University. He also has a BS degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati.

Coach Chris was a competitive gymnast for 6 years during middle and high school. He was a member of the national and 2 time state championship gymnastic teams while in high school in Ohio. He was an after-school instructor and an assistant coach for the girls' competitive gymnastics team for Forsyth County Parks and Recreation for 2 years before joining our staff in 2010.

When not in the gym, which is not very often, Coach Chris enjoys waterskiing, riding his Air Chair, golfing, hunting and riding his atv.