

Rachel Neilson has been involved in the world of Colorguard for roughly 9 years. Having taught guard for nearly 3 years at Brea Olinda (Fall 2009), Brea Olinda holds a special place in her heart. Rachel's initial background was in Orchestra playing violin at an early age and later the String Bass throughout her high school career. Starting in the Fall of 2003, she was part of the Garden Grove High School Colorguard. She participated in the program through her four years of high school in both the fall-competing colorguard and the spring-competing winterguard. Some of her achievements during that time included being a lieutenant-captain during the 2005-2006 seasons, earning a gold medal with her team in the Winterguard season of 2005, and earning a college scholarship through the Winterguard Association of Southern California for excellence in academics and Winterguard performance in 2007.

After high school, Rachel became a founding member of Incognito Winterguard, competing from 2008 until 2010. During the 2010 spring season, she was a featured soloist for their competition show. She also participated as a member of the Incognito Drum and Bugle Corps for the summer of 2009. Most recently, she was a founding member of the Winterguard team: Enora, which had its opening season in spring of 2011.



Besides colorguard, Rachel is a Masters Student of Biola University working on her M.A. in Cultural Anthropology. She has received her B.A. in Anthropology with minors in Biblical Studies and Archaeology in December of 2010, graduating Summa Cum Laude.