



Kyler Byrum

KYLER BYRUM

Born on February 19th, 1996, in Charlotte, North Carolina, Kyler was introduced to shag dancing by his grandparents, Phil and Helen Beam, who are esteemed members of the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame. His early exposure to rhythm and blues music came through his uncle, Phil Beam, Jr. at JB'z, a blues bar he owned in Charlotte. At the age of eight, Kyler attended Junior SOS and quickly developed a passion for the dance. He began competing at fourteen, ultimately securing two National and Grand National shag dance titles and an honorable induction into the Charlotte Area Shaggers Hall of Fame as a "Young Blood" recipient in 2017. In addition to partner competitions, Kyler participated in numerous junior shag dance teams, performing across the country for many years. After attending the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Kyler enlisted in the Navy, where he served as a nuclear mechanic on the submarine USS Henry M. Jackson, stationed outside of Seattle, Washington. His naval career has since led him to become an instructor at the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Charleston, South Carolina.