



LAUREN TISCHER HIPPE, CLASS OF 1998, HOLDS A BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI AND A MASTERS OF ARTS IN TEACHING FROM PARK UNIVERSITY. FOR MANY YEARS LAUREN HAS BEEN A JOURNALISM TEACHER AND PUBLICATIONS ADVISOR AT ST. CHARLES HIGH SCHOOL, ST. CHARLES, MO, WHERE SHE HAS HELD LEADERSHIP ROLES IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS. THE SURVIVOR OF A NEAR-FATAL CAR ACCIDENT IN 2002, LAUREN HAS USED HER COMPELLING COMEBACK STORY TO INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE HER STUDENTS AND OTHERS. SHE IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2004 WOMEN'S INTERSPORT NETWORK OF KC COURAGE AWARD AND WAS HONORED AS A TORCHBEARER IN THE 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS TORCH RELAY.