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Tommi Nicole Crump is a 14 year-old honor student and clever dancer who resides with her family in Abington, Pa. Tommi has been dancing at Straight To The Pointe! Dance Company (formerly known as Straight to the Pointe! Dance Studio) since the tender age of 3. She auditioned for and became a member of Straight to the Pointe! Elite when she was 8 years old because of a deeper love of dance and commitment to growth. Currently, Tommi serves as dance captain for STTP Elite and the cover model for STTP Dance Company.

Throughout her short dance career, Tommi has earned numerous awards in Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Praise, and Tap at the dance school which she calls her "second home". She has auditioned for and earned special roles like The Yellow Brick Road, The Wiz and Cinderella in some of the studio's biggest productions. Tommi's greatest achievement is the year she became

the recipient of the Desiree Stevenson Scholarship; Dancer of the Year Award; the most prestigious honor in the dance school. Tommi diligently serves as a student teacher for several beginner dance classes because of her talent, dedication and pleasing personality toward younger dancers and ability to work well with her instructors.

Tommi spends countless hours in the studio rehearsing, managing costumes & accessories, organizing community service, and any task assigned for the betterment of the dance school and the children who attend it. Please know... that Tommi performs just as hard off the dance floor as she does on the dance floor to create balance and blaze her own trail! Tommi is meticulous in her work ethic to maintain straight A's in her honors classes as a member of the school district's Mentally Gifted Program. Tommi has always persevered in order to ensure academic excellence and

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progression toward her future; where she intends to own and operate her own dance studio, in addition to being one of the area's top Veterinarians. Tommi also holds the office of secretary for her school's V.I.B.E. — Voices Involved in promoting Black Excellence & I.M.A.G.I.N.E. — I'm A Girl, Intelligent, Noble, Educated, programs created to foster an environment for excellence among the district's African American population.

Tommi is a firm believer that she can and will make a difference in her school and dance communities! She leads with the mantras to ALWAYS CHOOSE KIND and to work until she makes herself proud! The owner and Rehearsal Director of Straight To The Point Dance Company: Charell Chestang



pronounced Tommi as simply regal. Under Ms. Chestang's tutelage, she continuously reminds Tommi: To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is Required! She elaborates to describe Tommi as a powerful light in any atmosphere or situation because Tommi consistently demonstrates that she cares through her compassion and ability to make others feel good about themselves.

Struggling to deal with the onset of the pandemic and not being able to attend dance and regular school, Tommi finally launched her long awaited YouTube Channel: Tommi's Tales because she feels that "Every Little Person Deserves a Great Bedtime Story" and she loves giving back to the community. Using her phone, some awesome book titles and a ring light; Tommi videotapes herself reading to her subscribers on a weekly basis to promote literacy and love! Become a subscriber... Tommi guarantees that you will fall in love at first word!

So, as you can see, Miss Tommi Nicole Crump is quite a leader, scholar and artistic dancer. More than any of her accolades, Tommi prides herself most on the outstanding relationships she has established with others; her unyielding commitment to always choose kind, helping whenever possible and to always do the right thing... even when no one is watching! This dancing princess declares "that no matter the performance in dance or in life; I never leave my invisible crown at home"!

Alexandra Valletta

Photo by Dana Valletta



Alexandra is a 14-year-old from Phoenix, Arizona. She has been dancing with Marilyn's Academy of Dance in Peoria, Arizona, since age three. She enjoys all forms of dance including hip hop, pointe, tap, jazz, and others. She competed her first solo in November of 2018 and after

that performance, she made a goal to earn high recognition for her dancing. In February of 2019, she earned an opportunity to go to New York City and train with professional dancers, Broadway performers, and even the Radio City Rockettes. Unfortunately in an acro class in

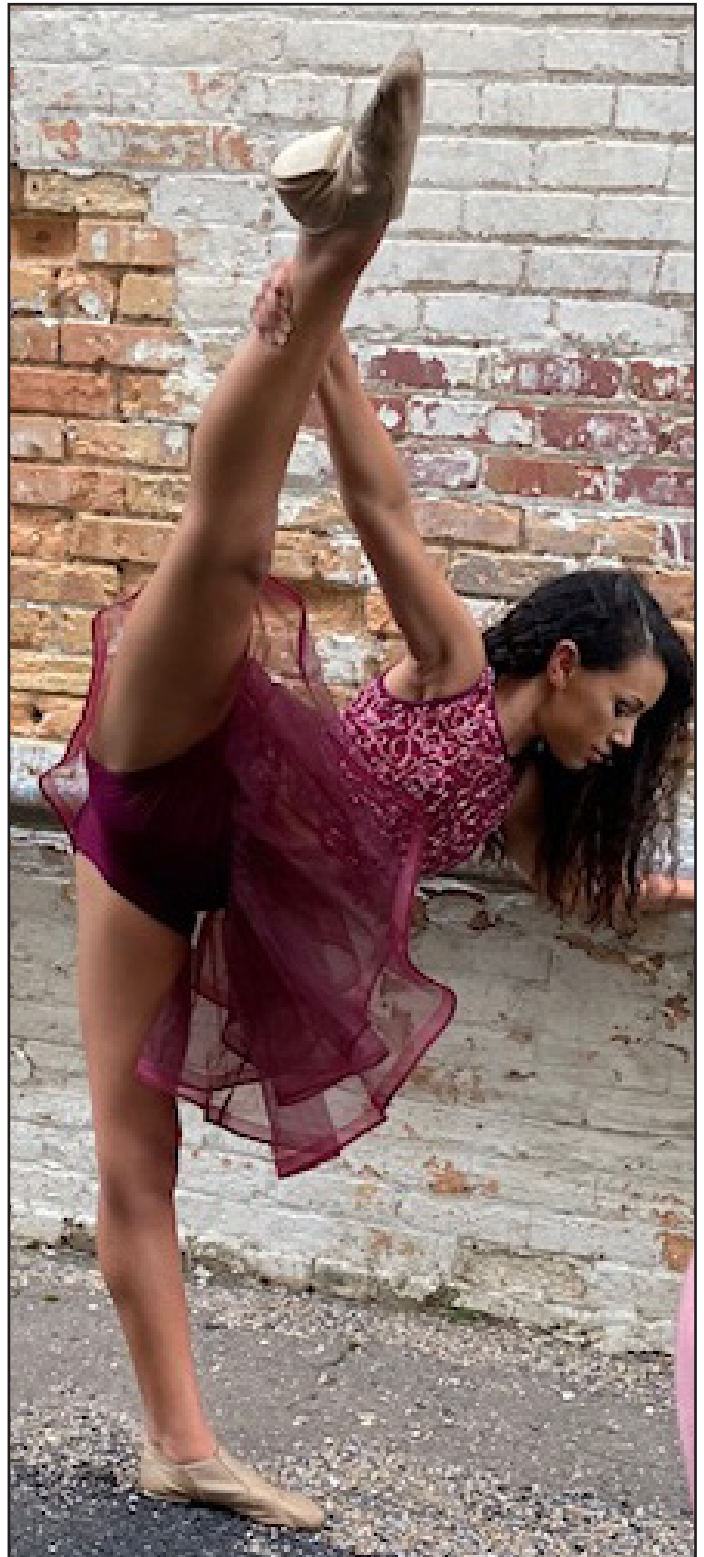
April, she broke her arm. She had to undergo two surgeries to repair her arm. The recovery process was long and difficult. The weight of the bulky cast changed how she turned, balanced, and danced all together. While she had her second cast she performed 11 dances in her yearly

Photo by Greg LeBouf

recital. It was difficult for her to not be able to dance like she always had. Many costumes and parts of dances had to be altered for her to be able to perform. She began to worry about her ability to dance in New York City. After many weeks of doing all she could in classes and going to physical therapy, she made it out of a brace. Even though she had nothing physically restricting her arm, she still had the fear and anxiety of it easily breaking again. When the time came she was able to go to New York. She danced her heart out and enjoyed every second of the training in New York. When she returned home her confidence in her ability to dance soared. She began working harder and harder to improve on her technique with turns and flexibility for the next competition season.



Allison Levesque



My name is Allison. I'm a 14 years old and I grew up in a family of dance! I started dance at the age of 3 with Vicki's School of Dance. Although I was active in cheer from ages 4-11 - the passion to dance was always there! I still danced a little but went hard at cheer. Even though I enjoyed it I always felt like a part of me was missing. I attended Vicki's recital in 2018 to watch both of my sisters. It was amazing! I realized how much I missed dancing. I begged my mom to let me attend Vicki's again. I tried out for the performing group which is a group of girls 4th-12th grade that perform in venues such as Disney World, Six Flags, Mudbugs Hockey Games, Bossier Parish Spirit nights and so much more. My 7th grade year was full of dance. I became Lieutenant of my school's danceline, I was in 4 recital dances at Vicki's, and I accomplished so many new flexible tricks. I did the same exact thing my 8th grade year but instead I was chosen as Captain of danceline! I'm so excited about my high school dance career and will continue to strive for grace and excellence.



Allison Nordman



My name is, Allison Nordman, from Corning, NY. I'm 16 years old and I have been a dancer since the age of 7. Before I became a dancer, I really struggled to find my passion. I tried many different sports and I experimented with some instruments too. I was lost... and then I found dance! When I first started dancing I was very shy and uncomfortable. It didn't take long for me to fall in love. Not only fall in love with dance itself but also my choreographers and fellow dancers. Along with my parents and brothers my dance family is also there to support me. Once I realized how

much I love to dance I started signing up for tons of classes. I also began traveling to competitions. Some of my favorite memories of my entire childhood so far are the amazing experiences I've had traveling with my family and closest friends when attending dance competitions. Currently, I dance at Leslie's School of Dance in Elmira, New York. I have been dancing there for a few years. I continue to work hard and to pour my heart and soul into dance. Dance is my passion and there is no going back. Leslie's School of Dance has pushed me in my art and I have been able to perform with the Moscow

Ballet in multiple roles. I was awarded first place in my category at, Turn It Up competition, Judges Choice award at Next Star, StarQuest and Dancers Inc. competitions. I have won a scholarship award to the 2018 Broadway Dance Dreams Tour and have been invited to be a part of The Cutting Edge National Dance Team as well as The Turn It Up National Dance Team. I'm also excited to have been accepted into The School of American Ballet summer program. I'm excited to see where my dance continues to take me.



Amber Levesque



Hello, My name is Amber Levesque and I'm from Bossier City, Louisiana. I'm 20 years old and I'm a junior attending Louisiana State University - GEAUX TIGERS! My dance journey began at 3 years old, and I finished my dance career 15 years later. I danced on the Vicki's Dancer's Performing Group for 8 years, and competed across the southern region of the United States on the selected competition team. I have danced for local spirit nights in Bossier Parish and professional sporting events in Shreveport, I have

marched in statewide parades, and I have showcased particular styles of dance in Vicki's annual recitals. I have competed in the Louisiana State Spirit Celebration and Kilgore Gussie Nell competitions; winning State Champions, Level Champions, and High Point Champions. I have also had the privilege of dancing at Walt Disney World and I'm the recipient of the Disney Performing Arts Award. I was also the Captain of my high school's dance team for 2 years, and competed with my team in the Sports Universe Dance

Competition. We won first overall in the Pom and Duet category, and placed in Jazz, Hip Hop, and Solo competitions. Dance has been a huge part of my life and it has taught me many life lessons of responsibility, endurance, and perseverance. Although I did not continue my dance career in college, I still continue to help young girls make the Performing Group team and choreograph dances for the schools in my parish.

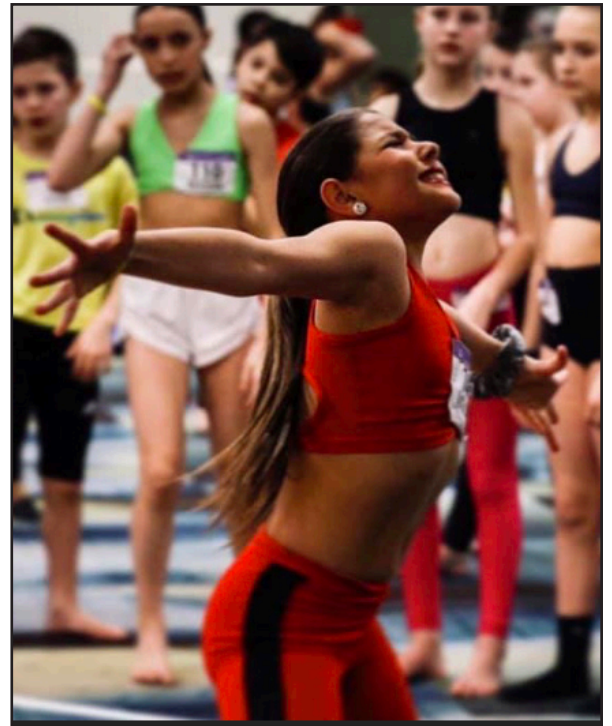
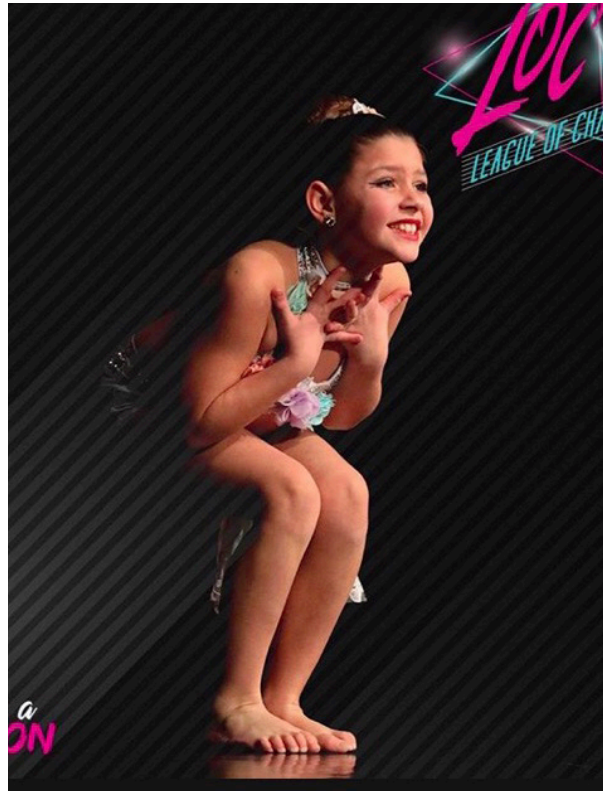


Angelina Berro



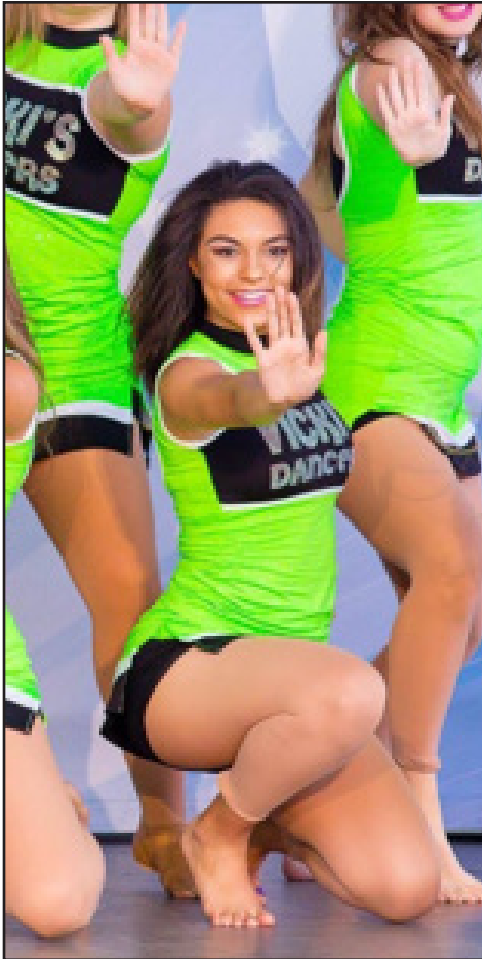
Angelina started dancing at the age of 2 at a local studio in Dearborn, Michigan called Noretta Dunworth school of dance. She started competitive at the age of 5 and competed her first solo at the age of 6. Angelina is very flexible and has great stage presence. She has received numerous awards and hopes to one day become a professional dancer on Broadway and also she would

like to be a choreographer. Angelina's biggest challenge is focusing her attention the struggle of Having A.D.D. Angelina dances 5 days a week and loves every minute of being at the studio. She strives everyday to be better than the day before. Angelina's favorite quote "Everything is hard before it is easy".

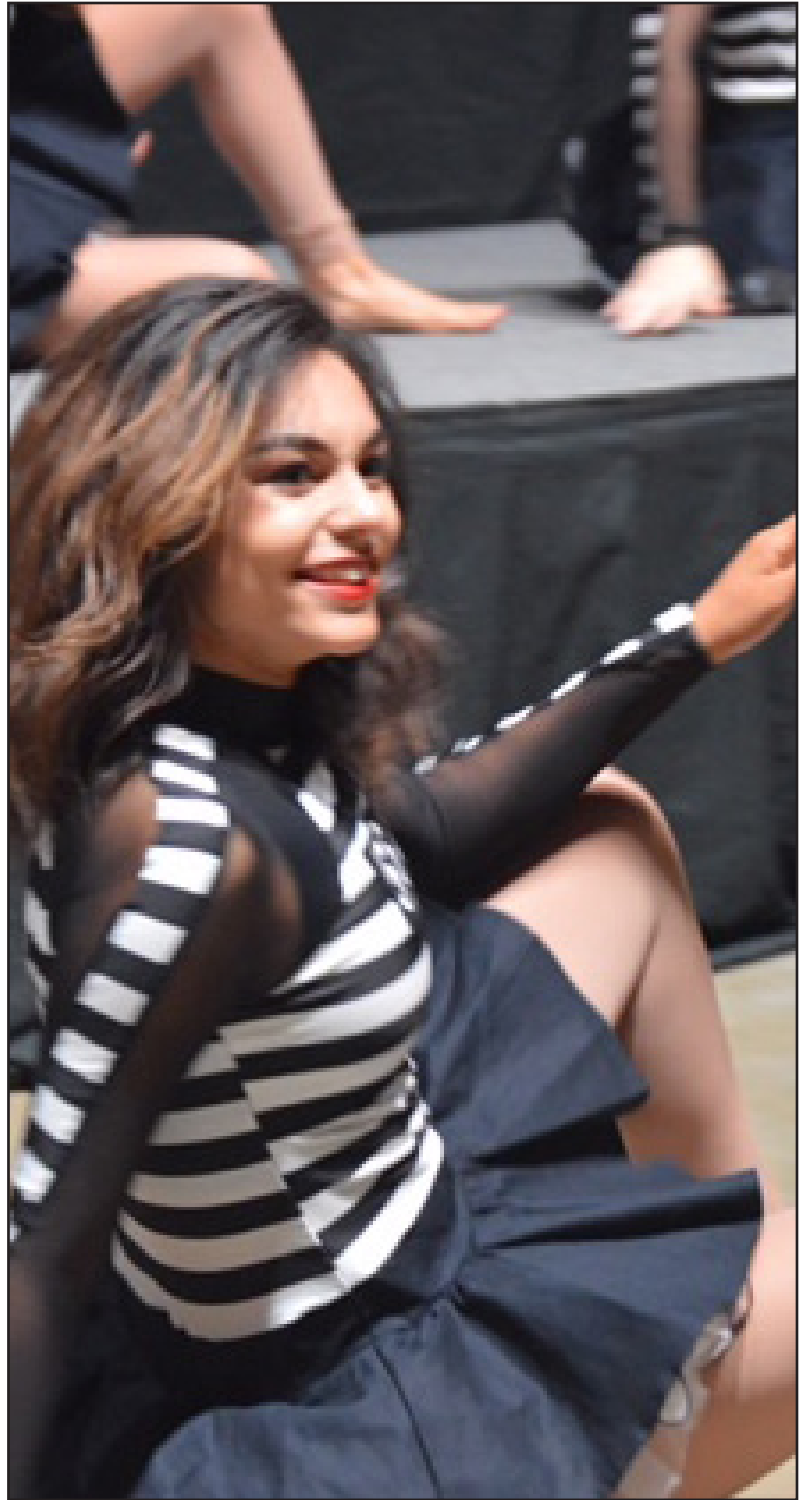


Ashley Levesque





Hi, I'm Ashley Levesque and I'm from Bossier City, Louisiana. I'm 18 years old and will be attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette this fall. My dance journey began with ballet classes when I was just three years old. At seven years old, I joined Vicki's School of Dance. I tried out for the elite performing group at ten years old and have been a member of Vicki's Performing Group ever since. Vicki's has taught me dance styles in lyrical, jazz, hip hop, and tap. I have performed at local festivals, marched statewide in parades, halftime shows in professional basketball games, and even Walt Disney World. While dancing in Disney, I was honored to receive the Disney Performing Arts Award. My life is dance!



Ava Jacques





Ava is a 12 year old competitive dancer who has been dancing since the age of 3 years old. She is the epitome of strength and grace. Her idol is Misty Copeland and she adores her Dance Teacher. Ava is an "A" student taking all advanced classes. Dance is her life. She's quiet and uses dance as her outlet. Dance is not her hobby but it defines who she is.

Avarie Brown





Avarie Brown is a 15 year old dancer from Gulf Breeze, Florida. She has been training in ballet since third grade, and is currently in the pre professional program at Northwest Florida Ballet. Her dream is to one day be a ballerina in New York City where she has trained at the Joffrey Ballet for the last three summers.

She would also like to be a performer at Disney World. Avarie's biggest challenge was having fractured hips that was believed to be caused by her growth spurt. She had to take off a season of Nutcracker and endure months of physical therapy to help her recover so she could dance again.

She has danced at the Northwest Florida Ballet in Fort Walton Beach, LaBelle Performing Arts in Pensacola, Florida, and at Dance Academy of Santa Rosa in Milton, Florida.

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Brandi Becker

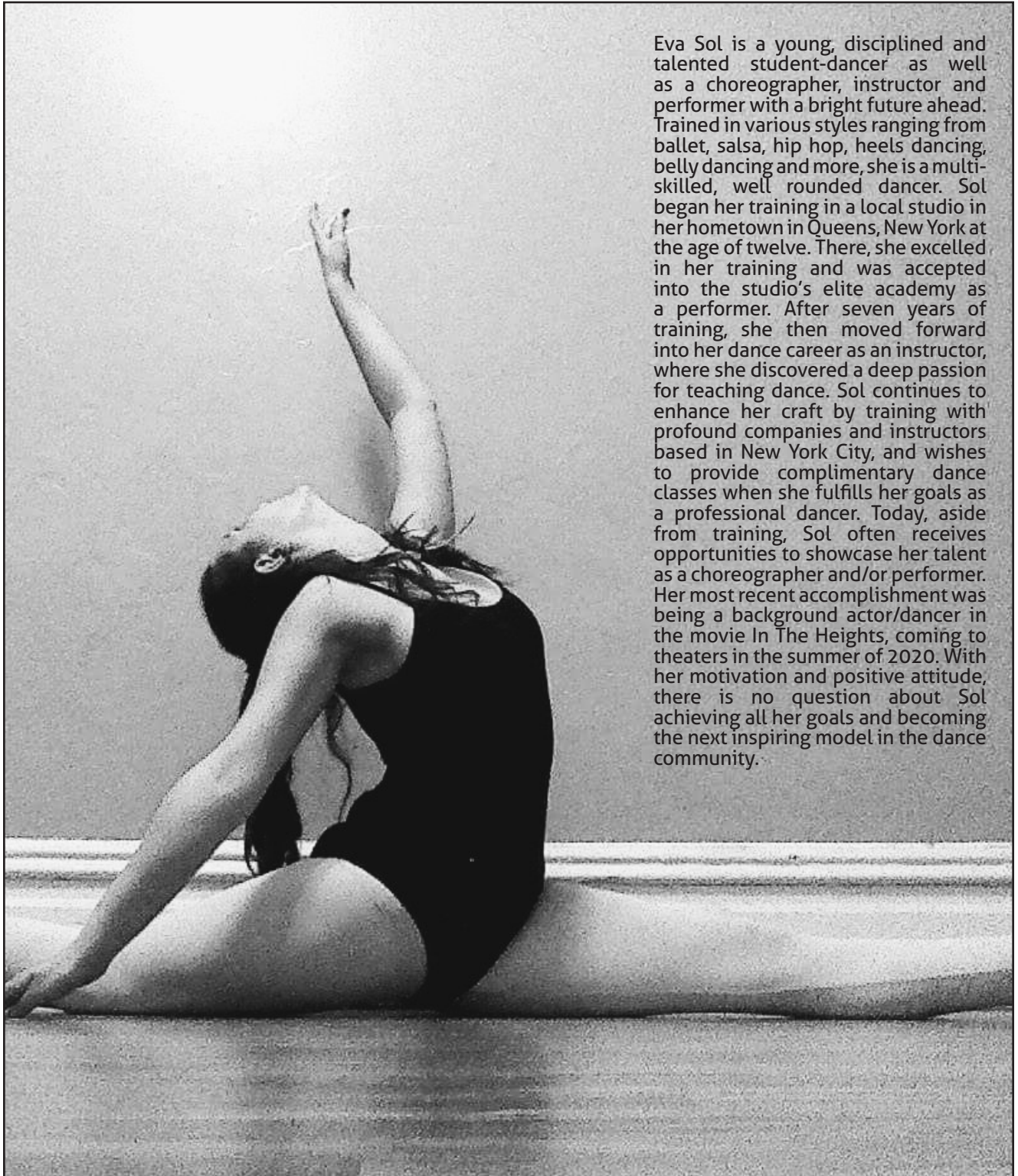




Brandi is a young dancer who lives in a small town in the center of Wisconsin. She started her career as a dancer at the very young age of two years old at Universal Dance Academy in Marshfield, WI. She loves to dance her heart out in any and every situation to any song. Brandi has experience with Ballet, Contemporary, Lyrical, and Acrobatics. Brandi's very first dance competition was at the age of four years old at Dance Magic in Wausau, WI where she won second place for a solo to "I'm a Monster". From this point forward, Brandi's desire and passion to dance in front of people and compete was ignited. Brandi has preformed at many dance competitions throughout the last four years including dancing at Symposium Dance Competition,

Dance Magic, Ovation Dance Competition, and Starz Dance competitions. Currently, Brandi has participated in many virtual dance competitions against young girls like her throughout the Untied States and the World. Since Brandi has started her competition career she has won a variety of metals including one diamond, eleven high gold, eight gold, four high point runner up, one high point champion first, second, and third place, two high point metals, four first place, one second place, one third place, and two high gold metals at the National Level. In her virtual competitions, Brandi has won one platinum, three high gold, and two gold metals along with frequent flyer and international traveler metals. Along with her

metals, Brandi has won one Improv first place, two Improv runner up, Select mini solo high point 2020, Junior Top Honor Award, two judge awards for emotion, Photogenic Award winner, 2020 Title Winner. 3D Dance Firecracker Award, made the Diamond Dance Team with Starz Dance Competition, made the 3D Xtreme Team, and 2020 Mini Miss Symposium Award. With every dance competition, Brandi learns from the Judges' views on her dancing and betters herself based on what they stated could be worked on. Finally, Brandi's dream is to be a dancer on World Of Dance and to dance in front of the judges to show that she can be anything she wants to be.



Eva Sol is a young, disciplined and talented student-dancer as well as a choreographer, instructor and performer with a bright future ahead. Trained in various styles ranging from ballet, salsa, hip hop, heels dancing, belly dancing and more, she is a multi-skilled, well rounded dancer. Sol began her training in a local studio in her hometown in Queens, New York at the age of twelve. There, she excelled in her training and was accepted into the studio's elite academy as a performer. After seven years of training, she then moved forward into her dance career as an instructor, where she discovered a deep passion for teaching dance. Sol continues to enhance her craft by training with profound companies and instructors based in New York City, and wishes to provide complimentary dance classes when she fulfills her goals as a professional dancer. Today, aside from training, Sol often receives opportunities to showcase her talent as a choreographer and/or performer. Her most recent accomplishment was being a background actor/dancer in the movie *In The Heights*, coming to theaters in the summer of 2020. With her motivation and positive attitude, there is no question about Sol achieving all her goals and becoming the next inspiring model in the dance community.







Ivan Sovetov & Valeria Mkrtchian





US National Professional 9-Dance Championship 3rd place.
US National Professional Mambo Championship 3rd place.
US National Professional Rising Star American Smooth finalists.

Fred Astaire National 9-Dance Champions.

Fred Astaire National Show Dance Champions.

Ohio Star Ball Rising Star American Smooth and Rhythm finalists.

NY Dance Festival 2nd place.

Vice champions of Fred Astaire World Championship in RS American Open Smooth, Las Vegas 2018.

Champions of Fred Astaire World Championship in closed American Rhythm program, Las Vegas 2019.

National 9-Dance FA US Champions 2018.

9-Dance and Open Smooth Eastern United States Champions.
American Smooth National Fred Astaire Champions, Orlando FL, 2018

Cross Country National competition winners in RS American Smooth program, Houston TX 2018

Finalists of "Manhattan Dance Championship" 2018

Ivan started dance when he was 5 y.o in Saint Petersburg, Russia. During his dancing way in Russian he won and did finals of a lot of Regional, National and International Competitions. He is finalist of Russian Championship in Latin and 10 dance programs

Winner of North-West federal district in Ballroom and Latin programs finalist of Finland Open Championship in Latin program

finalist of German Open Championship in 10 dance program. Master of Sport of Russian Federation. Valeria started dance in Russia when she was 5 y.o. She fell in love with the dancing from the first practice in a ballroom. Valeria won Russian Championship in Team Competition. During her dancing career in Russia she was finalist of Blackpool dance festival in Latin program.

3rd place of German Open Championship in 10 dances program

2nd place of Italian Open Championship in Latin program. finalist of Austrian Open Championship in Latin program finalist of Russian Open Championship in Ballroom, Latin and 10 dance programs. Master of Sport of Russian Federation. Ivan and Valeria arrived to the USA almost 2 years ago, they didn't dance in Russia together and just start their career like a professional dancing couple here in the US at the Syracuse Fred Astaire Dance Studio. For this period of time they have already won National Championship and another big and important competitions in United States. When Ivan and Valeria come to US they dance on this moment just International Latin and International Ballroom programs. But then they start practice together they decided to do their maximum!! And to compete in 4 styles: American Smooth, American Rhythm, International Latin and Ballroom programs. It became a uniqueness if this couple. At their first competition Ivan and Valeria made finals in all 4 programs. Now Ivan and Valeria concentrate and compete in American style and preparing for next shows and performances. They also planing to take part in TV shows "So You Think You Can Dance" and "World of Dance".

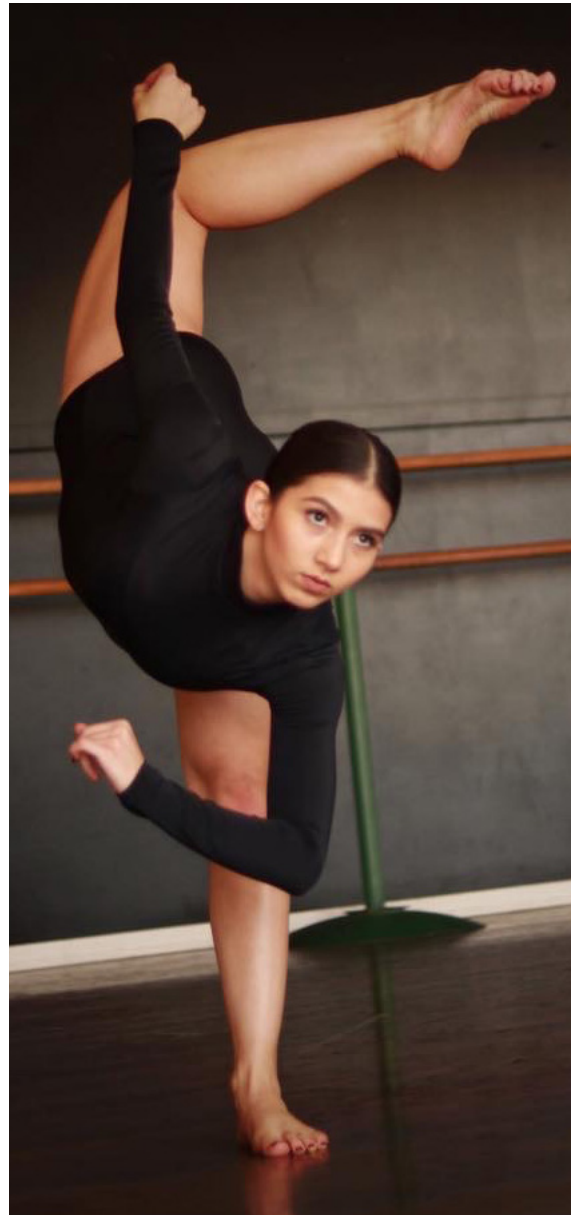
Jadaya Simien





Jadaya has been dancing since she was 4 years old. Throughout her 11 years of dancing she has received many awards and scholarships from many competitions and conventions. She is looked up to by many and is an amazing role model to the girls at her studio and her school in which she is now leading. Jadaya is on the right track to becoming an amazing dancer that will inspire many other young dancers.

Jessica Rubio



Jessica Rubio, multi year old artist beginning at 5 years old and is presently one many appreciate and is viewed as a good example. Jessica is an artist of many, she keeps taking expressive dance, procedure, polynesian, jazz, contemporary, hiphop, and aeronautical. This youngster has developed her affection for moving, she has taken an interest in various

rivalries inside regionals, nationals and finals, going to various states! She is the same amount of engaged with our locale with her moving, she right now is a latinx artist, tri-national artist meaning she teams up with different specialists across nations and offers her ability and works with them. As she develops into seeking after her objectives and accomplishments, she intends

to proceed with her profession in moving, give her craft with development and keep on being perceived with her imaginative practices. Jessica Rubio is from a little bordertown, an astounding artist with numerous capacities, she one fantasies and attempts to turning out to be somebody large and a good example for some.



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Justyce Quintana

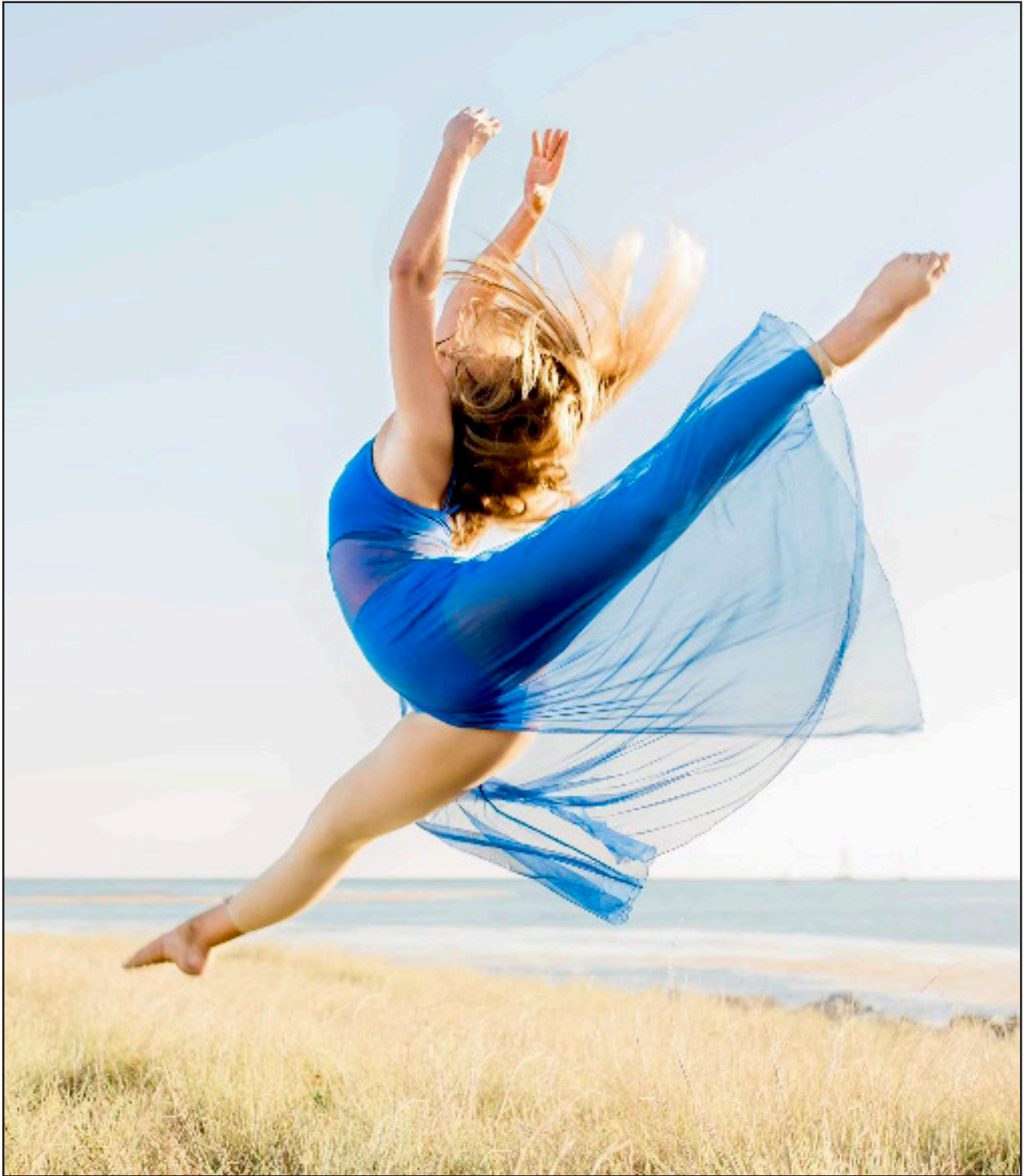


Justyce is a 17 year old dancer from Carson City Nevada. Starting dance at the age of 7, Justyce soon found a movement for herself on stage. Wanting to be the next Beyoncé and Misti Copeland, Justyce pushed and strived to be unapologetically herself with her contemporary movements. Becoming an apprentice of SNB

Ballet company under the direction of Mrs. Rosine Bena Justyce was graceful on the stage and shinned. Competition was another great dynamic to Justyce and her dancing. Winning multiple scholarships with dance conventions, Justyce loves to take workshops and travel for her dancing. Justyce dances for WNPAC owned by Mrs. Gina Davis in Carson

City Nevada with aspirations to dance and model professionally. Justyce has also spent some time on the streets and runways of NYC modeling in Fashion Week 2020. Dancing and modeling professionally would be a dream come true.





Katrina is 15 years dancer who has been in love with dancing since she was 3 years. She is currently dancing with Young Dance Collective at the Coffeemill Dance Studio in Key West Florida. She dances ballet, lyrical, contemporary, jazz and hip hop as well as being an accomplished tumbler. She aspires to dance in college and has a goal to become a dancer at DisneyWorld. Her life goal is to always find a way to dance but her career goal is to become a Physical Therapist. Katrina is a very kind, loving young lady who always thinks of others. She is very humble but has such an amazing natural beauty and gift.



Lexi Falance



Hey I'm Lexi. I'm 18 years old and I have been dancing for 15 years. I currently am I'm getting my AA from FSW and am planning to change to AMDA to get my BFA in musical theater dance. My biggest challenge in life is when I found out my best friend had cancer, after she passed away dance was really there for me. Without dance I wouldn't be who I am today, it really saved my life. Some of my achievements include multiple first places in dance competitions, being an honors student, and winning multiple talent competitions for cash prizes.

Achievements: I went to studio 8 dance, and now teach there! We have won best dance studio in Cape Coral 3 years in a row, best summer camp, and most family friendly dance studio according to multiple magazines and other local competitions. We always take home multiple first places and nearly never have a number not place

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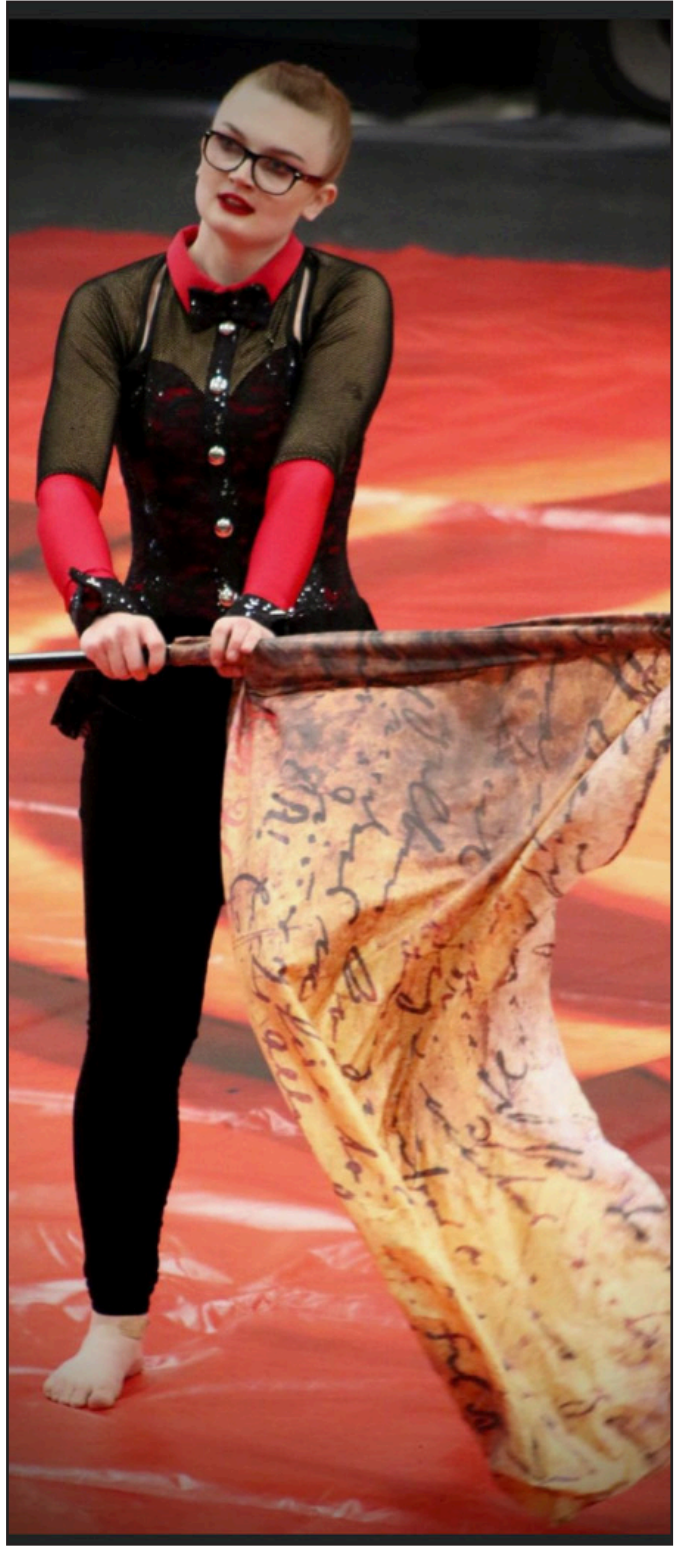
Madison is a wonderful dancer in her short time with dancing she has impressed her teacher and family. We are very excited where she goes with her dancing.

Makayla Allen



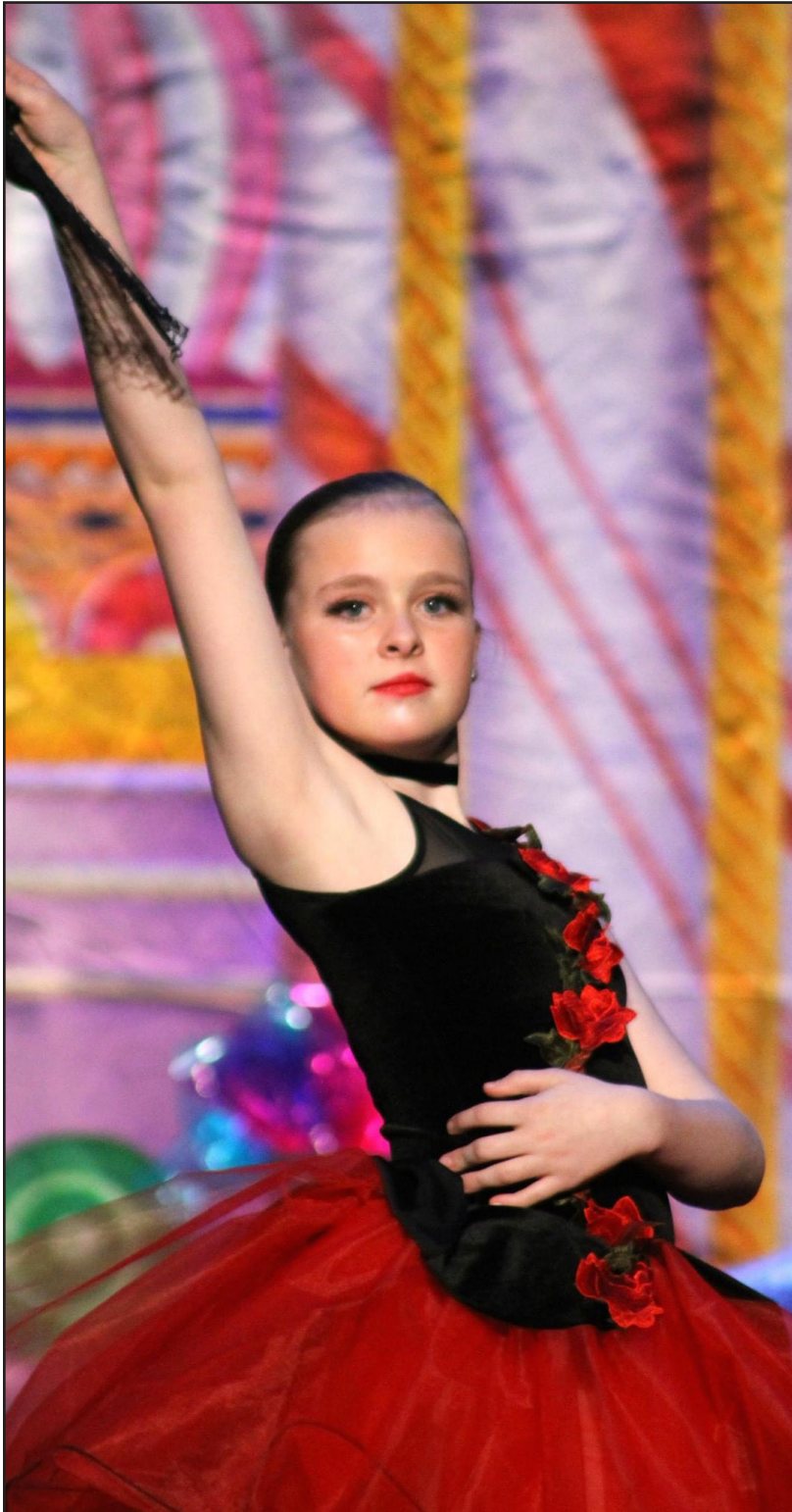
I did not realize what dance was until I was 13 years old. I thought it was hard work, blisters, and uncomfortable costumes. I was right but I didn't realize how much more to dance there was. Dance for me became an escape from reality like the books I read or TV shows I watched, except I became the character. Through dance I have been a spirit who saves a forest, a spy who stole top secret information, a sound wave, and so much more. Through dance, I flew whereas in my own life, I fell. I'm not the most technical dance but it creates a passion in me every time I step on the floor. And through dance I have found another passion. Guard is a form of dancing that most people over look which is one of the saddest things in my opinion, because like dance, guard is an open form of expression and communication. Guard is a form of dance that uses more colors and larger space to better convey there story. It's very rewarding and I could not be happier!





Natalie Broyles





Natalie Broyles began dancing when she was three years old. While she always enjoyed it, at around nine years old she began to develop a real passion for it and increased her classes with Janis Gunnoe at Princeton Dance Studio in Princeton, WV. Now at thirteen, she wants to become a professional dancer with Joffrey Ballet. In 2018, she was invited to join her studio company, the Princeton Performing Arts Company. In 2019, she auditioned and was accepted into the Charlotte Ballet Summer Intensive. In 2020, she auditioned and attended the Joffrey Ballet Summer Intensive. She plans to continue to attend summer intensives each year. Summer intensives are expensive and Natalie lives in rural West Virginia. She has seven brothers still in school and her parents work as a teacher and a farmer. Knowing they cannot afford to pay for intensives every summer, Natalie started holding bake sales to raise money. In addition, she has held private dance sessions, dance camps, and babysat to raise all of the money for the entire intensive! Natalie is devoted to dance and takes over 15 hours a week of dance classes after attending public school all day. She often leaves home at 7:30 am and does not return until after 10:00 pm. Her hard work and dedication to her passion is an inspiration to all around her!

Sanaa Henderson





Sanaa's dream is to own her own business and make/provide all things dance. She has set some amazing goals, which is to continue dance through middle and high school. She would also like to dance on the collegiate and professional level. She has been dancing since she was 4 years old. She has taken ballet, tap, hip-hop, and jazz. She recently took on this new

competitive level, which she is truly committed to. Making the competition team was a huge achievement for her. Aside from dance, she excels in the classroom. Sanaa takes advance courses, is a member of Student Council, and Yearbook. She has been awarded The Gold President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Selina Chih

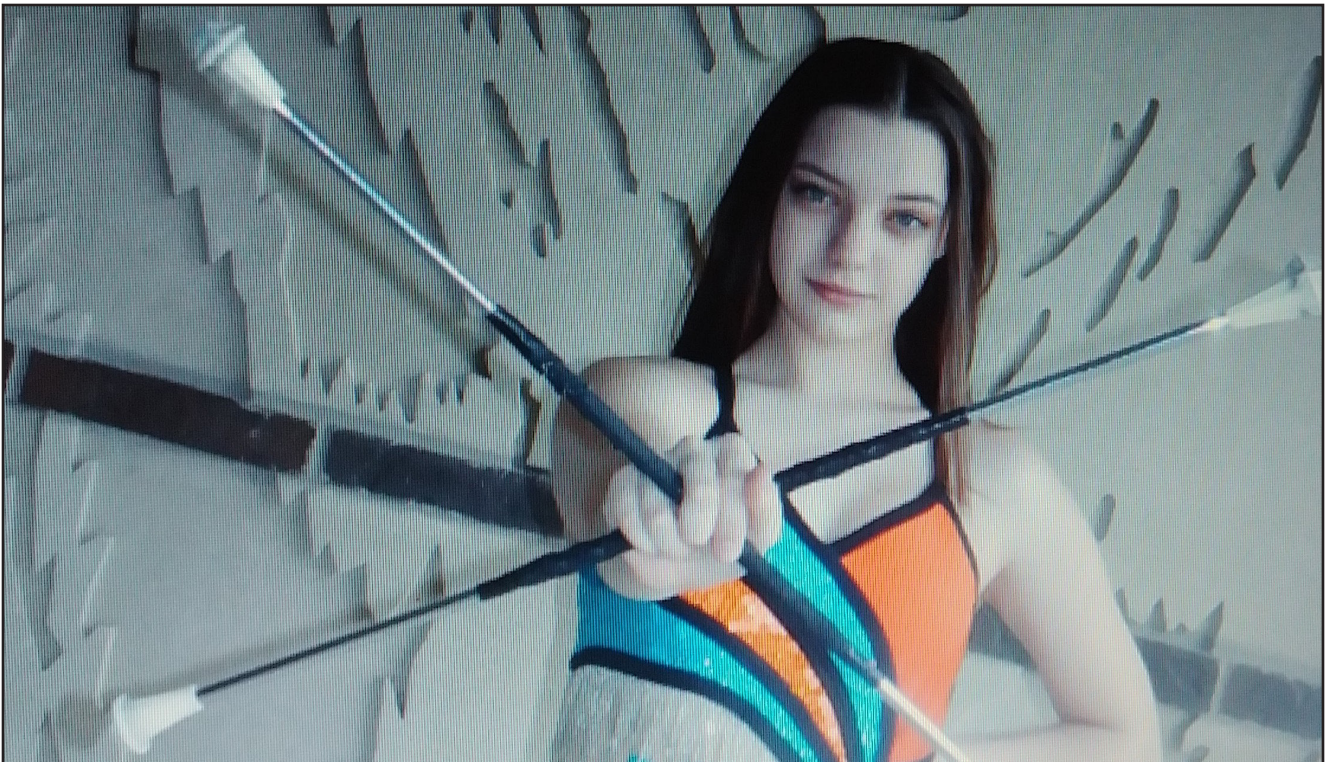


Selina Chih is a dancer and choreographer in the south San Francisco Bay Area with a dance specialist certificate from West Valley College who has produced many local dance shows and performed around the world. A certified special-needs dance instructor, she founded FCSN Dancin' Star where she teaches, choreographs and performs with special needs students and is a director and choreographer for Bay Area Children's Theatre. Musical theater credits include "Pippin", "Sweet Charity", "Guys and Dolls", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "The Will Rogers Follies". Dancing, teaching and choreographing are different kind of talents and choreography is her favorite among the three. Dance is her language and the window into her world.

Photo by Francis Lee



Shelby Campbell





Shelby loves her dance team and enjoys competition! She works hard on technique and to perform tricks! She has always been a performer! She's been in front of

judges since she was 6 years old! In the fall she will enter her junior year in high school and hopes to join her team at the National competition in Disney world!

Achievements: NDT is Northrop High School Dance Team! NDT has a history of a winning team and holds a national title! NDT is located in Indiana!

Sierra Tapia





Hi! I'm Sierra, I'm a 16 year old dancer from a small town called Frazier Park, in California. I started dancing at the age of 9 and since then have studied in various styles ranging from ballet, contemporary, and hip hop. As soon as I started dancing I knew it would be what I stuck with for the rest of my life. I want to dance in professional shows or maybe even be a backup dancer for celebrities or in movies. However, where I live it's very difficult to get the proper training to achieve this dream. Due to this, at times I've thought about giving up, because my dream seems so out of reach. Every time I feel this way though, I remind myself of all of the times I've been noticed by well known dancers at competitions and dance conventions. I also think of all of my friends and family who show me nothing but support and love. Now I take online dance classes constantly in order to improve my technique and learn new things along with taking classes at my studio. I've gotten better because of this and I know now I will never give up on my dream.

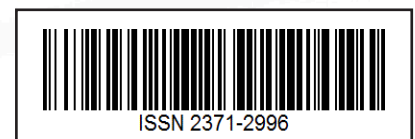
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