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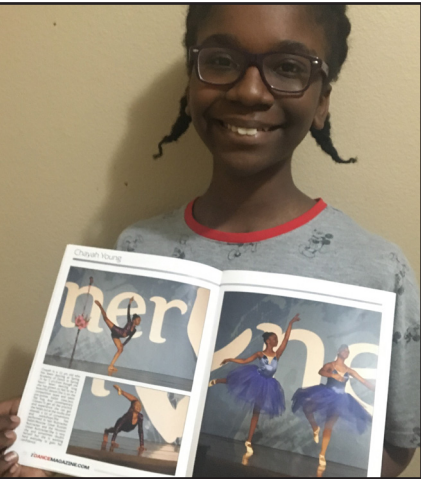
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Alexa is a talented 12 years old. She has been dancing for the last ten years. Her first few years were not always so much fun. She would sometimes cry during class. But something change when she joined the recital company, she became a totally different dancer. The more companies she joined the more she started enjoying dancing and performing. The stage has become part of her. She loves to perform but she knows that it take hard work and long hours to be a great dancer. She has satisfied birthdays and more to be at rehearsal and practices and all with no complaints.

Her dream is to one day perform with the Rockettes but if that dream doesn't come true her presence goals are to be in honors class and get good grades to one day

get into a good school and study business. She wants to someday be her own boss.

Alexa is her own worst critic, she strive to be better with each dance she performs. She is her own competitor and will compete with herself to do yesterday's dance better the next time she does it. She aims to please and hate to failed in fear of letting her team down.

She is a hardworking child for her young age, she knows what she wants out of life, "To be an amazing dancer, with a bright future and successful in anything that comes her way.

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Alydia Johnson is from Boiling Springs, South Carolina and is 10 years old. Alydia's parents, brother, and grandparents couldn't be more proud of her and her love for dance. Alydia began ballet and tumbling through her daycare at the age of three. At the age of four, she began taking tumbling classes at Starmakers Dance Company (SMDC) in Inman, South Carolina. She enjoyed it so much, the following year, she was signed up for tumbling and ballet. At the end of her second season, Alydia was asked to join the Ministarz Dance Company Team and Power Tumbling with Starmakers. Through the course of the next few years, Alydia was taught several new genres such as clogging and irish. After 2 years on the Ministarz's team, Alydia had grown and developed, winning awards with SMDC at multiple competitions and was ready to try out for individual teams. She was very excited when she was placed on the company petite teams in acro, clogging, and irish. While learning new skills over the next few

years, Alydia has performed throughout the southeast experiencing larger cities like Charlotte and Atlanta. If you ask her what her favorite place to perform was, she will tell you Disney World. This season, Alydia is now a member of the hip hop, clogging, acro, and irish teams with SMDC. She was handpicked by her studio to be on the Production Team for the 2020 - 2021 season. In these last few years, we have watched her go from a shy, timid little girl to a confident, outgoing young lady in life and definately on stage! Alydia always strives to encourage and uplift her teammates. With countless hours of training and competition, she continues to grow to meet her goals in dancing while balancing her schoolwork . We look forward to seeing what is next for this young lady, with her positive attitude, self-motivation, and determination, nothing will stop her in life!

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Angelina Novikova



Angelina Novikova Little 6 years old Rising Star and high ranking gymnast Angelina Novikova from Upland was selected to represent California at Nationals this year in June in Indianapolis! It's unbelievable that at such a young age there is so much talent, dedication, and strength this little girl has. Angelina was competing with the best and the strongest gymnast all over America in level 5 in age category under 12 years old! Despite being the youngest

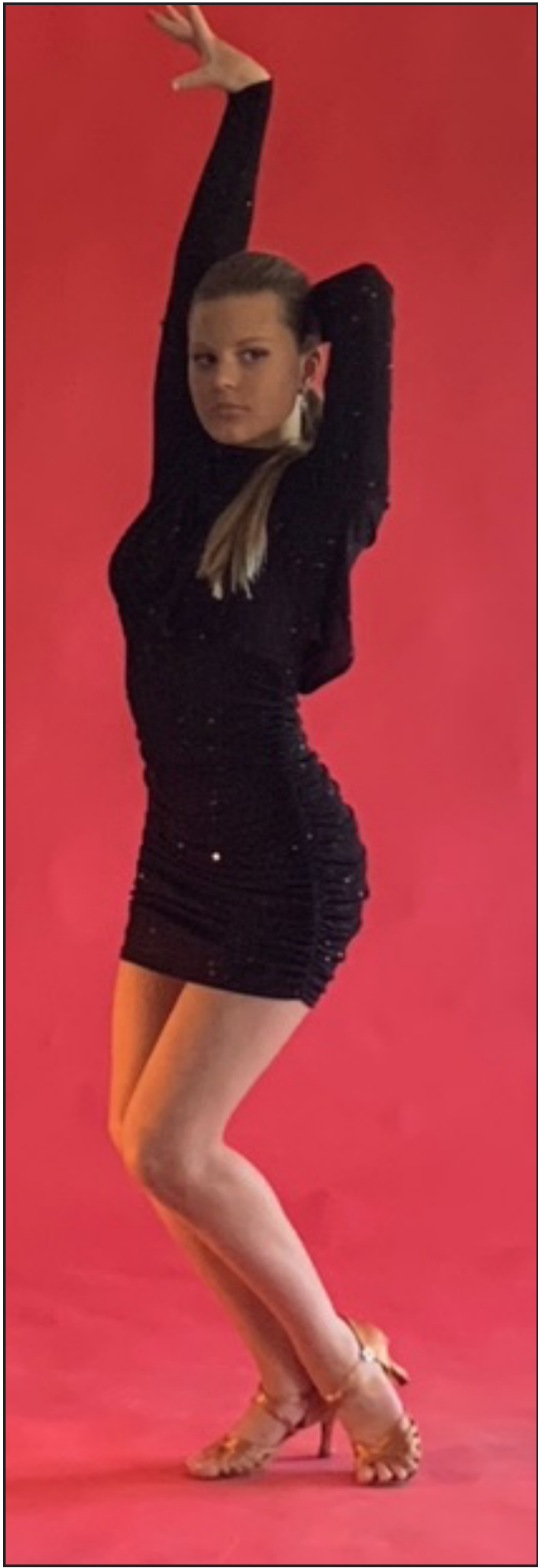
competitor, she is also one of the strongest! Angelina lives in Upland and trains in Temple City Rhythmic Academy every day from 4-8pm with a very strong dedicated coach Alina from Ukraine. Angelina loves Rhythmic Gymnastics and proudly represents her Club. At such a young age she won already numerous of competitions. There are 3 different routines gymnasts have to do at tournament in level 5:

FLOOR, HOOP and CLUBS! Judges give a certain score for each discipline and only one girl wins their Grand Champion title after all scores are combined!

This year Angelina won several Grand Champion titles! Her coach says, "Angelina is a very talented gymnast and has a character of a champion! One day we will see her on pedestal at Olympic Games proudly representing the USA!"









Ashlynn is 11 years old. She has been involved with dance since she was 4, including two different studios due to the closure of one. She has been dancing competitively for two years now and has been trained in Hip Hop, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, and Contemporary. Dancing with the Moscow Ballet

has been a highlight of her career. Performing alongside professional dancers during the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker for two years has given her wonderful opportunities to see behind the scenes and raised her confidence. She enjoys making new friends and having new experiences all while

challenging herself through dance. Her body and facial expressions just come alive while dancing. She is also an A student and is involved in basketball, volleyball, soccer, and drumming. Ashlynn works very hard at everything she does. She enjoys being with family and friends as well.



Autumn is a company team dancer at her dance studio. She dances many genres of dance including Irish, Clogging, Jazz and Ballet. She hopes to add Tap to that list as well.

In Irish dancing she has recently moved up to the Novice level. She dances in both soft and hard shoe dances. She regularly attends Feis, which are Irish dancing competitions.

This year she started as an understudy in both competition Clogging and Jazz teams. However, she has proven that she should be added to both teams. The most recent being Jazz.

She is also a member of the High Flyer Tumble Team at her studio. Last year she was awarded Mini Power Tumbler of the Year. This year was cut short due to breaking her arm.

Outside of her studio, Autumn is also active in the dance team at her school. She enjoys being a Girl Scout. She is also in the Gifted and Talented program.





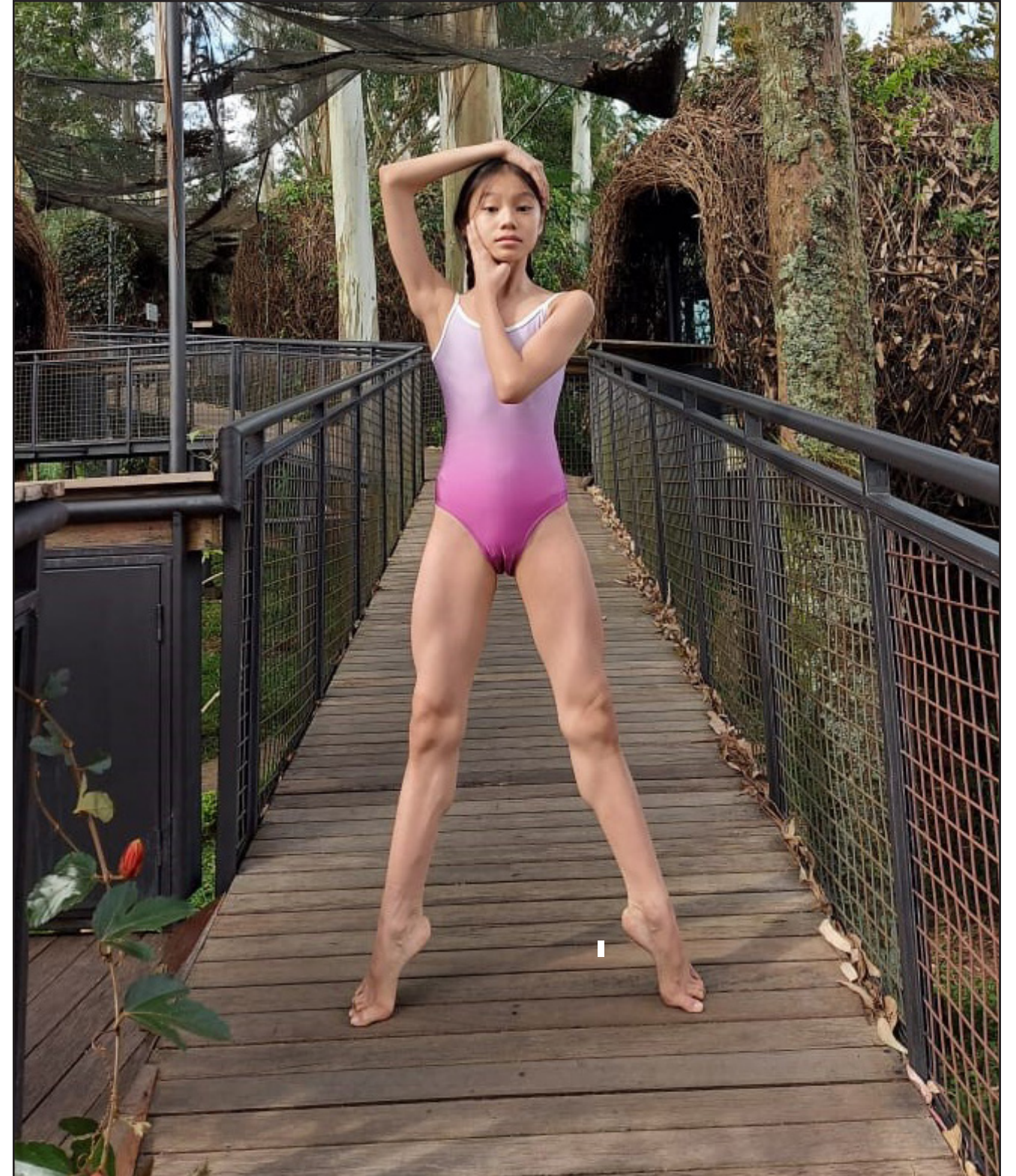
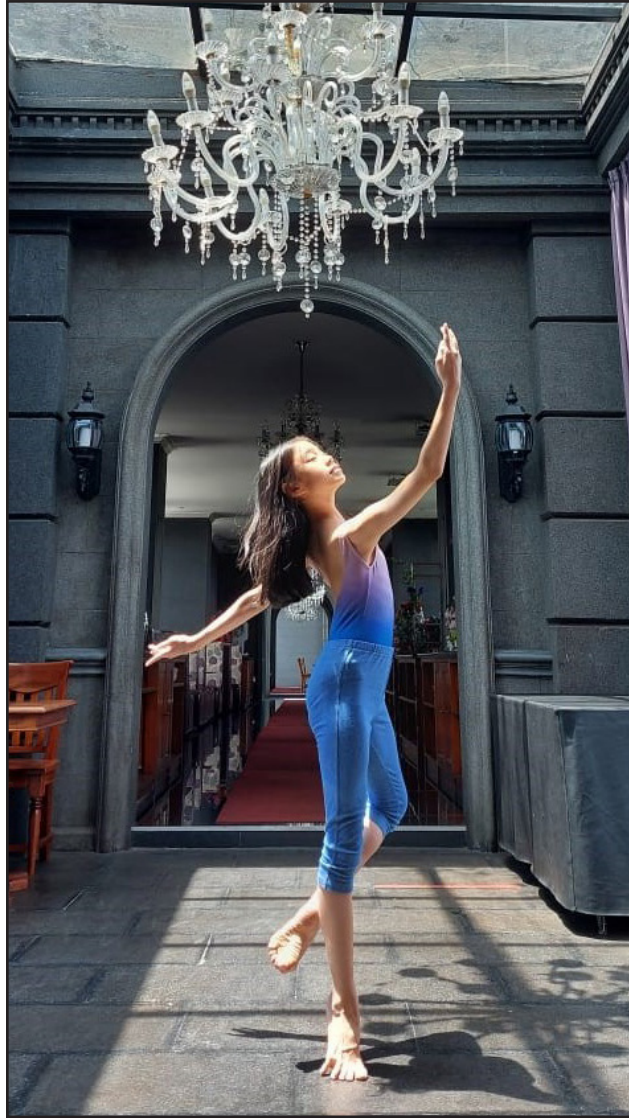
Since starting cheer, gymnastics, and dance three years ago, I have learned that being in All Star cheerleader takes a lot of work. It takes time to perfect your skills, stunts, and flexibility goals. Being a cheerleader does have its challenges it takes up a lot of time needs dedication and commitment. I have to miss things like birthday parties because I have extra chair practice and/or competitions. I have learned that my commitment come 1st period the best thing I learned is that there



are many boy cheerleaders in the world. I have been successful with progressing achieving many of my tumbling skill goals. I persevere to my frustration when not W catching on to the skill as quickly as I would like. Cheer routines include dance choreography. I love it and one of my goals is to help my coaches choreograph one of our team routines!

Photos by: mom and Alli Mindy/cheerlyfe

Caitlynn Lauren Senjaya



Goals: I want to be a successful professional ballerina who can inspire many ballerinas.

Achievements & awards:

- Top 12 YAGP Asia Pacific 2020 and invited to YAGP finals Genoa, Italy.
- Gold Medal - Asian Grand Prix Jakarta Regional 2020
- Merit Award - Asian Grand Prix 2020
- Gold Medal - Star of Canaan Dance International Competition 2020.
- Gold Medal - Hongkong Challenge Cup Dance Competition 2021 Contemporary division.
- Silver Medal - Hongkong Challenge

Cup Dance Competition 2021 Ballet division.

- Scholarship-Elmhurst Ballet (UK)
- Scholarship Soki-Japan
- Scholarship Jeffrey-Singapore
- Scholarship AGP Ballet Intensive And another.

Experiences: My unforgettable experience is the first time I joined a competition. At that time I was very disappointed because I already studied so hard.

Successfully: My unforgettable successes was when I won the top

12 at YAGP Asia Pacific and when I won gold medals in the Asian Grand Prix also Star of Canaan Dance International Ballet competition. Besides that, there was one more unforgettable experience when I won scholarship for Elmhurst Ballet School (UK), Soki International Ballet (Japan), got a YAGP final to Genoa in Italy, and World Ballet Competition to Orlando, USA.

Challenges: My challenges is to be more work harder or practice to achieve what you want.



Danielle “Dani” Mattox, is an adult dancer from Delaware, and pursues her passion for dance in any opportunity she can find. Next to dancing, she enjoys acting professionally, competing in beauty pageants, and modeling! She has trained for years at Encore Dance Academy in Newark, Delaware, competes as an independent entry in local competitions, and enjoys dance intensives. Her favorite genres of dance are lyrical and jazz but has also been trained in hip-hop, musical theater, ballet, and tap. Her inspiration comes from her

late Mother, who was a dancer and dance instructor before Danielle was born. When Danielle performs, she copes with her loss and feels the connection she has with her Mother as she watches over her. Danielle is determined, courageous, and dances from the heart. Follow her on Instagram to see her continue her dance journey!

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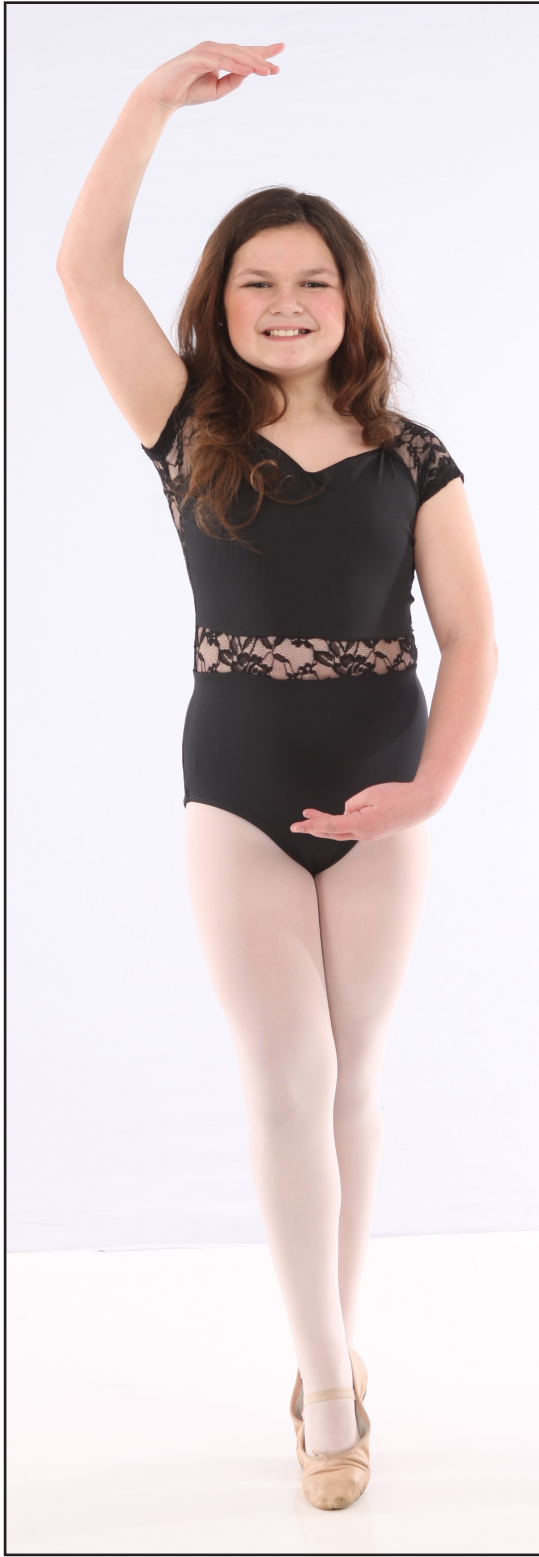


I have been dancing since the age of 4 and since that day, I immediately fell in love with the art form. Each day I set goals and reach for the highest expectations. There is such beauty in the art form and it inspires me more and more each day. I dance in styles like Lyrical, Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Latin pop, and some Hip Hop and Tap. I've achieved awards throughout my dance career to include technique and

special judges awards. I previously attended Bak Middle School of The Arts for dance and got accepted into Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of The Arts dance program where I'm currently a freshman. I've had many challenges throughout my dance career which at times have been very frustrating. Through these times I continued to work hard and push myself, keeping focused on my goals in dance. Among those

is going to schools like American Ballet Theatre, Juilliard, and even being on Broadway. Additionally, I would also love to be a dance wear model. Finally, I strive each day to get better and appreciate all that is taught to me by the different teachers and classes I attend.

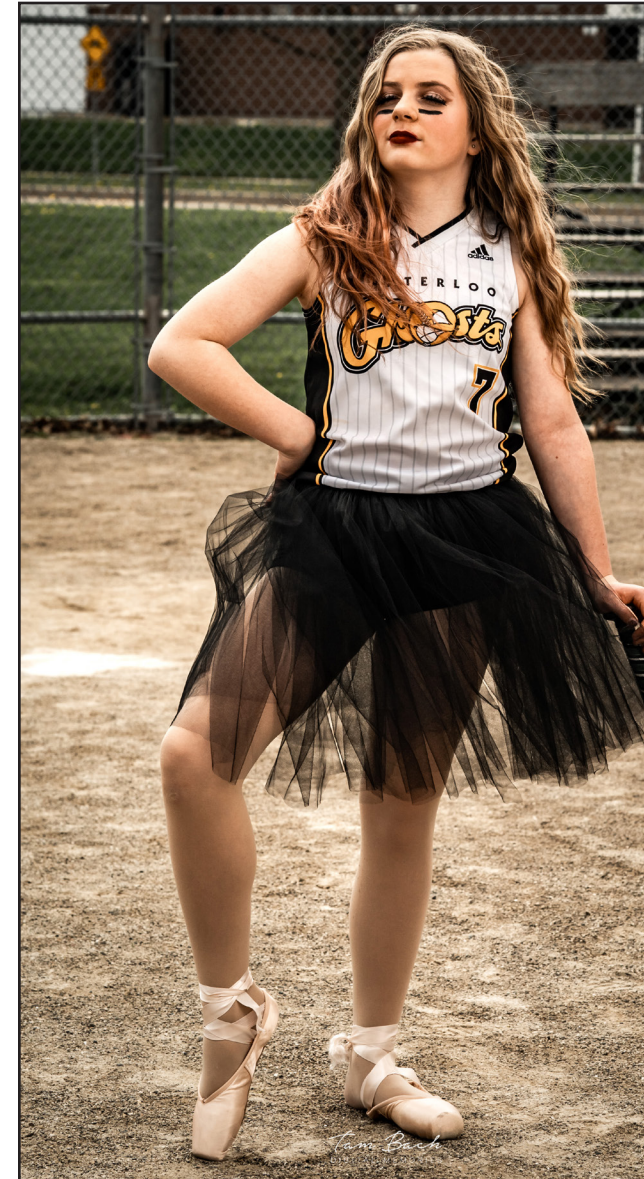
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Grace is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. She has been dancing with Starmakers Dance Studio for 6 years. She competes on her studios Jr Hip Hop and Jr Irish teams. She also takes ballet. She was named Mini Starz of the year in 2018. She also is on the principal's honor roll and sings in her school's Honor Choir. She also is the reigning Princess Miss Infinity of South Carolina. She looks forward to continuing to dance.

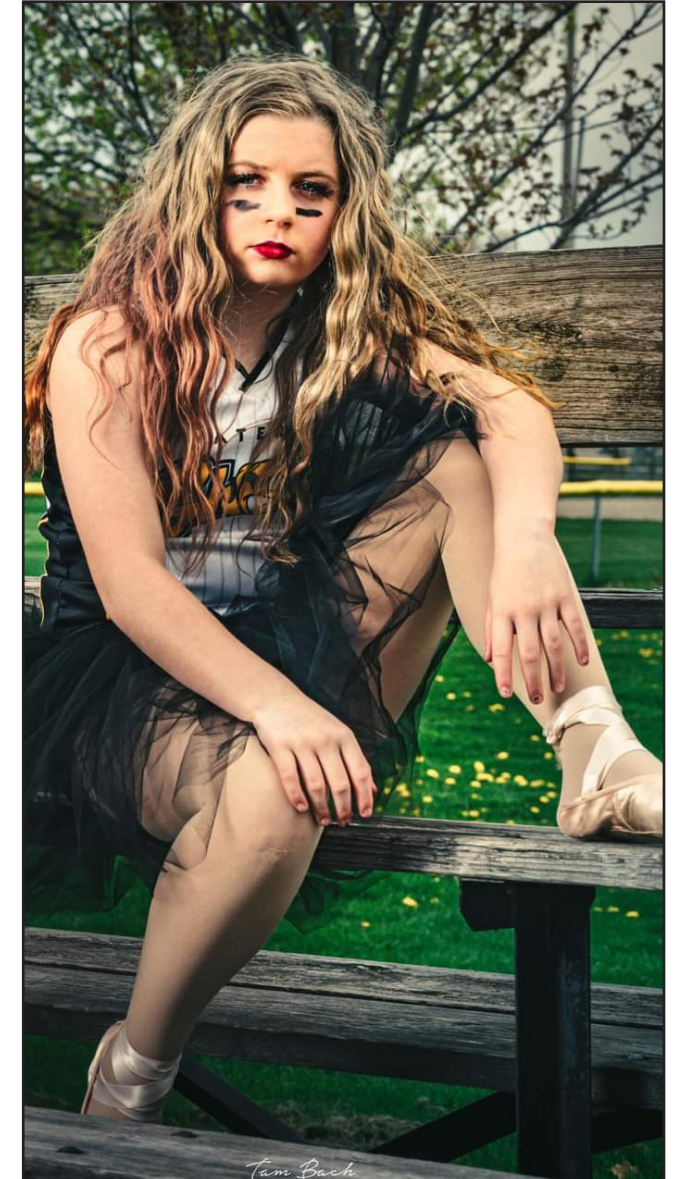
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My name is Holly Wardle and I am a competitive dancer at Bojangles dance arts, and competitive softball player for the Waterloo Ghosts. I have won a lot of awards for dance and overalls for groups, solos and duets. For softball I have won provincials in my third year of mite, with my team going undefeated all season. I want to break the stereotype about, if your a dancer you can't play softball and if your a softball player you can't do dance. My favourite inspiring quote is `` I'm strong I'm tough I still wear my eyeliner. ``

At my school we have this group and it's about girls/



women's rights and self confidence. I'm a big believer in that and that girls/women can do anything. I just want other girls/women to know that you can be tough and strong and still be feminine and elegant.

My favourite thing about dance and softball is that the team cares and show support for each other.

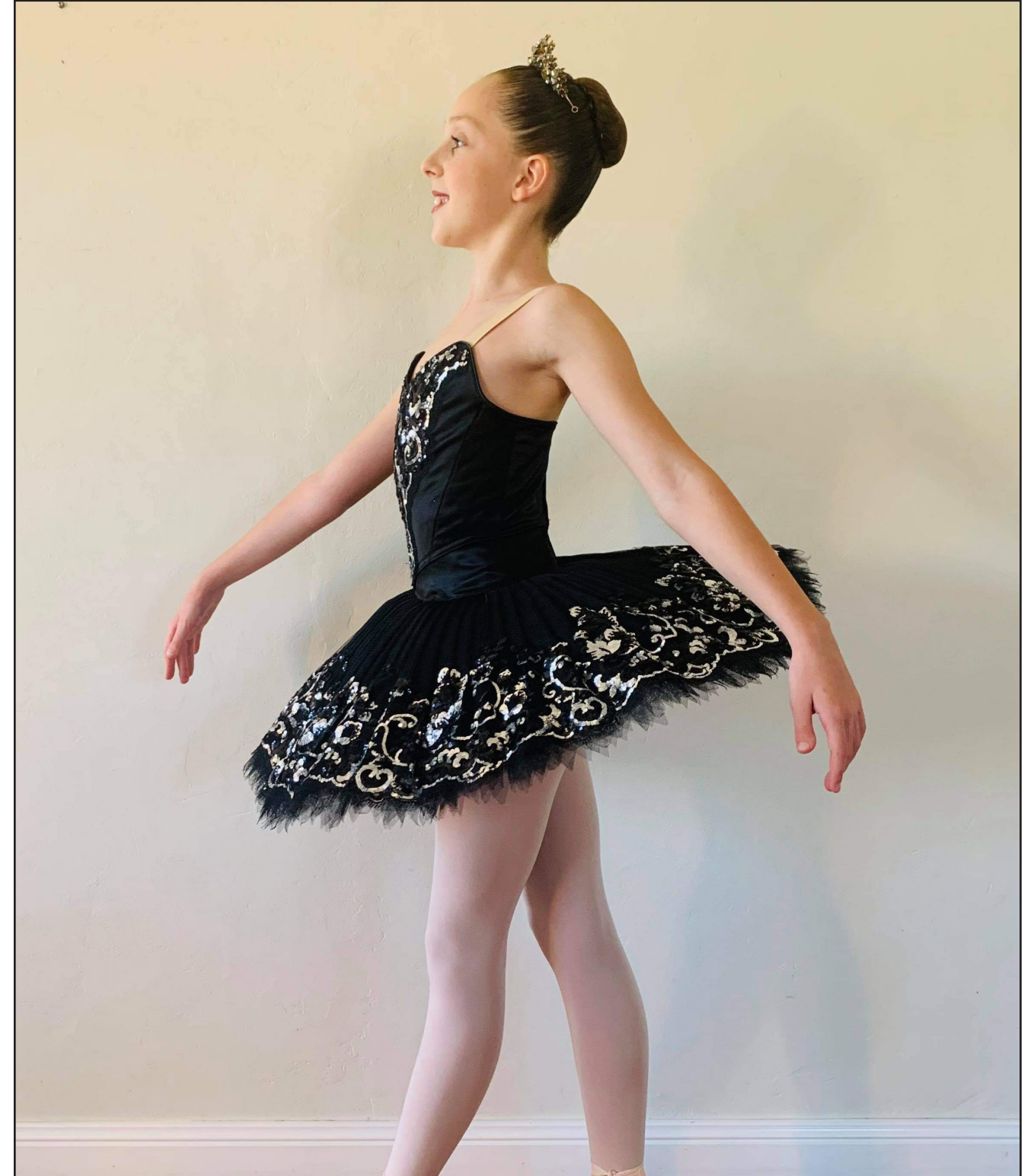
At dance, I learned about discipline, self confidence, hardworking, always doing your best and team work. Which I use in softball also.

I want to be the best version of myself!



My name is Isabella Day, age 12 from the National College of Dance & Junior Academy in Australia. I started dancing at the age of 3 and currently study ballet, jazz and contemporary styles of dance 6 days a week. Over the years I've competed in various solo and group eisteddfod competitions placing 1st and 2nd which I immensely enjoyed. In 2017 I won the Junior School Classical Ballet Scholarship at NCD and

in 2019 was accepted into the Australian Ballet School in Melbourne where I currently train to date in their ITP programme. I am very goal orientated and my dreams for the future one day involve dancing for one of the top 5 Prestigious Ballet Companies in the world such as the Australian Ballet Company and the Paris Opera Ballet Company.





Jackleen has been dancing since she was three years old and has always been eager and ready to learn more and grow in her own style. She grew up being immersed in an amazing Christ-centered studio located in Woodstock, Georgia. The studio is called Dance for HIS Glory and through all of Jackleen's dance journey she has danced for HIS glory. She has now taken on an instructor role at the studio, further spreading her love for dance to younger dancers. She has continued her dance education by minoring in dance at Kennesaw State University, as well as taking master classes with various choreographers in various metro Atlanta dance studios. Jackleen aspires to grow more in her dancing and use her gifts for something bigger. She is driven to inspire the younger generations of dancers through her performances, teaching, and photoshoots with an Atlanta photographer. She wants to spread the joy of dance wherever she goes!

Photos by Diana Alford @dianaalfordphotography



Jillian has been dancing for 9 years. Her styles of dance include; ballet, pointe, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, modern, acro, tap, hip hop and latin. She has been a part of her studio's competition team for the last 5 years. This competition season Jillian was awarded; Miss Teen Platinum, Junior Miss Dance Xplosion and Miss Power of Dance along with multiple judge's awards and teen improv winner. Jillian has performed in various local events as well as Salsa Congress and West Palm SBK Fest. She currently attends the local middle school of

the arts in the dance program and her goal is to continue her schooling/dance at the high school of the arts. Jillian is facing an upcoming spine surgery this summer due to a recent diagnosis of severe scoliosis. Although initially discouraged, she feels hopeful and positive for a speedy recovery due to her motivation, hard work and perseverance. Her goal is to continue working hard to improve and grow as a dancer.

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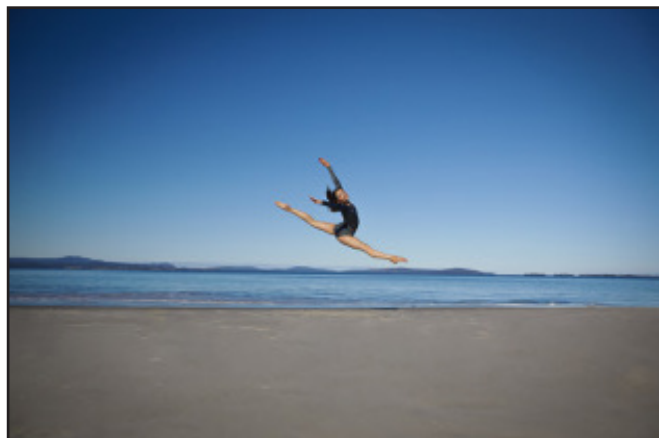
Kathryn was raised in a small town in BC Canada-West Kelowna. Her career as a performer star as a figure skater when she was 5 years old. Kathryn's old brother is a worldwide ballet dancer and watching him dancing, she was inspired to take ballet and all other genres of dance when she was 8 at her mom's Dance Studio.

Every time when her family travels in the summer, Kathryn always finds a dance studio for taking dance classes. Like Millennium Dance Complex (Los Angeles), Underground dance centre (Toronto), Broadway Dance Centre (New York), En Dance Studio (Tokyo, Japan). At 16, she was chosen for the Team Canada Contemporary/ Jazz team that was to compete in Germany.

She performed solos, always placing so well in the top two. As proud as she was of herself, it wasn't how she placed. It was that she got out on the stage and do what she loved and performed for all of the audience and made them happy.

Kathryn is hoping to be a professional dancer in the commercial dance industry.





Hi, I am Lilah Harding, I am 14 years old and dance at The House of Dance in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. I am also a member of the Tasmanian Youth Classical Ballet Company. I have been dancing for 11 years. I have just been named the 2021 Teen Face of Capezio-Australia and am so thrilled to be representing my favorite brand. I enjoy travelling Australia to MEL, SYD and QLD to compete and spend time with my dance friends.

I have won many State and National championships and awards, including a dance championship in Hawaii and a talent quest on an Italian cruise ship that was broadcast on Italian television.

I am also a super proud member of Marko Panzic's Dream Creative Oz Elite Team 2020 and 2021 and loved the opportunity to go to Sydney in January and perform alongside some uber talented students. I don't have a favourite style of dance but my top 3 are Jazz, lyrical and contemporary.

I am a versatile dancer and perform in jazz, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, tap, song and dance, hip hop, acro and musical theatre.

When I have completed my studies I am keen to look for some dance positions around the world.

I love meeting new friends at dance events. If you see me don't forget to come up and say hello.



Maddison Williams



This is Maddison Williams, a 17 year old girl from Houston Texas. Dancing is her passion. Maddison has conquered so many goals in her life and is always striving for more. She continuously gets Recognition within dance convention, competitions and event colleges. Over a few months ago she received a \$40,000 scholarship to AMDA in LA or NY. Maddison sets goals for herself all the time and is always open to learn more. Conveying her love for dance and fine arts and wanting to enhance her dance career in this dance industry is Maddison's all time goal.





Michael and Angelina are brother and sister! Born in talented dance Novikov family! Their parents Alex and Alla own a dance studio "Edelweiss Premier Ballroom" in San Dimas where Michael and Angelina spend the most of their time! Michael is 8 years old and Angelina is 6 years old! But at such a young age kids already show incredible results and amazing dancing! Both kids were born to dance! Since they were little they loved music and danced everywhere. Their biggest inspiration is Daniel Novikov their older brother who is current World Latin Champion and USA Latin and Ballroom Champion. Following his steps Michael and Angelina became

the youngest world finalists at the WDCAL world championship in Dublin, Ireland in 2019.

Michael and Angelina love to compete and practice every day with their main coach and mom Alla Novikova. At such a young age they achieved already a lot! They are winners of all competitions in USA in their age division under 10 years old, they are winners of "best of the best challenge"! One of the best and excited achievement for Michael and Angelina is to be on TV! Watch them on America's Got Talent season 16 starts in June! What an amazing experience! Their mom Alla says: "They are

such a joy to watch! I want them to dance their hearts out, live the best moments though dancing, enjoy every beat of music and have fun! Music gives them power and joy. My responsibility as a coach to train them well and make sure they have good technique, choreography and costumes! I want to support them in their dance journey and build memories together!" So much TALENT at such a young age! Now Michael and Angelina are getting ready for National US Championship in September! Let's wish them to bring a Gold Medal! USA National winners will go to Germany at WDCAL World championship to represent USA!





Noelani is a 13 year old 7th grader who started dancing at 2 years old in Orange County, CA. Currently she is a competitive dancer at the Art of Dance & Ballet Academy/Team ADBA in Placentia. Noelani competes in tap, hip hop, contemporary, & lyrical. She has also competed in Latin ballroom, ballet, & musical theatre. Noelani is honored & privileged to work with phenomenal choreographers such as Derek Nemecek,

Lauryn Ujkic, Katisha "Blaze" Adams, Connie Delgado, & Michael Perez. Noelani is super excited to be attending the Orange County School of the Arts in the Musical Theatre Conservatory in the fall! Noelani loves dancing, singing, acting her way to the bright lights of Broadway one shuffle at a time!
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Hi!! My name is Olivia, I'm currently a competitive dancer and I've been dancing for about 6 years of my life. The first time I went to a dance class I just absolutely fell in love with being able to make movements that made me feel a certain way. Dancing is like a way for me to express my feelings since I'm the type of person not to tell other people my feelings. To me dancing is just this beautiful art form that involves lots of emotion and movement. I feel like I just achieved being able to be less introverted than I was in the past. Before I started dancing, I found it hard for myself to make friends. I was pretty awkward and shy. But, dancing honestly changed

my personality and made me feel more free. A goal I had about maybe four years ago was to be able to win first place at a competition for my solo. I've achieved that goal many times and I'm super proud that I was able to. I was actually an ambassador for a photographer once and it was a fun experience. But as a competitive dancer I'm required to take tap classes, ballet classes, contemporary classes, jazz classes, improv classes, pbt classes, turns and leap classes, Hiphop classes, conditioning classes and flexibility classes. I dance at least 5 hours a day for 5 days a week but I'm happy to be with my dance family most of the time.





Hello! My name is Palpasa Manandhar and I am a Dancer, Choreographer, and Dance Teacher. I am from Nepal and have been living in WA state for 4 years. With over 15 years of my dance journey, nothing else has motivated and influenced me as dance did. From every stage performance to virtual programs, every step allowed me to experience a broad spectrum of emotions. The genres that I do are Nepali, Bollywood, Hip Hop, and

Lyrical. Dance became a part of me and I developed a passion for dance. Even in this global pandemic, I allowed myself to feel this challenge hoping to learn something more each and every day. I am what I am today because of dance and will continue this journey forever till the end.

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I have been dancing for nearly 11 years and started dancing at 3 yrs old. My goal is for the world to watch me dance and expressing my love for dancing. I love dancing, trying new tricks and dancing each day; I dance at the studio and practice all the time at home BUT my favourite time when dancing is up on stage showing my routines. I am a contortionist and love to bend and stretch going further with each trick. My favourite memory so far is winning first place 3 times in one day, the best day ever! I try to challenge myself



each day to improve my technique so i can be the best that i can. When I get older I would like to be a dance teacher, my dance teachers are my inspiration and help me so much. I currently teach the smaller children in my studio and this is my second year of teaching, each year we gain a certificate for the courses we are completing. I wake up everyday doing what I love most.

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Saige & Ava Scott



Hi, we are Ava and Saige Scott. Ava is 13 and I'm 11. We are 21 months apart in age and have been dancing together since the age of 3! We Love that dance is such an expression of emotion which is so healthy for girls and boys to express while dancing. During quarantine we kept up our training with a ton of privates and virtual classes. Last year and this year has been a huge year for us with growth physically and personally in our dance. Saige recently got a die hard award at a convention in Vegas from Mark Meisner, which was an honor. Last year before quarantine we were both loving conventions and being inspired by all the teachers. We were both getting scholarships and then boom quarantine hit, so we were determined to keep up with training. We both moved to train at Bobbies School Of

Performing Arts in 2018, it is basically our second home with all of our favorite teachers and friends... Our goals this year is to end strong, get audition scholarships from the conventions we have coming up, and having the best time at nationals in Vegas where we get to perform our solos, trios and group dances. Our huge goal is to make it on pre pro for the fall which is the elite dance team at our studio. Ava and I both feel lucky to have so much support from our family and studio who believe in us! If we are not dancing, which is not often, you will find Ava making jewelry for her business (hippiejewelry) on Etsy and or hanging out with friends and ofcourse our animals

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My dance journey started at age 2 1/2 when I took my first ever ballet class and I've never looked back! I was 6 years old when I made the competitive team and instantly fell in love with the stage! I was also a competitive gymnast at the time, and was able to manage both for a few years, but when it came time to choose- dance had my heart, I couldn't imagine my life without it!

I've been very blessed to have received many scholarships throughout my dance journey, some which have allowed me very cool experiences!

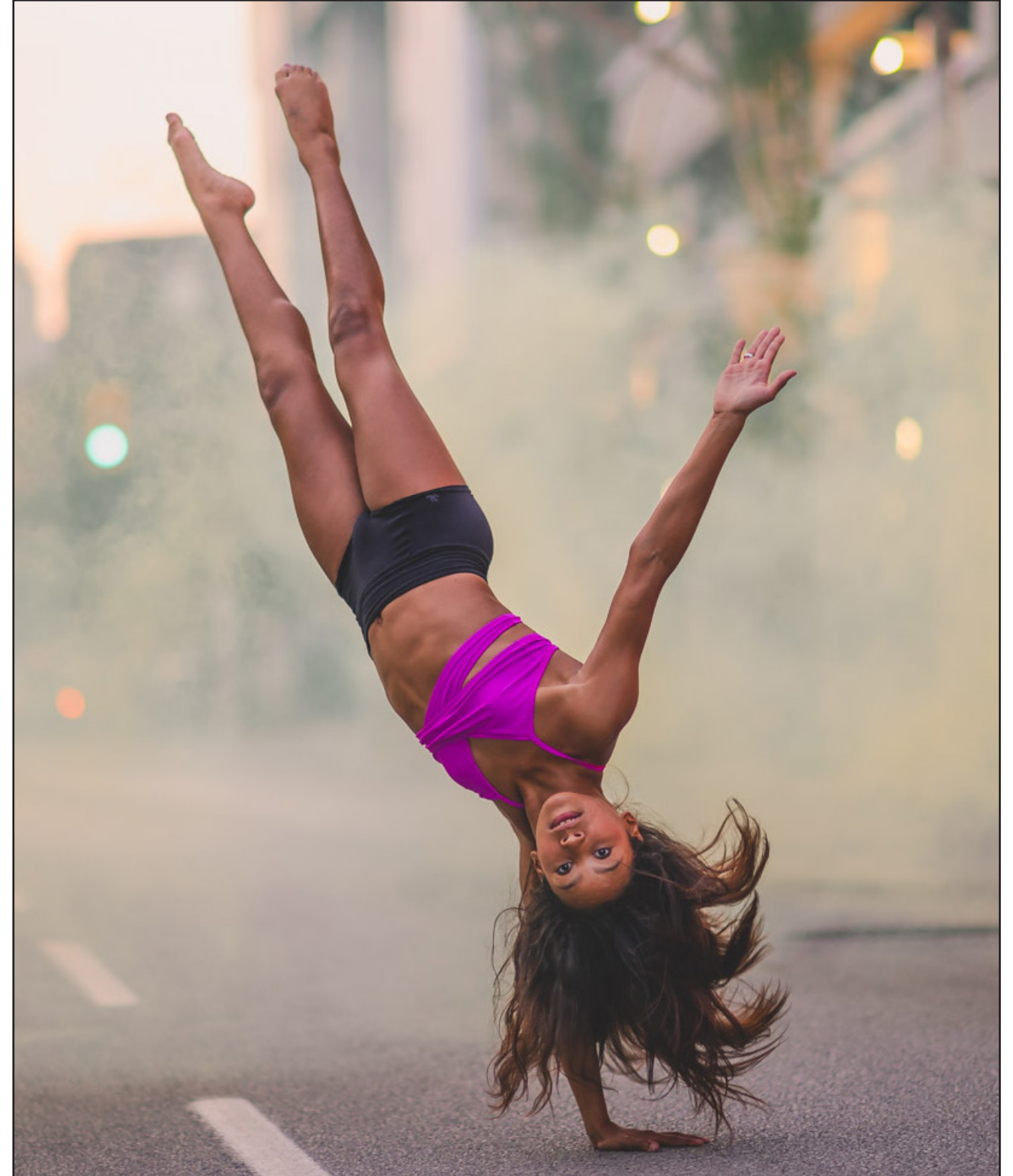
I was in a music video in Las Vegas, I got to dance on stage with a Musical artist while they performed, I've won MVP at Tremaine, I have taken class from Paula Abdul, I've been a brand ambassador for a dancewear company, I've trained with some of the best in the



industry at conventions and have been lucky enough to receive solos from them. I've also been so lucky to have met really great friends from all over Canada and the US that I wouldn't otherwise have met without dance! I'm hoping that my dance journey will continue to give me opportunities and experiences that will lead me to my ultimate goal, a career in the industry.

This past year has been a struggle not being able to cross the border and train at conventions, but I've been very lucky to have taken online classes, both privately and in groups, with my favourite convention teachers! I'm really looking forward to getting back in the convention room and back on the stage next season!

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The oldest child from 3 other siblings. Loves to dance, cook, play other sports and be with family and friends. She has been a dancer since 5/6 years old became a competitive dancer at age 6/7. Lives in the city of Wasaga Beach On Canada. Goals is to become more flexibility, dance teacher and to travel the world and become a world wide dancer for all kind of industry. Her achievements are getting to dance on stage, as a team and solo from all her hard work from her teachers and practicing.

Her challenges are when she misses out on her dances due to ankle injury and loosing her strength and flexibility.

Photos Credits: Jay from JDI The last two myself.

Valentina

My name is Valentina and I'm 12 years old, I was born in Barcelona Spain and from being very young I travelled to various countries with my parents touring in a variety of Circus and theatre shows. I spent a lot of time backstage with the cast and got to see a lot of performances. My mum is from England and my dad from Argentina so I am bilingual and speak both English and Spanish. At the age of 6 years old I moved back to the United Kingdom with my mum and I now live in Sheffield, being brought up in a performing lifestyle I have always loved to dance so I joined (EWDA) Erika Wilkinson Dance Academy and my dance journey began from here, it all started out as a hobby but Erika realised I had a natural talent and asked me to join the competition squad which I absolutely love .

I love to dance it's my passion and I am very dedicated and work really hard , I have been competing for the past 3 years in a variety of styles of dance but my absolute favourite is lyrical , the slow music is beautiful and I dance

with a feeling from my heart. I love everything about dance life from the costumes to all the bling and the great times I have with my dance family , we have some fantastic experiences and make amazing memories, plus I have the best teacher I could ask for. In September 2019 I won the Fantasy Island dance championships and became a premier - champ in slow dance which was a great achievement at 11 years of age , then in March 2020 together with my slow pairs partner Amelia Davison we won the East coast dance championships , it was such a great moment we were buzzing , unfortunately this was my last live competition as lockdown began. As a dancer I have missed so much through this lockdown but I'm so excited to get back on the floor and do what I love best. I'm an ambassador for Chic by Shane Poole , modelling and promoting his clothing range, he is also a competition photographer, I've been to his studio on various occasions and he's done the most fantastic photos all of which have been used for this magazine article.



My hobbies outside dance are learning aerial hoop again with my slow pairs partner Amelia, I'm really into fashion and makeup and am always practising new looks, I enjoy getting dressed up and hanging out with my friends. I have a love for animals and own a Black Labrador called Luna and a rescue cockatiel bird called Chukaruki, I have been vegetarian for the past 6 years and I'm interested in everything regarding saving the planet.

My dreams in life would definitely be to win the European and the World dance championships in slow dance and go on to performing as well as having a modelling career and even to become a travel presenter, I'm excited to see what the future holds .

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