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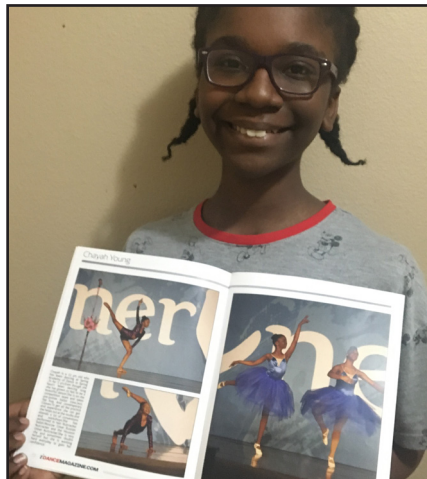
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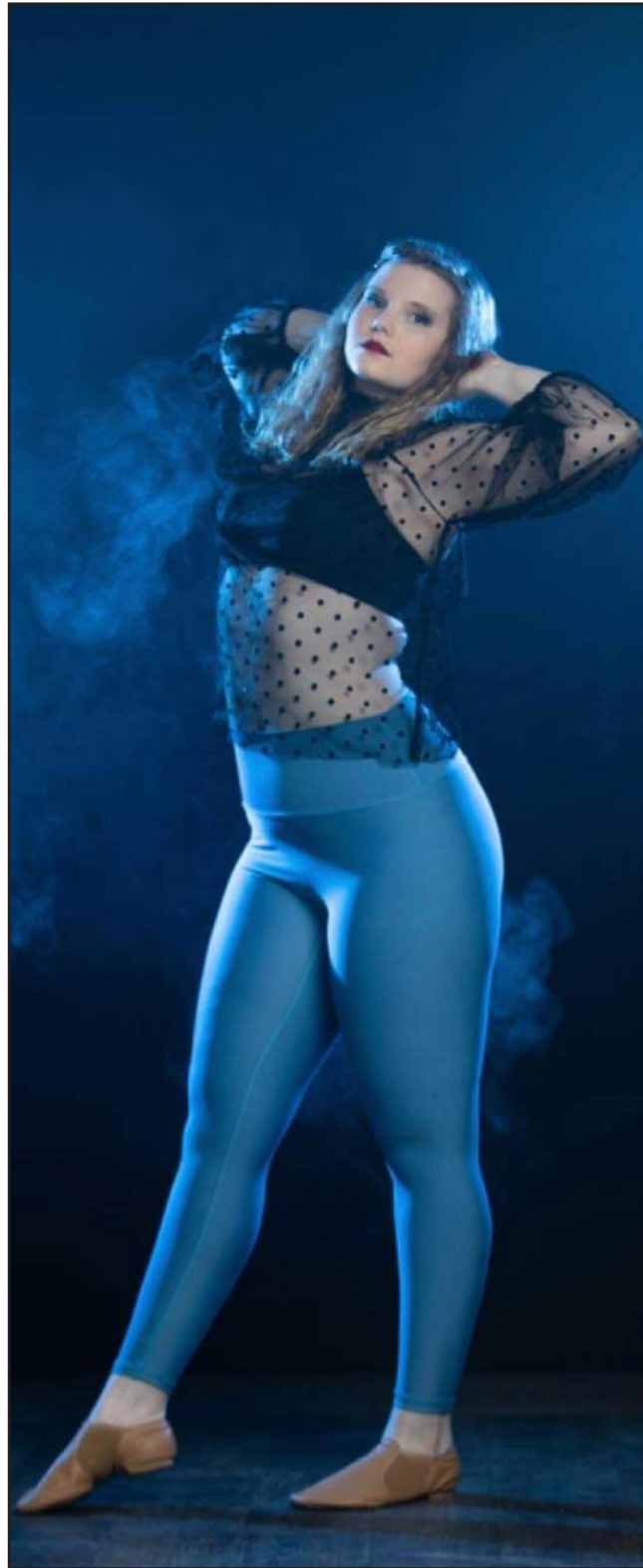
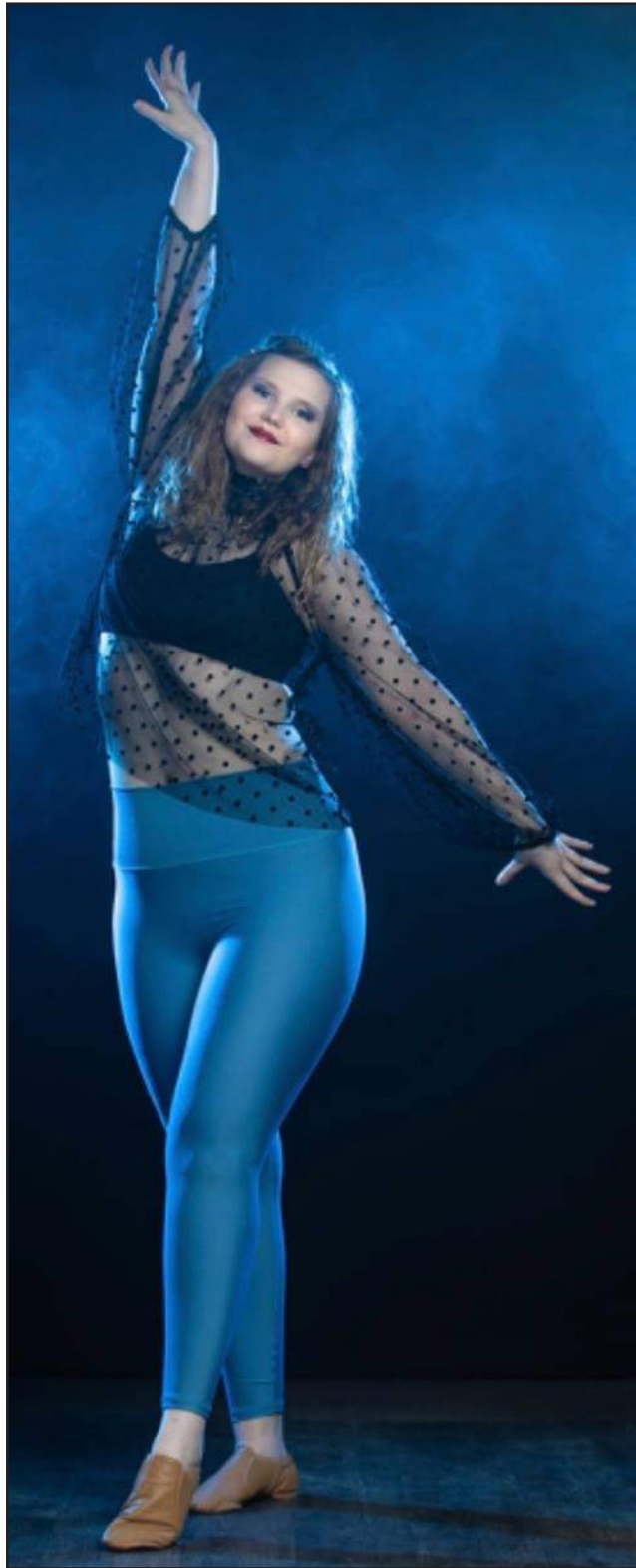
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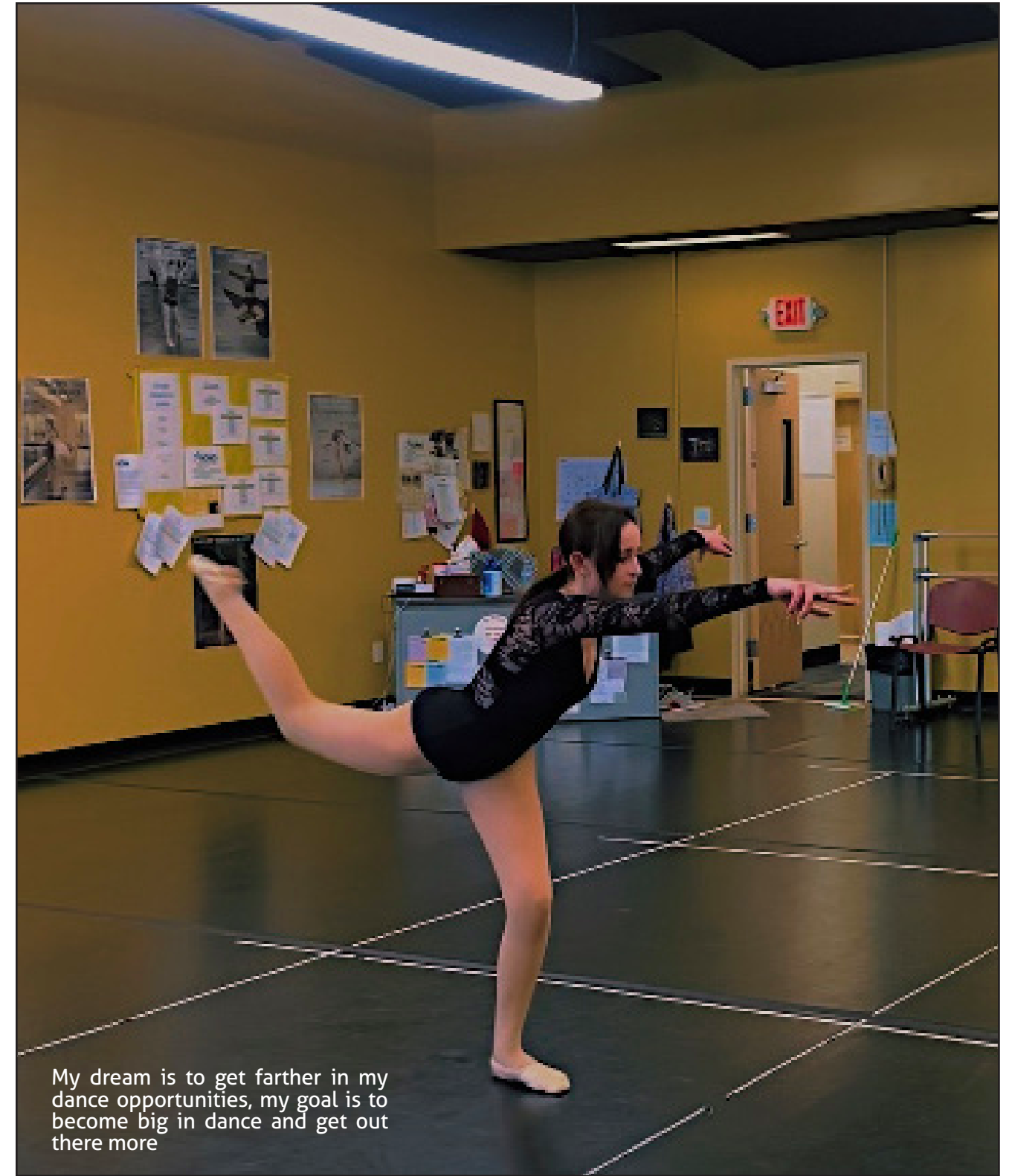
My dream as a dancer is to express myself. I do not dance for the trophies and medals. I dance to bring myself joy. Dance is such an open art form and it allows you to speak without opening your mouth.

My goals moving forward is to continue dancing for myself and others. I would also like to continue teaching new dancers and watching them progress. I have achieved a bit as a dancer. I am more outgoing and goofy. I am also more confident in myself and enjoy trying new moves.

Dancing was not always easy. I began when I was younger, and had to quit due to a literal life-changer. I began again my second semester as

a freshman. I danced with younger girls, and I was fine with it. Currently, I dance with middle-schoolers and toddlers that share the same skills as myself. I coach younger groups and come in to practice three to five days a week. Recently, I had been cyber-bullied by a group of high school girls for dancing with younger kids and being around them a bit more. At first, it did not bother me. The comments continued to stack and I ended up feeling really sad and embarrassed for something I could not control. I overcame it, however, and will continue doing what I love until I cannot any longer.

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My dream is to get farther in my dance opportunities, my goal is to become big in dance and get out there more

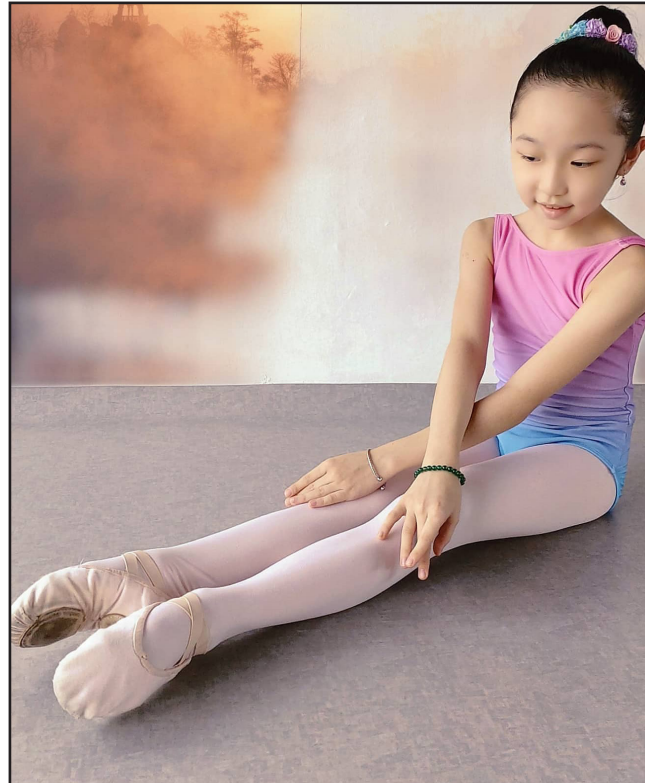
Alicia Teutle

Alicia is 15 years old and has been dancing since she was 9. She has danced in two studios in her dance career. In her first studio, she was trained in ballroom, ballet, acro and contemporary. And in her current studio, she takes acro, tumbling, hip hop, tap, contemporary, jazz, ballet, and pre-pointe. Alicia has previously competed in Indiana Challenge and Starlight. In the first competition, they placed 1st in junior formations and second in bronze open with cha-cha, rumba, and swing. She enjoys getting to express herself through movement and performing for others. Dance has been an excellent way for her to gain more confidence along with improving her talents. Alicia was selected to be a part of her studios' competition team for EDS On-Pointe, Evolution (hip hop), and Fusion (tap).

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Alicia Crystella

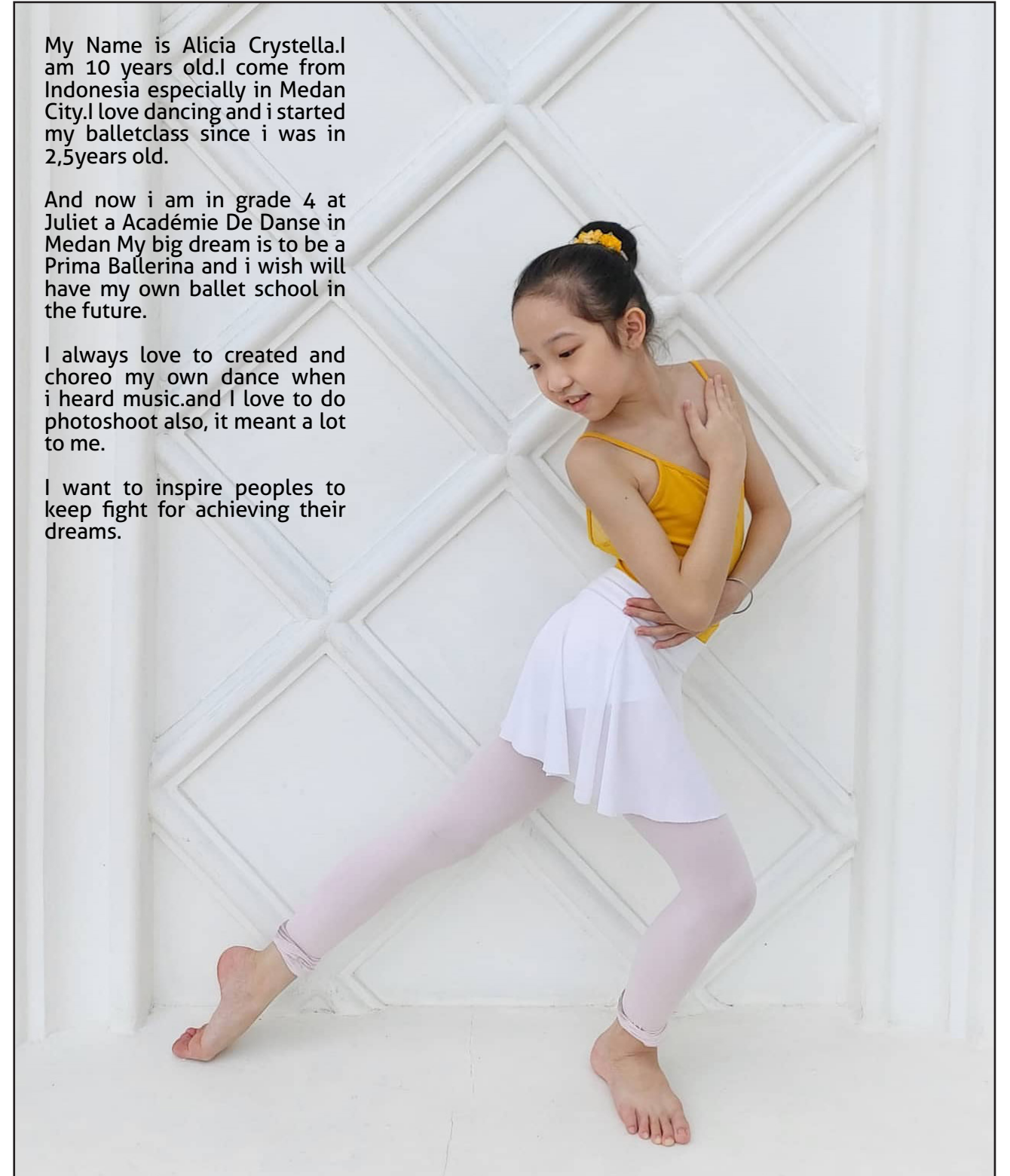


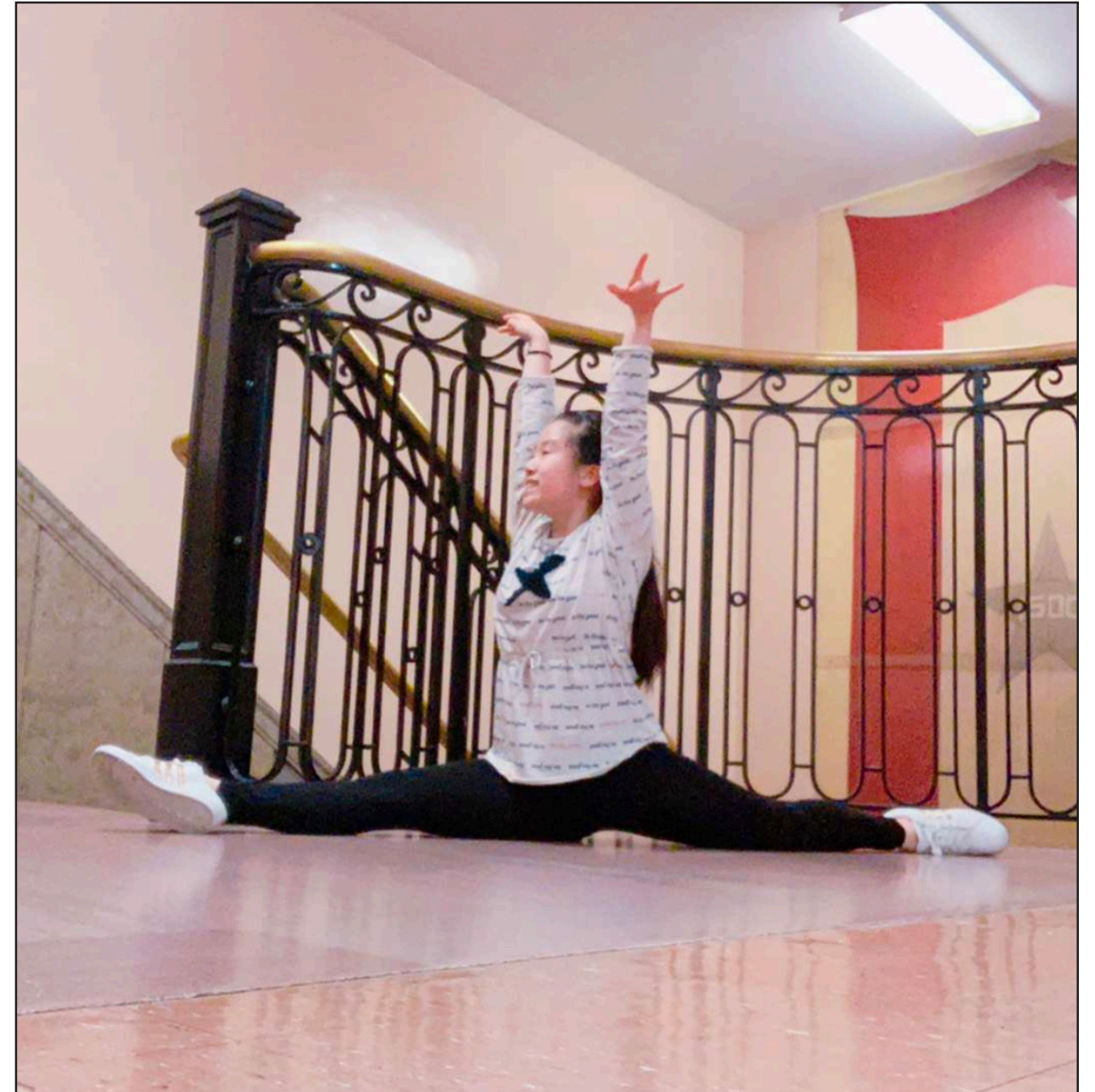
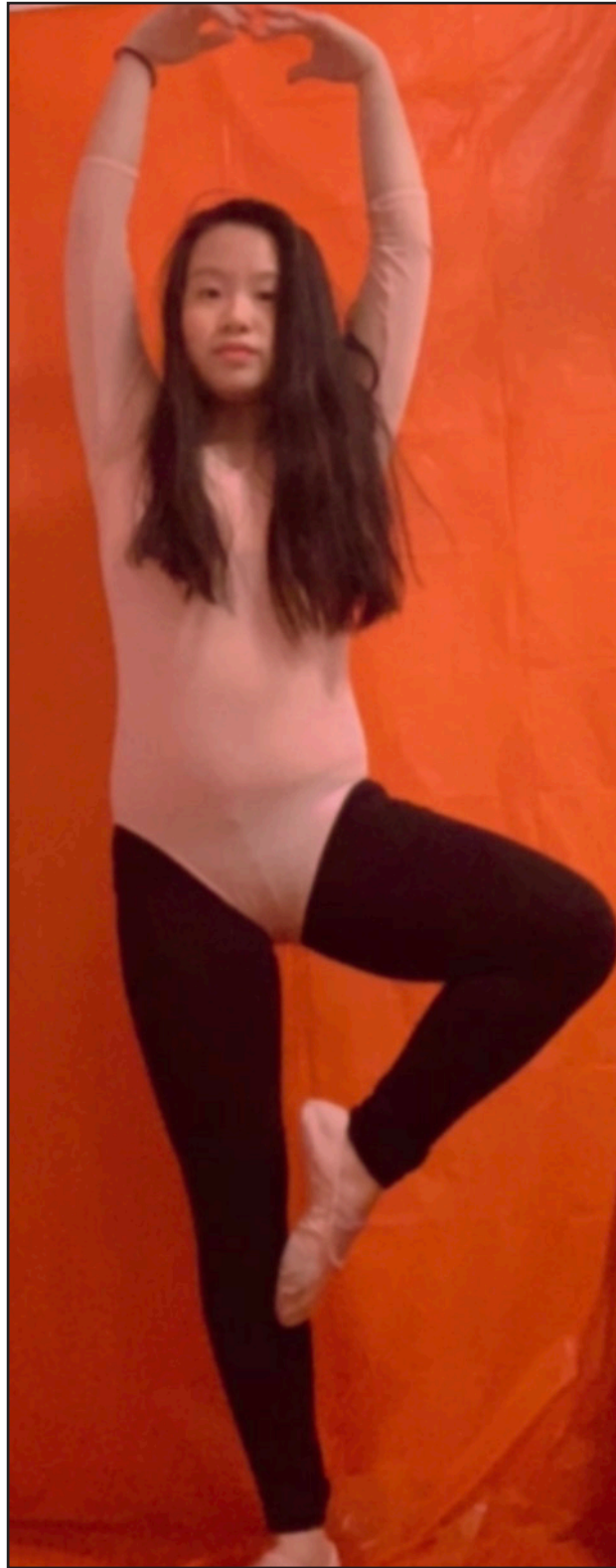
My Name is Alicia Crystella. I am 10 years old. I come from Indonesia especially in Medan City. I love dancing and I started my ballet class since I was in 2,5 years old.

And now I am in grade 4 at Juliet a Académie De Danse in Medan. My big dream is to be a Prima Ballerina and I wish I will have my own ballet school in the future.

I always love to create and choreograph my own dance when I hear music. And I love to do photoshoots also, it means a lot to me.

I want to inspire people to keep fighting for achieving their dreams.



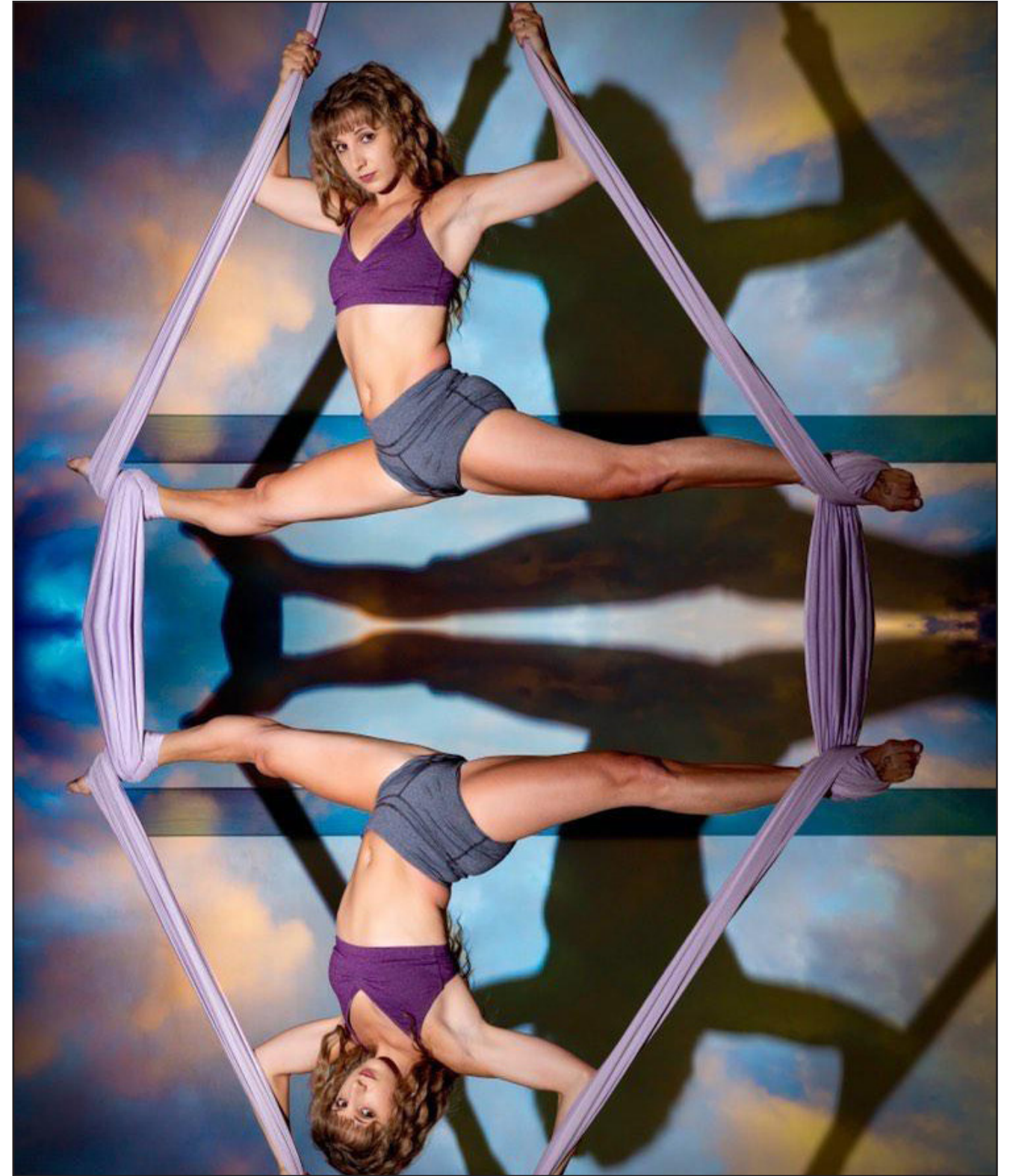


Hi! My name Alishia! My dream is to become a pro dancer, and a pro model. I want to inspire the world to be kind to each other and believe that you can do anything if you put your mind into it. Never let your condition stop you from doing the thing you love! I was born premature with kidney problem and several organs problem and doctor

said to avoid dance and contact sport, here I am today stronger than I ever been! I master so many dance trick and flexibility I have to BE CAREFUL and I have to go to pediatric for many blood tests and to see if I'm healthy so I can keep doing what I love! I'm very grateful for my dance teachers and I hope to inspire you guys too!







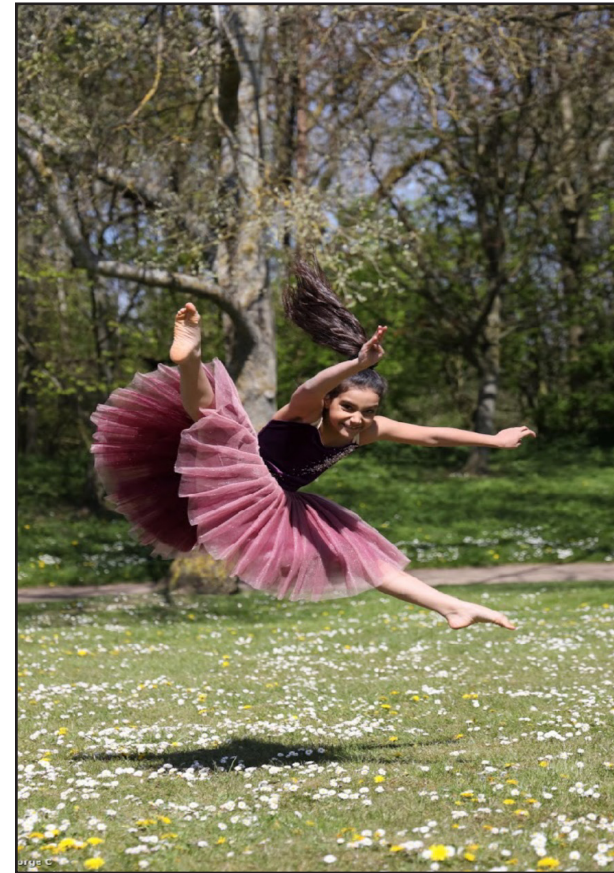
Amelia Uma Thompson



Amelia is an eight year old dancer from Oxfordshire, England (Instagram handle: amelia_slay_official). She is a member of the Slay Official competition squad (Instagram: _slay_official_) and trains at the Julie Bruce Dance/ Drama Academy in Banbury (Instagram: thejuliebrucedanceacademy). This year the squad have been selected to join Team England for the 2021 Dance World Cup Finals.

Amelia's favourite styles of dance are ballet and freestyle, however, she also studies a range of other styles which include tap, musical theatre, streetdance, cheerleading, lyrical and acrobatics, and loves choreographing her own routines.

In November 2021 she will be performing in The Nutcracker with the English Youth Ballet. Amelia is both driven and passionate about dancing and is at her happiest when she is performing in front of an audience, be it under the pressure of a show or the thrill and excitement of a competition. And of course, there is winning. In



2019 she won two National Champion awards for troupe routines in the Follow Your Dreams finals, showcasing the winning routines at the South East Entertainment Awards, while in 2020 she won two golds and a silver in the regional finals.

She is known as "the little firecracker" in her academy because she never stops trying and is always aiming for perfection. There is always time for one more run through and, if you ask her, she will tell you why she dances, it's because "dancing is everything!". Recently she has started modelling as an ambassador for G Curtis Photography (Instagram: g_curtis_1). Her immediate goal is to win gold at the Dance World Cup, though ultimately, one of her dreams is to make it professionally as a leading member of a West End show.

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Angel Beck



Dancing was my first love. I grew up performing on the stage with my supportive parents cheering in the crowd. I joined every school, church and our community activities as long as its dance related. I even took a bachelors degree in Physical Education, Health and Music because its close to dancing. Then I joined the university cheerleading PEP squad and through that, I practiced new skills in performing and won different competitions. Then I became an in-house TV dancer For ABS- CBN TV network in Philippines. It was the highlight of my life . Traveling, meeting celebrities and wearing cute costumes, mall shows and will never forget every bits of it. Dancing professionally was fun but alot of challenges as well. Maintaining not just your skills but most of all, your looks, body and weight. You're competing with your colleagues to look good all the time. Sometimes it's unhealthy already because it always makes you think that you dont look good enough and you have to please everyone around you. As you get older, you know your time runs out. And dancing will never be forever. You will be replaced! Time to look for something else and probably practice my degree. Till opportunity knocked! I was offered to become a dance fitness instructor abroad. It was such a good opportunity to grow, as well a greener pasture to pass. Then i found my new passion. FITNESS. Here I am now, Im still practicing my first love and my new found love, as well my degree. Dance , fitness and a teacher all together! Now, my passion is to help people in achieving their fitness goals in life. Not just physically but as well as mentally and emotionally. Reminding them everyday to love themselves that they dont need others approval for them to feel good and happy! That no matter how they look and weight, they are enough and beautiful! So take care of your body, and your body will thank you later.

Life is like a DANCE. Just go with the flow and enjoy every rhythm of it. Perform as it is the last as you can never take every performance back!

Coach Angel Beck





This is Anneli, she is 14 years old and in the 9th grade. Anneli was born and raised in the small mining town of Globe, Arizona. At the age of 10, she asked her Mom to sign her up at our local dance studio, Power Elite Dance Academy. Her first day she got to watch several classes, she instantly fell in love with dance.

Anneli's first year was recreational. Anneli did Ballet, Tap, Tumbling, and Cheer. Anneli's second year, she tried out for company. Anneli made it!!! We were so excited for her!!!.

Anneli worked hard, and it paid off. Anneli has now done one year of recreational and going on her 4th year of company. Anneli dances Lyrical, Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Ballroom, Hip Hop, Cheer, Pom and just within the last year graduated to Point.

Anneli's third year in company she started her first solo. She got to perform her solo called Rainbow for the first time while she was a contestant in the Gila County Cinderella Pageant. Anneli was crowned Ms. Teen Gila County Beauty. Anneli had a choice of taking the Cinderella Pageant to State, but decided she rather dance at her upcoming Tremaine Competition in Las Vegas.

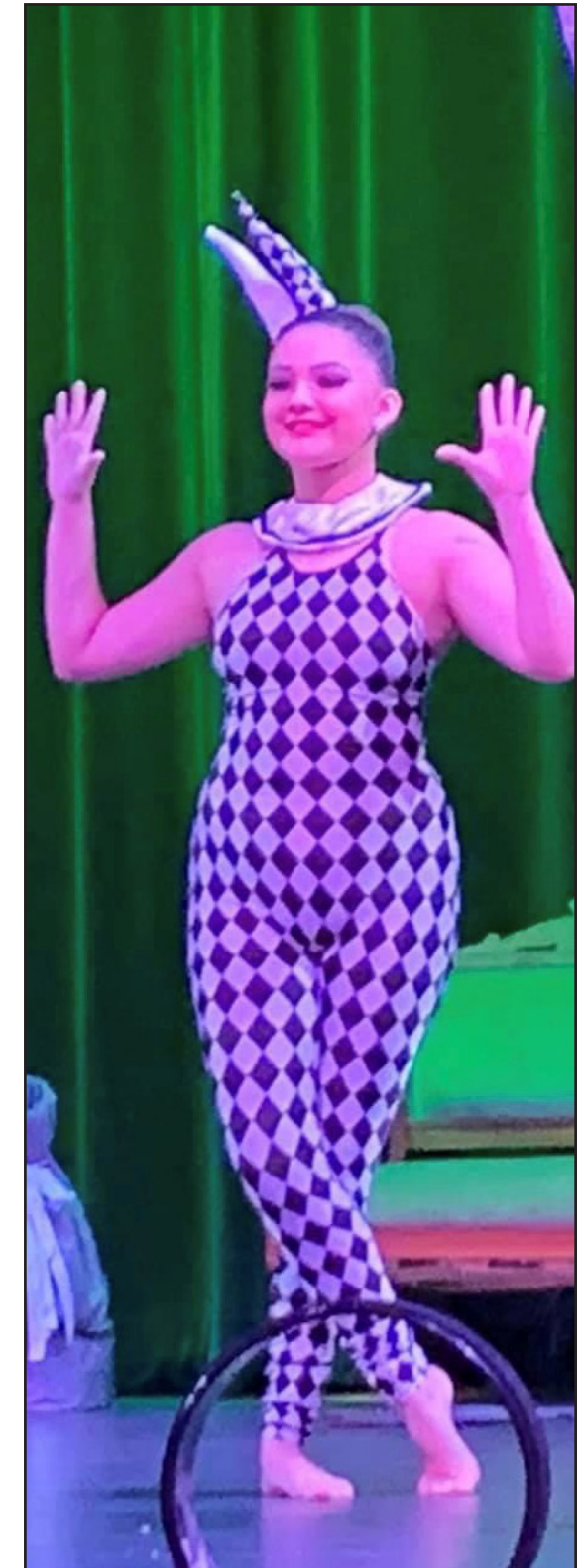
At a young age, Anneli had a traumatic experience. It left her quiet and withdrawn. Her Solo Rainbow, reflects on that time in her life. She made it out of the dark, and into the light. All Anneli wants to do is dance. She expresses herself, and her feelings through dance, and music. When she hits the dance floor, you can see the fierceness in her eyes, and the fire in her soul. Anneli was made for this. Anneli overcame so much because of dance.

Because of dance, never-ending friendships were made. Friends became family. The dance floor became home. And a spirit was lifted. Anneli never looked back again. Dance has made her so much stronger than she ever thought she could be.

Anneli's lifetime goal is to dance, and attend a Performing Arts University. After college she intends on teaching dance, and Choreographing her own dancers.

You are never too young or old to dance, or dream. Anneli is living proof that dance can heal any soul.

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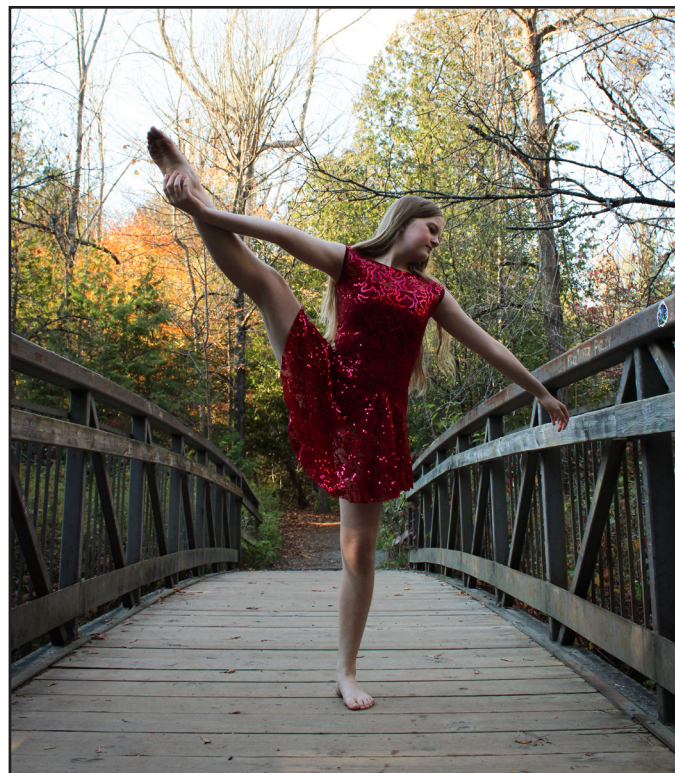
Ansley Sheppard



My daughter Ansley Sheppard will soon be finishing her first year as a member of the Augusta West Dance Company. She started dancing at the age of 3 but then decided to try cheer at age 6. Last year she came to me and said she wanted to dance after seeing some of her friends perform. She asked if she could audition for the Augusta West Company. I was a little hesitant because she hadn't been in dance for almost 3 years and thought she probably would not make it because she'd be behind. I decided to go ahead and let her

audition because it would teach her if you don't succeed the first time, you have to put in the hard work to get what you want. Hard work was already in her DNA because she set her mind to making the team, worked hard and made it! Since then it's been nothing but pure dedication from her working to be the best dancer she can be. She absolutely loves it and has made so many amazing friends! We are looking forward to many more seasons of dance and I couldn't be more proud!

Aradia Carnovale



I've been dancing for 12 years, I'm very passionate about it and it's a big part of my life. I can't wait until covid19 is over so I can get back on stage, this pandemic has been a challenge all on its own. It's hard because we rarely practice competition numbers on line, only our classes. Without our teammates in the same room, spacing is difficult so we have to practice them on our own time. There's less space to practice in and we have to

work with what we have. My achievements are the friendships I've gained, entering into a dance off and getting my point shoes. I plan on working hard over the summer, improve my flexibility and to work on getting my body to do positions I haven't been able to do yet. I want be stronger for my team.

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Ava Henderson



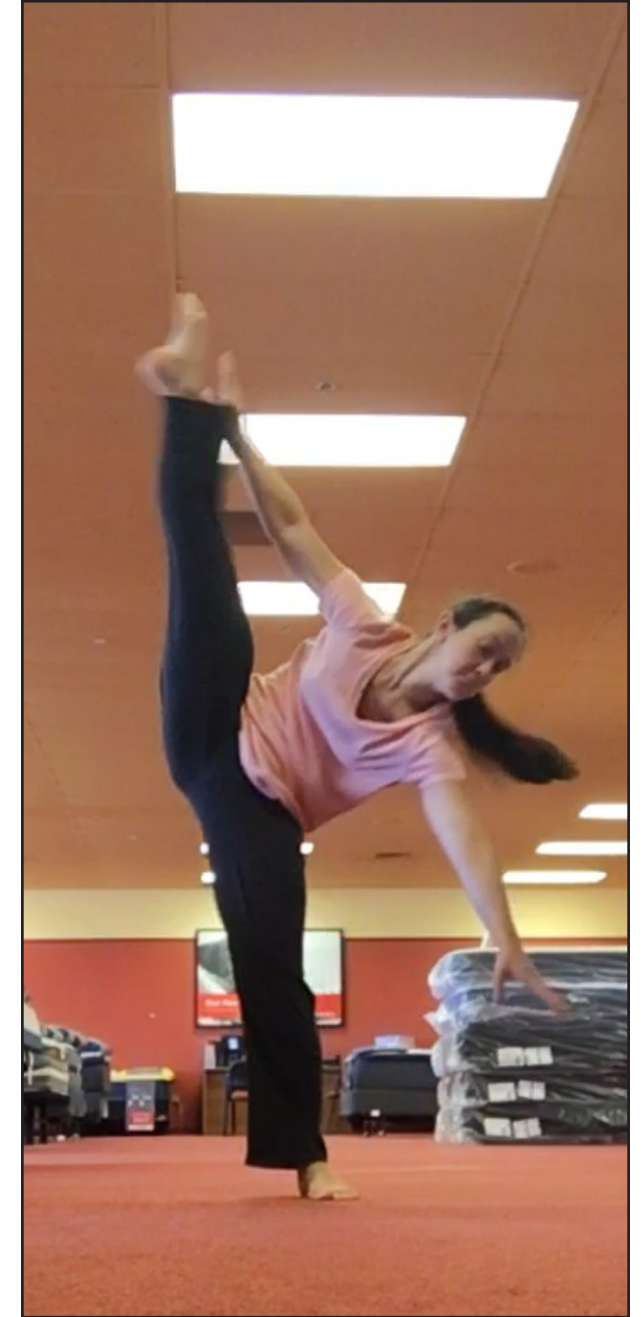
Ava and Elliott are sisters and competitive dancers from Castle Rock, Co. Ava is 10 and will be in 5th grade next year. Her favorite style of dance is lyrical and contemporary. Elliott is 7 and will be in 2nd grade next year. Her favorite style of dance is lyrical, contemporary and musical theatre. Both girls train at their Studio, Boutique Dance

Academy, 5 nights a week. They are passionate about their craft and feel as though dance=life. Most importantly they are both kind, humble and driven.

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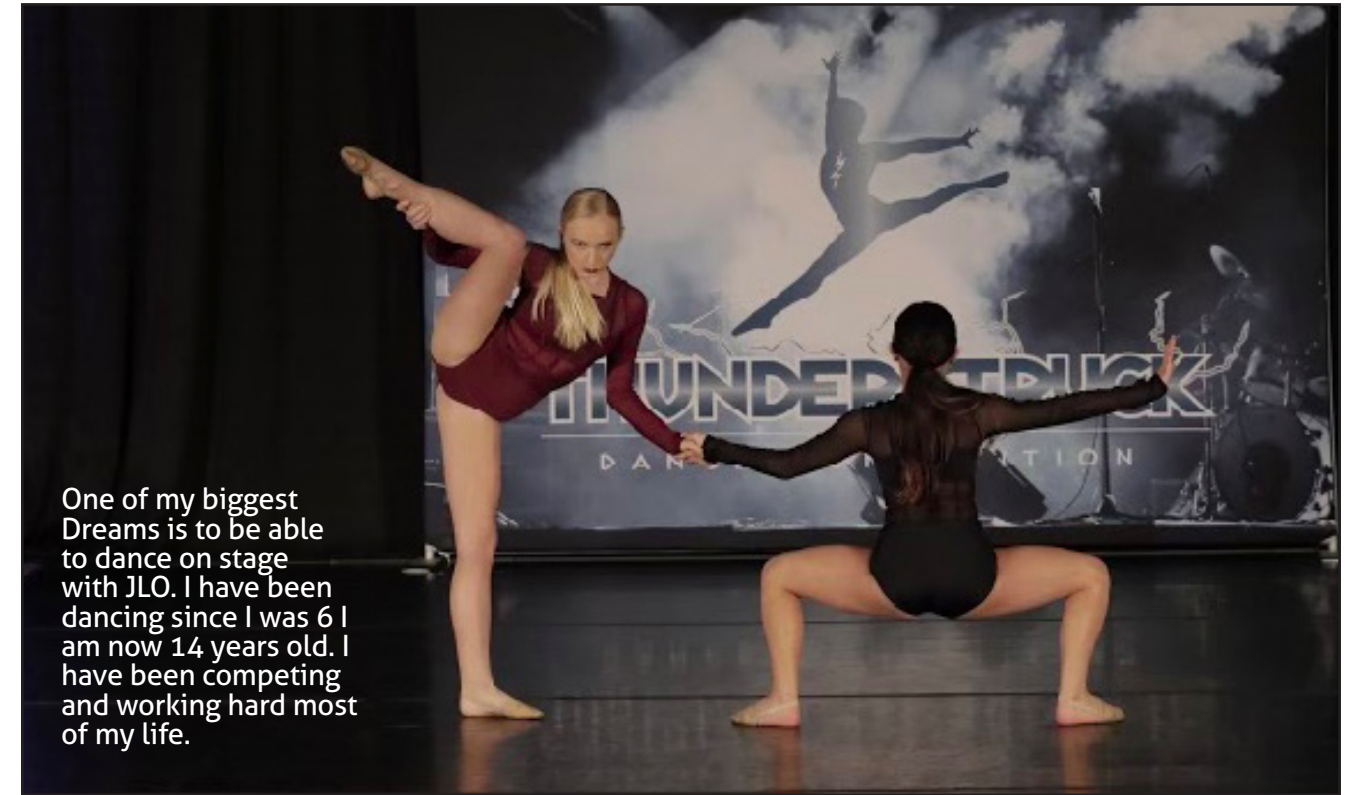


My dream is to see myself in every magazine every time it comes out. I love looking at myself in the magazine and see how amazed I feel when my pictures are in it.

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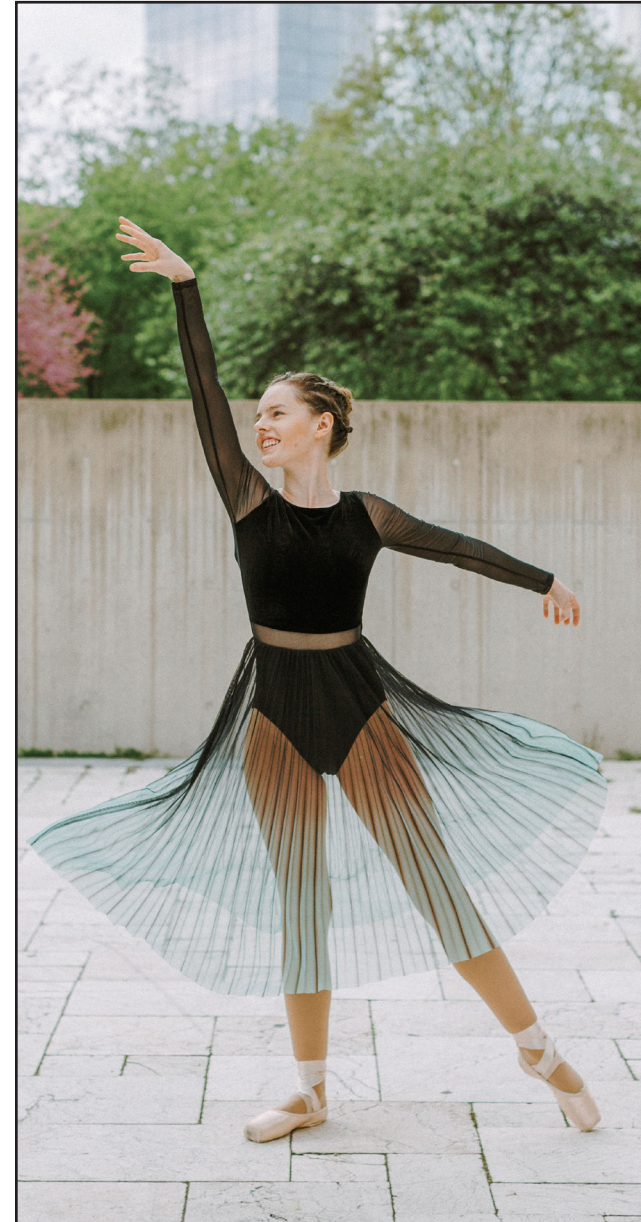


I would love to become a model. It's been a dream of mine for a very long time. I was a competitive gymnast but then broke my arm and switched to ballet. I have overcome many obstacles but I persevere everyday.
Photographers Credits: Cadence Dukes



One of my biggest Dreams is to be able to dance on stage with JLO. I have been dancing since I was 6 I am now 14 years old. I have been competing and working hard most of my life.



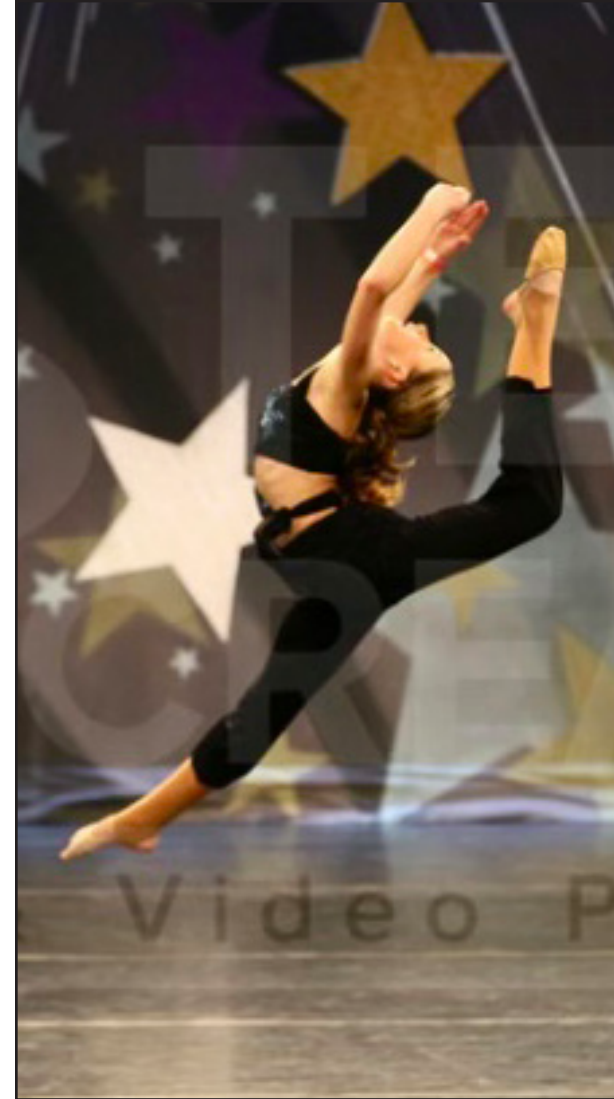


My name is Carrie Raaymakers, I am currently 23 years old. I have been dancing for about 15 years. I started assisting classes about 10 years ago as well as instructing a class of my own for the past 3 years. Dance has always been a major thing in my life and has help push me through so many things. I have had many injuries that felt me feeling defeated including 4 surgeries on my left ankle in a 4 year time frame as well as many complications that came with them. But dance push me to not give up I knew I had to get through and get back

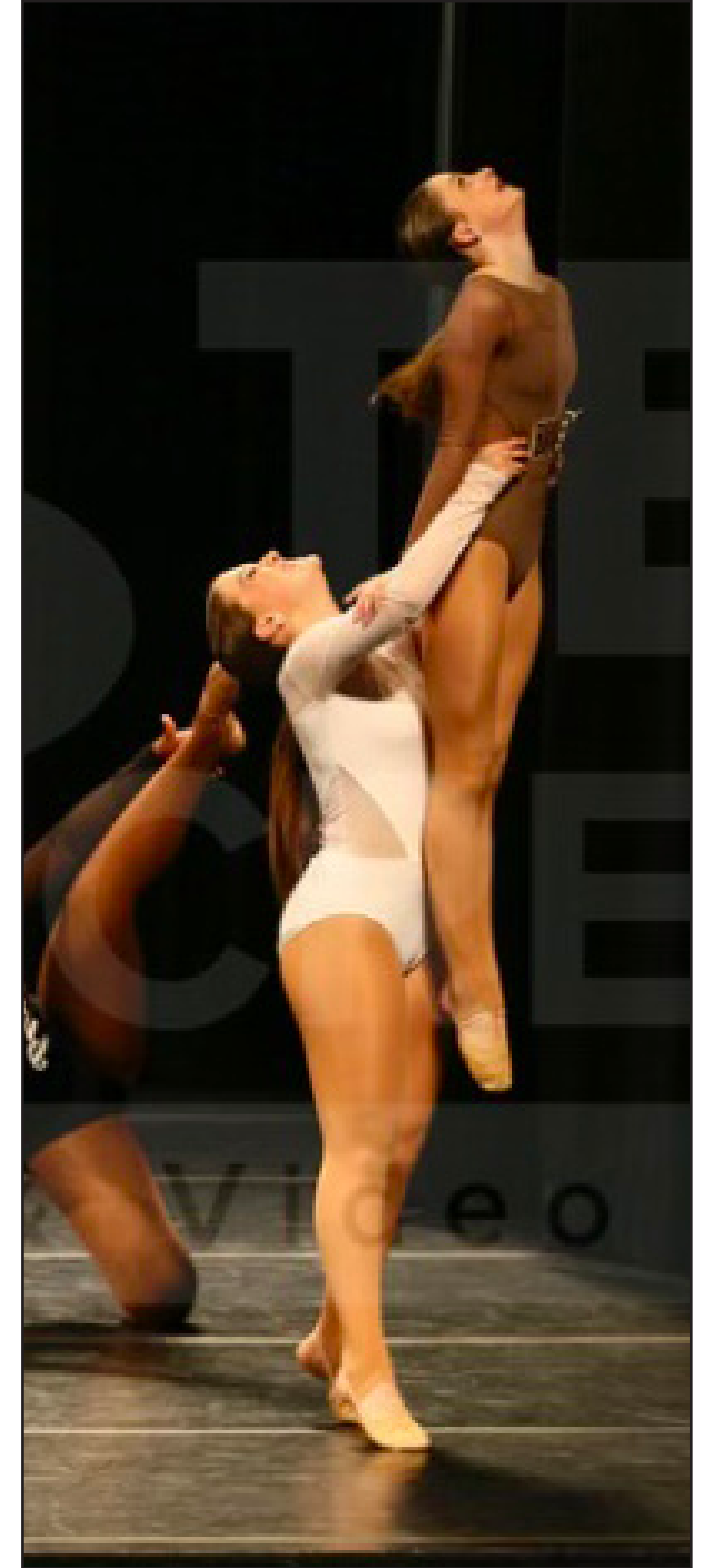
on my feet. My dad passed away when I was was about 8 and I dance for him, I put my heart into all I do to make him proud. My niece has now joined it is so special to me that I can share this experience and moments with her. Seeing the smile and excitement on her face truly is one of the most rewarding things. I can't wait to see how far so will go.

Photographers Credits:
SamanthajamesPhotography





I have two dreams. One dream is to become a Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader! I have watched them so much! Another dream is becoming a famous dancer/actor. Dance is my life. I do not know what I would do without dance. I love acting. In almost all of my dances as a competitive dancer I have been a storyteller. Our studio is pretty much a story telling studio! I have achieved many things in my life. One thing is that my duet partner and I won the 2018 Starpower National Championship! Our dance was about hate. Our outfit said No H8. It was a powerful dance We also got invited to the World Dance Competition in 2019 in New York City! It was so much fun.

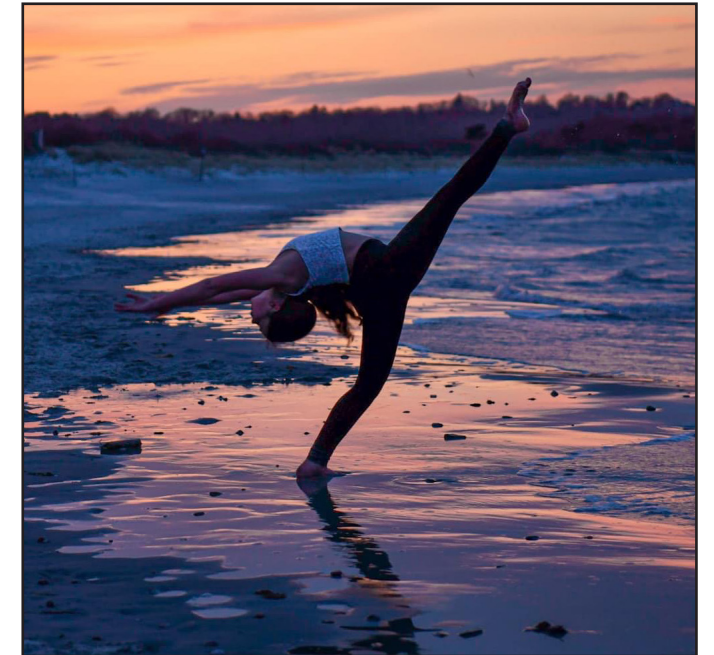
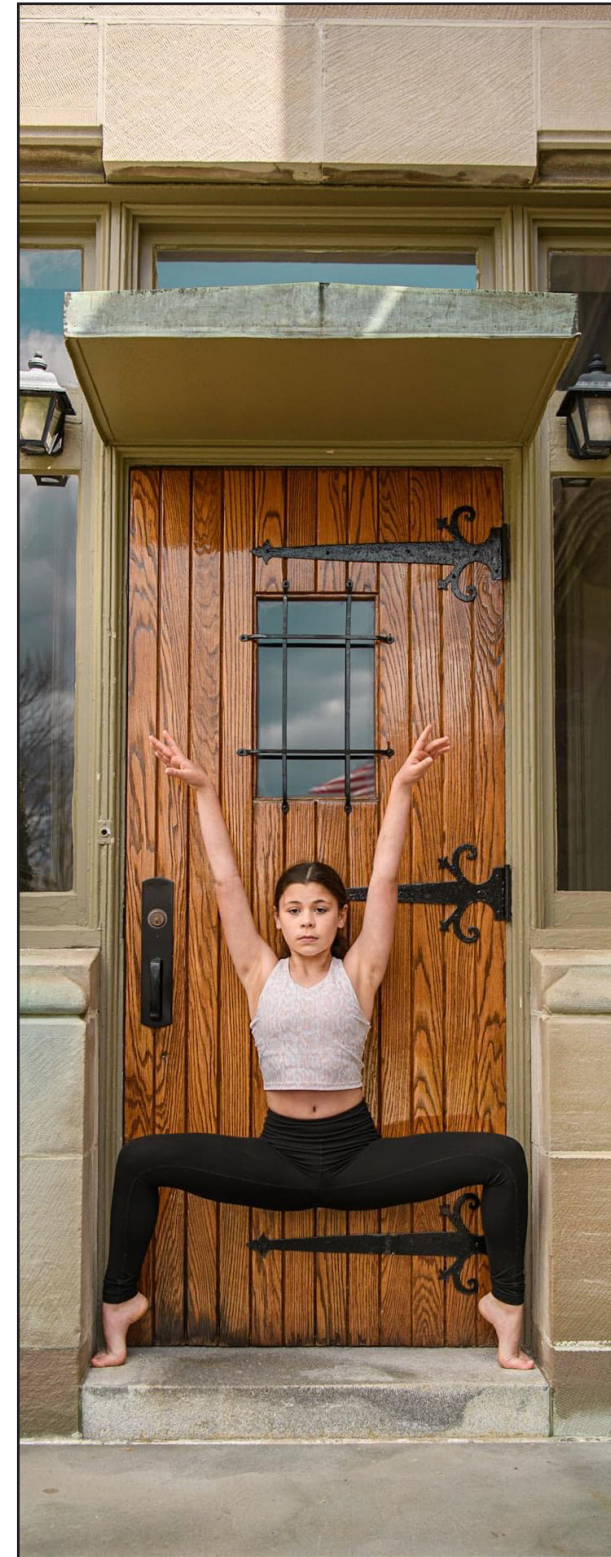




My Dream is to be on Broadway because I want to be so successful in my life, my goal is to inspire little girls to go after there dreams and never give up, My biggest Achievement this year is when I got this opportunity to be on Icarly and I made the show, My biggest challenge is not giving up.

My dream is to become a professional dancer and interior designer, I just won the JR Miss That's Entertainment title

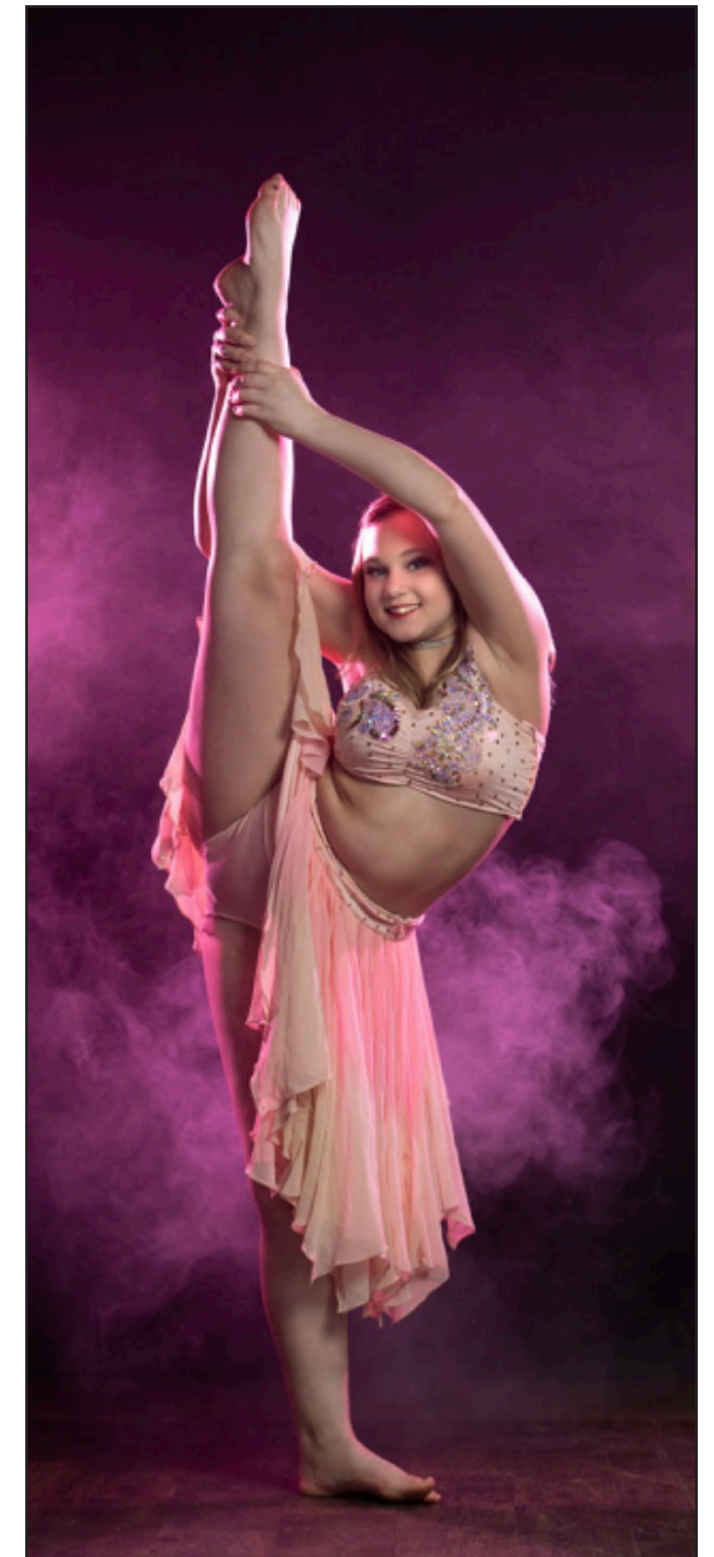
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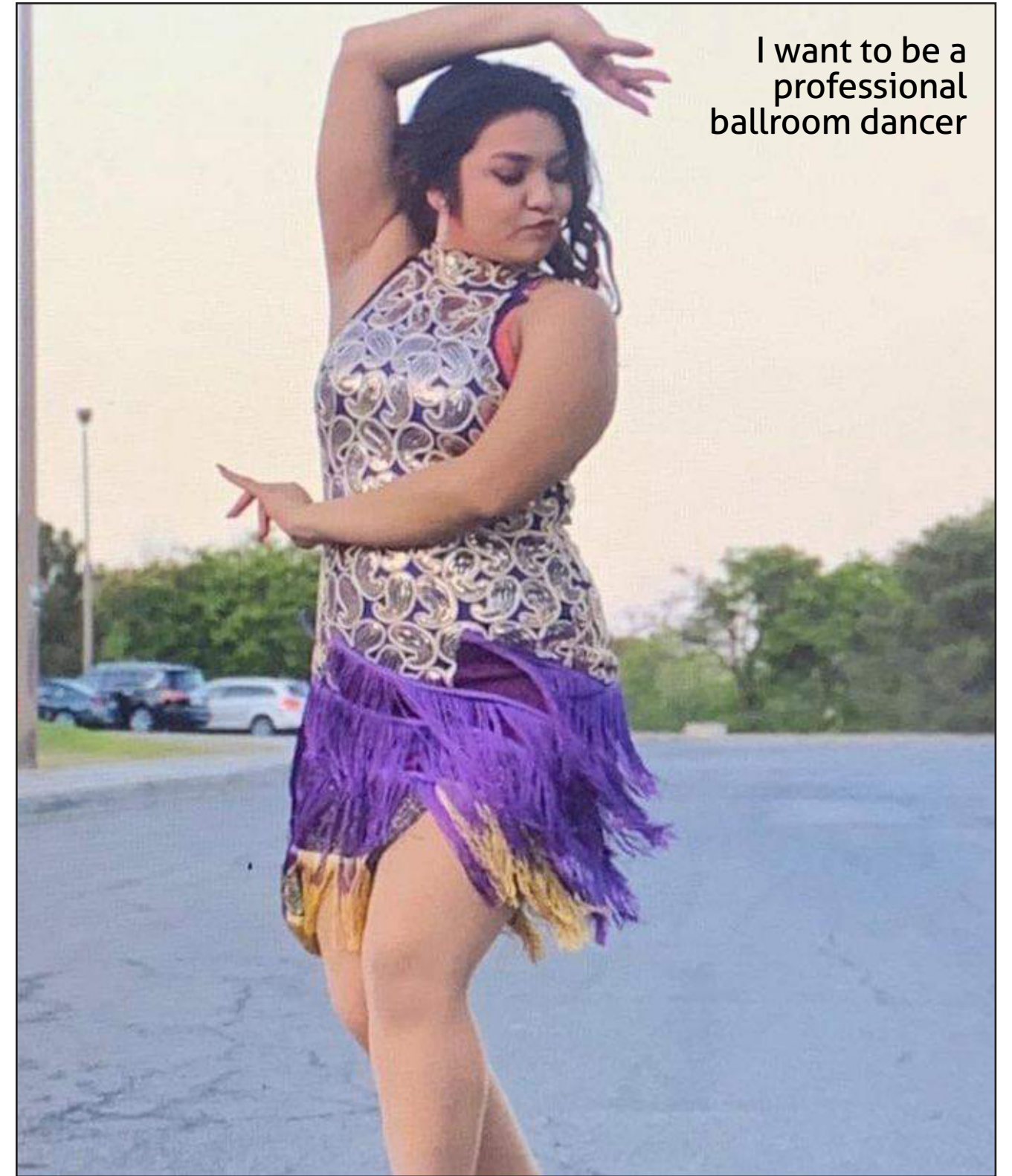




My goal is to become the best dancer I can be and to encourage younger dancers to dance even if they don't think they are capable. I've been bullied for the past few years because I'm not the average size of a dancer my age. This just pushes me to work harder. To prove to those people that I'm great at what I do. I've struggled with some depression due to the mean things that have been said but dance has always made me feel so much better. I know when I'm having a bad day I can go dance it out. Dance is a great way to get some emotion out when you have no other outlet.

Photographers Credits: Lenz photography





I want to be a professional ballroom dancer



I dream of working in the dance industry. I really enjoy dancing and have for a while. I watched my older brother dance and I started to do it with him at a young age. I got into a couple recreation classes and enjoyed it. The next year I was on a competitive team. I really want to continue dancing and following in my big brothers' shoes.

My major goals are to doing more dance moves and tricks. I really enjoy doing the tricks within my dances and want to get stronger and better at doing these for me and my team. I want to be doing all the tricks that the older company girls do by the time I am up to where they are. As I watch the older company girls do their dances, I want to do what they do. I have been able to do a lot of things this year that I set my mind to. I have accomplished doing the Ariel and Scorpion. I am currently working on getting my Front Ariel, back handspring and then my front handspring. Being only 6, competition age 7 for the upcoming 21-22 season, I will

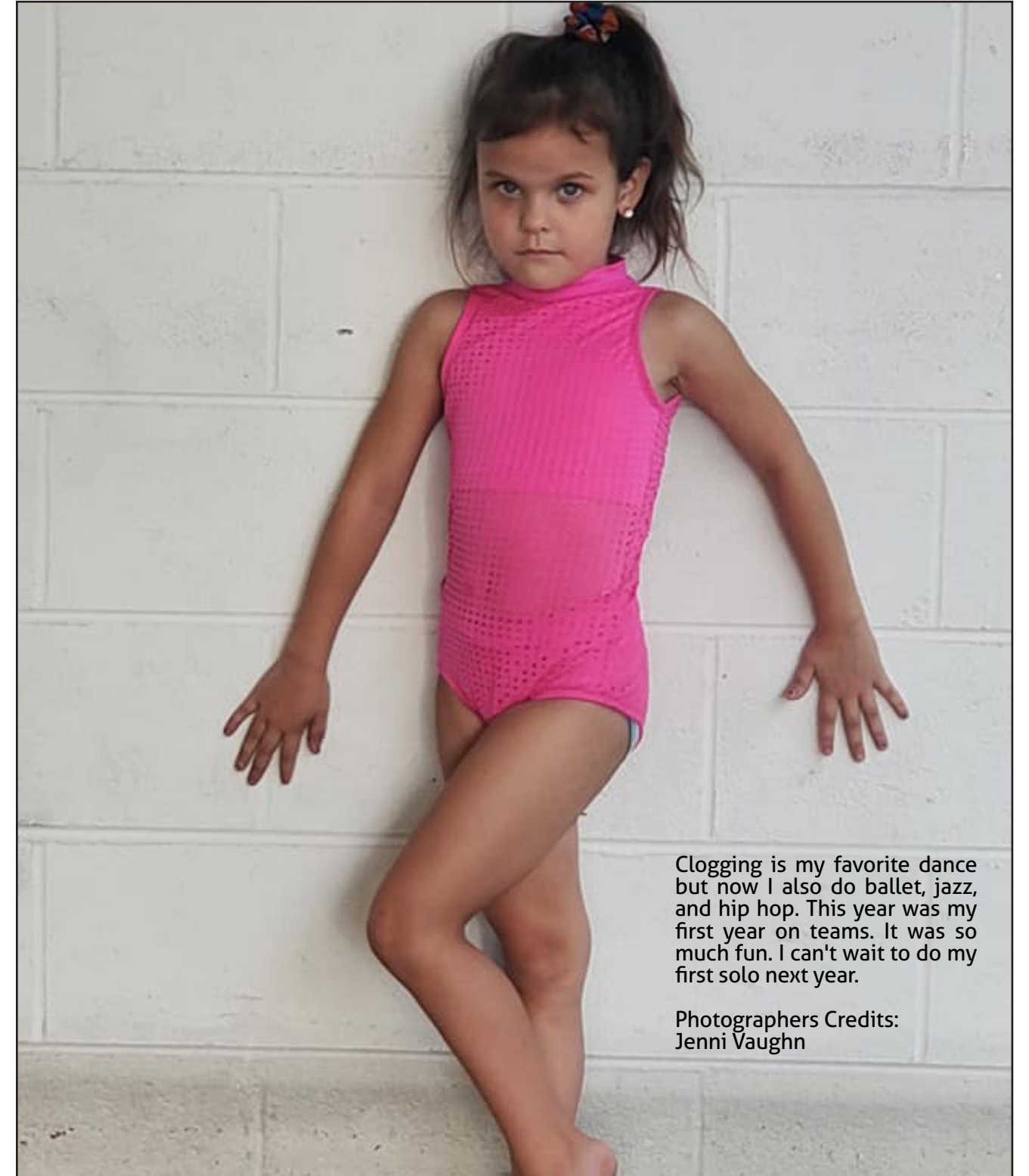


be having my first solo and hope to incorporate many of the tricks and moves into the dance.

The main challenge I have is getting more time to get private lessons with my instructors. I am lucky enough to get at least two per week, but if I could, I would do more.

Photographers Credits: Rob Harper - Harper Digital Photography, Robert Young, Rainbow Competition, Groove Competition, Headliners competition, Ms. Felicia





Clogging is my favorite dance but now I also do ballet, jazz, and hip hop. This year was my first year on teams. It was so much fun. I can't wait to do my first solo next year.

Photographers Credits:
Jenni Vaughn





My name is Pressley and I am a dancer at L&L Dance studio in grand Blanc mi. I am 13 years old and have been dancing since I was 3. My mom is one of my teachers and has also danced since she was 3! Through a pandemic dancing has been tough with our studio being forced to close and having to dance through zoom in my living room! I also lost my grandmother suddenly in January and my whole world was crushed. She was everything to me and especially my dad since he was an only

child! Our family and life were rocked by covid and her death But through all the set backs and dance events getting canceled I have managed to push through and continue to grow as a dancer! I am so proud of all my fellow dancers who have worked hard this season and I look forward to an even better season coming up!

Photographers Credits: Tara Whitmire photography



I've only been dancing for a few years. I started with just clogging and recently expanded to everything my studio offers at my level and my first season doing a solo was a big success. In overalls for my division I placed 1st twice, 2nd twice, and 8th once. I want to be an inspiration for other male dancers. We have a couple of smaller boys in our studio but I would love to see more boys join us. Sometimes its hard being the only boy in my age group. I have

made plenty of girl friends but it would be nice to have a guy to talk to.

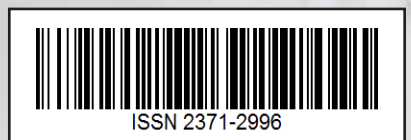
I dream of becoming an awesome famous dancer. I would love to dance on World of Dance or So You Think You Can Dance.

Photographers Credits: Jenni Vaughn

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