



**DIAMOND**  
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presents



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**HOME**

2021

**WEDNESDAY 6PM PERFORMANCE**

A young girl with brown hair, wearing a white lace dance costume, is shown in profile on a stage. She is looking towards the right. In the background, another dancer is partially visible, wearing a pink and white costume. The lighting is warm and focused on the dancers.

# THANK YOU

Dear DSD Family,

What a JOY it is to celebrate our dancers on stage again! One year ago we celebrated DSD's 20th anniversary with 500 individual performances, one family at a time, and hundreds of online recital celebrations in living rooms across the community. We asked our team of teachers to do the impossible - to build a digital dance studio in a week over our spring break, teach 200+ classes per week online and figure out how to finish our 20th season strong. AND, THEY DID.

We asked parents for their commitment to finish last season strong and their faith to sign up for this season simply trusting that we would continue to do the right thing by community health and continue to innovate to provide safe service to the kids. AND, YOU DID.

We asked the students to learn in new ways—dancing via livestream, taking classes on spots spaced apart and with face coverings AND, THEY DID.

So as we mark the end of a season that was built on top of greatest challenges we have ever faced as a dance family, we wanted to pause and say THANK YOU!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you for doing what was necessary and sticking with us through what seemed impossible. Thank you for believing in both the importance of our programs in your kids' lives and in our ability to lead well through it all.

We are still here because of YOU and the importance of that is not lost on us as we celebrate our dancers on stage today!

As we look back to where we were one year ago and watch our dancers proudly shine on stage it is with tears of great gratitude that we say, "THANK YOU!".

Miss Alicia and the entire DSD team

# CAMP CREATIVE

## ONE DAY THEMED CAMPS

Try one or try them all! These one day themed camps are the perfect opportunity to try a new style of dance or dive deeper into your favorite style! These exciting individual camps are held during the month of June and are for ages 5-7 & 7-9.



**CAMP CREATIVE**  
**HIP-HOP KIDS**  
ONE DAY THEME CAMPS!  
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A vibrant banner for the Hip-Hop Kids camp. The background is a bright orange-red color, decorated with various colorful circles and patterns in shades of yellow, teal, and grey. The text is prominently displayed in the center.



**CAMP CREATIVE**  
**ACRO**  
ONE DAY THEME CAMPS!  
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A banner for the Acro camp. The background is a bright green color with abstract geometric shapes in yellow, purple, and white. Two young girls are shown performing acrobatic moves, one in a red leotard and one in a blue leotard. The text is centered on the banner.



**CAMP CREATIVE**  
**ON BROADWAY**  
ONE DAY THEME CAMPS!  
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A banner for the On Broadway camp. The background is black, featuring a vertical neon sign on the left that reads "BROADWAY" in yellow. The text is centered in a bright yellow font.



**CAMP CREATIVE**  
**LYRICAL**  
ONE DAY THEME CAMPS!  
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A banner for the Lyrical camp. The background is a bright cyan color with abstract shapes. On the right side, there is a photograph of two young girls smiling. The text is centered on the left side of the banner.



**CAMP CREATIVE**  
**THE BALLET EXPERIENCE**  
ONE DAY THEME CAMPS!  
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A banner for the Ballet Experience camp. The background is a vibrant purple color with teal circles. On the right side, there is a photograph of a young girl with a pink flower in her hair. The text is centered on the left side of the banner.



## Wednesday, May 26th 6pm Performance

### **“To Build a Home” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Production**

Noah Ackmann, Pressley Addis, Savannah Addis, Grace Allen, Gabrielle Anderson, Federica Arbelbide, Ava Bauer, Emily Black, Emily Blackburn, Isabella Bledsoe, Gracelyn Boeckmann, Lydia Bosse, Nora Bosse, Lydia Brandenburg, Hailey Brenden, Nora Camlek, Isabela Castro, Phoebe Copa, Liliana Dallman, Mackenzie Decker, Brooklyn Derrickson, Clara Donnelly, Athena Drucker, Gloria Ehrike, Violet Ehrike, Edith Erickson, Ava Finn, Maya Finn, Jenna Foris-Potter, Isabella Fuqua, Lily Gagnon, Jessica Gary, Ella Gehl, Paige Gibson, Bailey Gonstead, Natalie Gruna, Tazia Grzelak, Etta Gunderson, Carsyn Hedrington, Lauren Hoel, Addison Hoepner, Maddie Hoepner, Ian Jacobson, Ivy Jacobson, Claire Jensen, Grace Johnson, Hannah Johnson, LJ Jones, Natalie Jones, Skala Jones, Ashlyn Kanz, Serenity King, Emma Kloeping, Allie Knauff, Kiara Kosloski, Aubrie Krause, Anna Krimpelbein, Clara Krimpelbein, Hope Kulasiewicz, Jillian Kulasiewicz, Breanna Kulig, Lydia Lokken, Emmeline Lombardo, Ayla Loyo Campbell, Adrianna Martin, Paisley Martin, Eva Mazur, Sophie McBride, Cate McCutcheon, Sophia McCutcheon, Nicola McFadden, Thalia Medina, Sofie Merrick, Madison Metz, Annika Meyer, Bevin Mihm, Katelyn Muehlenkamp, Adele Murawski, Jenna Nybrotten, Faye Ogden, Annalise Olson, Bethany Olson, Paige Powers, Ayla Prock, Kennedy Radcliffe, Riley Rainville, Nadya Raney, Sydney Raven, Bernadette Reчек, Izzy River-Furlano, Scarlett Ruesga, Harper Schroedel, Julia Schroeder, Jaidyn Schultz, Carli Settersten, Eliana Shultz, Emma Sie, Briley Simon, Aurora Slama, Ella Smith, Lily Smith, Zoey Southard, Clare Steinhurst, Carmandi Steinmetz, Magdalene Steuernagel, Emma Swanstrom, Peyton Taylor, Alexis Thompson, Brailyn Thompson, Hailie Topper, Sophie Topper, Ava Toufar, Kendall Vance, Josephine Vanderloop, McKenzie Grace Vinopal, Riley Vokovan, Riley Vokovan, Lyla Weiss, Brooklyn Weyers, Brynne Whitwam, Jalynn Wilcox, Emily Wiltgen, Aria Yang

### **“It's a Mans World” - Miss Sarah**

\*Senior Spotlight\*

Emily Black

### **“Got You” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Senior Lyrical**

\*Senior Spotlight - Maddie Hoepner\*

Hailey Brenden, Liliana Dallman, Maddie Hoepner, Allie Knauff, Lydia Lokken, Jenna Nybrotten, Magdalene Steuernagel, Emma Swanstrom, Lyla Weiss, Jalynn Wilcox

### **“Sign of the Times” - Miss Sarah**

Riley Vokovan

### **“Heartthrob Collections” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Senior Hip Hop**

Federica Arbelbide, Emily Blackburn, Isabella Bledsoe, Phoebe Copa, Mackenzie Decker, Breanna Kulig, Thalia Medina, Sofie Merrick, Bethany Olson, Ella Smith, Lily Smith, Zoey Southard

### **“I Am Sold” - Miss Angelina**

Allie Knauff, Emma Swanstrom

### **“There Must Be” - Miss Sarah - DSDPC Teen Contemporary**

Grace Allen, Athena Drucker, Jenna Foris-Potter, Ella Gehl, Aubrie Krause, Katelyn Muehlenkamp, Jaidyn Schultz, Clare Steinhorst, Riley Vokovan

### **“Dance While You Shoot” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Senior Jazz**

Emily Black, Emily Blackburn, Hailey Brenden, Ava Finn, Natalie Gruna, Maddie Hoepner, Allie Knauff, Hope Kulasiewicz, Thalia Medina, Jenna Nybrotten, Magdalene Steuernagel, Ava Toufar, Lyla Weiss, Jalyann Wilcox

### **“Trainwreck” - Miss Erin**

Ella Gehl

### **“Wings” - Miss Sarah - DSDPC Teen Jazz**

Grace Allen, Federica Arbelbide, Athena Drucker, Lily Gagnon, Bailey Gonstead, Hannah Johnson, Emma Kloeping, Aubrie Krause, Annalise Olson, Paige Powers, Jaidyn Schultz, Clare Steinhorst, Carmandi Steinmetz, Alexis Thompson, Riley Vokovan

### **“And I Am Telling You” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Senior Lyrical**

Emily Blackburn, Isabella Bledsoe, Phoebe Copa, Brooklyn Derrickson, Ava Finn, Hope Kulasiewicz, Sophia McCutcheon, Sofie Merrick, Annika Meyer, Bethany Olson, Bernadette Rechek, Ella Smith, Lily Smith, Ava Toufar, Aria Yang

### **“Dark Four Door” - Miss Sarah**

Natalie Gruna

### **“Gee Officer Krupke” - Miss Erin - DSDPC Senior Musical Theatre**

Hailey Brenden, Athena Drucker, Katelyn Muehlenkamp, Eliana Shultz, Magdalene Steuernagel, Riley Vokovan, Jalyann Wilcox

## **INTERMISSION**

### **“Epiphany” - Miss Erin - DSDPC Senior Ballet**

Liliana Dallman, Brooklyn Derrickson, Ivy Jacobson, Grace Johnson, Sophia McCutcheon, Annika Meyer, Bernadette Rechek, Eliana Shultz, Alexis Thompson, Jalyann Wilcox, Aria Yang

### **“Celebration” - Miss Sarah**

Annalise Olson



# Kids *Ages 2-11*

## TUESDAYS SUMMER SAMPLERS JUNE 1-25

Summer is the perfect chance to try out one of our classes & find the perfect fit for your dancer!

**Storybook Ballet**      **Hippity-Hop**  
Ages 3-5                      Ages 3-5  
5:00-5:30                      5:30-6:00

### DANCE COMBO! (Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical)

Ages 5-7 | 5:30-6:00  
Ages 7-9 | 6:00-6:30  
Ages 9-11 | 6:30-7:00

\*Dancers can try all four styles (Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop & Lyrical) in this exciting summer sampler class!

**Tuition:** \$49/class

## WEDNESDAYS



Join your toddler for an exploration of music, dance and creative play. Connect with other moms, engage in fun activities exploring music and movement and make lasting friendships!

## WEDNESDAYS 10:00-10:30 or 5:30-6:00

TUITION: \$15/family per day  
**SAVE!** Buy four classes get your 5th class free!

# CAMP CREATIVE

## ONE DAY CAMPS!

DAY CAMPS : \$25/camp

AGES 5-7 & 7-9

**SAVE!** Buy 4 get the 5th FREE!



Dance, act and sing in a Broadway inspired musical theater adventure!

**JUNE 3**



**JUNE 10**



Experience the magical world of ballet! Progress from classical barre work to a beautiful performance piece!

**JUNE 17**

Lyrical dance combines ballet and jazz into a beautiful & expressive class your dancer will LOVE!

**JUNE 24**



Your dancer won't stop moving as they learn the latest funk & hip-hop moves in this high energy class!

**JUNE 17**



# ACRO INTENSIVE

**JUNE 7-18**

Acro Intensive is a two week program where dancers focus on stability, flexibility and core strength while working on acrobatics techniques.

Learn proper preparations and transitions for tumbling, acro and contortion skills. Extended class lengths give dancers the opportunity to dive deep into their acro training and accelerate their growth.

## **BEGINNING ACRO**

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
June 8, 10, 15, 17 | 5:30-7:00

**TUITION: \$95**

## **INTERMEDIATE ACRO**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
June 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18 | 5:00-7:00

**TUITION: \$180**

## **ADVANCED ACRO**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
June 7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 18 | 7:00-9:00

**TUITION: \$180**



# BALLET INTENSIVE

JUNE 21-24



**GUEST ARTIST**  
**Lucas Segovia**

JOFFERY BALLET

DSD's Pre-Professional Ballet Summer Intensive, The Ballet Experience, takes place June 21-25. Pre-approval is required for participation in this program.

Intermediate - advanced level dancers are invited to participate in this pre-professional level ballet intensive. The intensive curriculum includes daily classes in repertoire, pointe technique, ballet conditioning, and more. A must have for your dancers summer growth!

## **INTERMEDIATE**

M-T-W-TH

June 21, 22, 23, 24 | 4:00-7:00

**TUITION: \$265.00**

## **ADVANCED**

M-T-W-TH

June 21, 22, 23, 24 | 5:00-9:00

**TUITION: \$365.00**



## **“Influencer” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Teen Hip Hop**

Athena Drucker, Jenna Foris-Potter, Ella Gehl, Aubrie Krause, Jillian Kulasiewicz, Sophie McBride, Bevin Mihm, Jaidyn Schultz, Carmandi Steinmetz, Magdalene Steuernagel, Riley Vokovan

## **“Bound to You” - Miss Sarah**

Alexis Thompson

## **“I Put a Spell on You” - Gigi Zirbes - Senior HPC Contemporary**

Brooklyn Derrickson, Breanna Kulig, Annika Meyer, Bethany Olson, Zoey Southard

## **“Walking and Falling” - Miss Angelina**

Jillian Kulasiewicz

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### **“Welcome to the Show” - Miss Angelina - Junior Jazz**

Gabrielle Anderson, Ava Bauer, Nora Camlek, Gloria Ehrike, Bailey Gonstead, Natalie Jones, Kiara Kosloski, Clara Krimpelbein, Lydia Lokken, Cate McCutcheon, Josephine Vanderloop, Brynne Whitwam

### **“Nostalgia” - Miss Angelina - DSDPC Senior Contemporary**

Emily Black, Emily Blackburn, Hailey Brenden, Ava Finn, Natalie Gruna, Ivy Jacobson, Grace Johnson, Allie Knauff, Hope Kulasiewicz, Jillian Kulasiewicz, Jenna Nybroten, Eliana Shultz, Zoey Southard, Magdalene Steuernagel, Emma Swanstrom, Lyla Weiss, Jalynn Wilcox

### **“Control” - Miss Sarah**

Emma Kloeping

### **“Black and Gold” - Miss Angelina - Senior HPC Jazz**

Brooklyn Derrickson, Breanna Kulig, Annika Meyer, Bethany Olson, Zoey Southard

### **“If You Decide to Leave” - Miss Angelina**

Magdalene Steuernagel

### **“I Will Carry You” - Miss Erin - DSDPC Teen Lyrical**

In loving memory of Eli Schreurs

Federica Arbelbide, Athena Drucker, Emma Kloeping, Kiara Kosloski, Aubrie Krause, Katelyn Muehlenkamp, Annalise Olson, Eliana Shultz, Carmandi Steinmetz, Alexis Thompson, Josephine Vanderloop, Riley Vokovan

### **“You'll Be Back” - Miss Erin - DSDPC Senior Musical Theater**

Emily Black, Emily Blackburn, Lydia Brandenburg, Liliana Dallman, Mackenzie Decker, Brooklyn Derrickson, Ava Finn, Sophia McCutcheon, Sofie Merrick, Bernadette Rechek, Ella Smith, Lily Smith, Zoey Southard, Emma Swanstrom, Ava Toufar, Aria Yang

JUNE 28-JULY 30  
**STAY STRONG**  
ALL SUMMER LONG!

## STAY STRONG 1

Wednesday 6:45-7:30 | Summer Sampler  
(Musical Theater, Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical)

Thursday 5:00-5:45 | Contemporary

Thursday 5:45-6:30 | Jazz Skills & Technique

Thursday 6:30-7:30 | Acro

**Tuition:** 45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session  
60 Minute Classes | \$85/Session



## STAY STRONG 2

Monday 6:45-7:45 | Intermediate Jazz

Skills Monday 7:45-8:45 | Contemporary

Thursday 4:30-5:30 | Acro

Thursday 5:30-6:30 | Hip-Hop

**Tuition:** 45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session  
60 Minute Classes | \$85/Session

ALL CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE  
AS INDIVIDUAL DROP INS OR  
WEEKLY CLASSES

## STAY STRONG 3

Monday 6:45-7:45 | Advanced Hip-Hop

Monday 7:45-8:45 | Advanced Contemporary

Thursday 6:30-7:30 | Advanced Jazz  
Skills Thursday 7:30-8:30 | Advanced Acro

**Tuition:** 45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session  
60 Minute Classes | \$85/Session



# Kids

Ages 2-11

5 Weeks of Fun!  
JUNE 28-JULY 30

## TODDLERS

Wednesday 5:45-6:15 | Tutus & Bowties

Thursday 5:30-6:00 | Tutus & Bowties

**Tuition:** \$65/class per session

## AGES 3-5

Monday 5:30-6:00 | Hippity-Hop

Monday 6:00-6:45 | Ballet/Tap

Tuesday 5:00-5:30 | Hippity-Hop

Tuesday 5:30-6:00 | Ballet

Wednesday 5:15-5:45 | Ballet

**Tuition:** 30 Minute Classes | \$65/Session  
45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session

## AGES 5-7

Monday 5:00-5:40 | Lyrical

Monday 5:30-6:00 | Hip-Hop

Monday 6:00-6:56 | Ballet/Tap

Tuesday 6:00-6:45 | Summer Sampler  
(Lyrical, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Musical Theater & Ballet)

Wednesday 5:15-6:00 | Acro 5-7

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 | Ballet/Tap

Thursday 6:00-6:30 | Summer Sampler  
(Lyrical, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Musical Theater & Ballet)

**Tuition:** 30 Minute Classes | \$65/Session  
45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session

## AGES 7-9

Monday 4:45-5:15 | Musical Theater

Monday 5:15-6:00 | Acro

Tuesday 5:00-5:30 | Lyrical

Tuesday 5:30-6:00 | Jazz

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 | Hip-Hop

Tuesday 6:30-7:15 Summer Sampler!  
(Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theater, Lyrical & Hip-Hop)

Wednesday 5:00-5:30 | Hip-Hop

Wednesday 5:30-6:00 | Ballet

Wednesday 6:00-7:00 | Acro

**Tuition:** 30 Minute Classes | \$65/Session  
45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session

## AGES 9-11

Tuesday 4:15-5:00 | Acro

Tuesday 5:00-5:30 | Hip-Hop

Tuesday 5:30-6:00 | Lyrical

Tuesday 6:00-6:30 | Jazz

Tuesday 6:30-7:15 Summer Sampler!  
(Musical Theater, Hip-Hop, Jazz, Lyrical & Ballet)

Wednesday 6:00-6:30 | Ballet

Wednesday 6:30-7:30 | Hip-Hop

Wednesday 7:00-8:00 | Acro

**Tuition:** 30 Minute Classes | \$65/Session  
45 Minute Classes | \$75/Session

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JUNE 21-24, 2021



FEATURING MASTER ARTIST  
LUCUS SEGOVIA  
JOFFERY BALLET



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BEGINS  
JUNE 15

ACRO INTENSIVE

JUNE 7-18, 2021





*Congratulations  
Seniors!*

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

# PHOEBE COPA

UW MADISON  
*Neurobiology*

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Phoebe Copa has been dancing for 15 years, 13 at DSD and competitively for 9! She is attending UW-Madison as a neurobiology major in the college of letters and science. Her best advice for the next generation of dancers is to always ask for help if you need it! “Nobody will judge you, and it’s better to know your dances than to struggle through them.”

Dance has been a positive influence in her life by giving her a creative outlet to express her emotions. “The dance community at Diamond has always been so supportive, everyone has a positive attitude and a great work ethic!”





## **MADDIE HOEPNER**

UM DULUTH  
*Psychology*

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Maddie Hoepner has been dancing for 5 years. She will be attending the University of Minnesota Duluth and majoring in Psychology.

Maddie's advice for future dancers is to have a good balance between hard work and having fun! "Dance has been a positive influence in my life by providing a creative outlet and helping me make great friendships!"

## BETHANY OLSON

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Bethany Olson has been dancing for 12 year, with a primary focus on DSD's competitive dance program. After graduation she will be pursuing dance. Bethany's advice to the next generation of dancers is to never give up. "Determination and commitment will get you far. If you give up, you cannot grow."

Dance has been a positive influence in Bethany's life by being a constant she can count on. "No matter what was going on in my life I knew that I would always have dance. It gave me the ability to express myself in a safe place. I found a community of people who support me and help me grow."







# ELLA SMITH

ASU  
*Biochemistry*

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Ella has been dancing for 14 years! After graduation Ella will be attending Arizona State University majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Political Science.

My advice for future dancers is to never take anything (dance especially) for granted. This year has been a roller coaster but dance has allowed it to feel somewhat normal. Always continue to push yourself to be the best that you can be. Support your teammates and don't forget to smile!

Dance has been a huge positive influence on my life through teaching me important life skills and providing me with an extra family. My second home has always been at dance and it's because of the friends I have made along the way and the positive role models I have been able to look up to. Diamond School of Dance has given me a support group bigger than I could have ever imagined. Each and everyone one of them has made a positive impact on my life, whether it's cheering me on while I am on stage performing my solo or just a smile in the hallway. Diamond will forever be my second home, one of which I will never forget.

# ANNIKA MEYER

AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY  
*Biology*

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Annika Meyer has been dancing for 15 years at Diamond, many of those years on our competitive teams. She will be attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she is majoring in biology on the pre-med track. She will also be on the dance team!

Her best advice to the next generation of dancers would be to try new styles. "When you are trying a new style keep an open mind. You never know what may become your new favorite!" Dance has made a big impact in Annika's life. "I have been able to discover who I am. I have also loved being able to look up to the "big" girls and the great influence they had on me. Now I am the "big" girl that the younger girls look up to!"





## **EMMA GILLESPIE**

UM TWIN CITIES  
*Strategic Communications*

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Emma Gillespie has been dancing for 15 years. She will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities with a major in Strategic Communications and a minor in Visual Arts.

Emma's advice for the next generation of dancers is to not focus on the awards and winning; "Dance should be used as a therapy and creative outlet for you to be your true self and express yourself. It's a gift that never should be taken for granted." Dance has made a positive impact by being a constant in Emma's life. "Dance has been an outlet for me, if I'm feeling anxious or stressed dance helps me express myself and work through those feelings."

# EMILY BLACK

USEF  
*Biology*

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Emily Black has been dancing with DSD for 14 years, 9 of those on the competition team. She will be attending the University of South Florida and majoring in biology. After she finishes her undergrad, she hopes to attend medical school to become a pathologist. Her advice to the next generation of dancers is to learn how to take criticism and compliments. “The best way to grow as a dancer is to take your corrections and actually apply them. Learning how to take critiques now will only help you later in life; learning to take compliments will improve your communication and relationships with others.”

Dance has been a positive influence on Emily’s life by letting her live in the moment. “At dance, it does not matter what went wrong at school or work. I can just focus on myself, and try to grow myself as a dancer. The past does not matter when you are dancing. All that matters is what you feel when you dance. You also have endless support systems at dance from teachers to classmates. Everyone wants to see each other grow and achieve their dreams. Your friends become family at dance.”





# LYDIA BRANDENBURG

UW LACROSSE  
*Business*

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Lydia Brandenburg has been dancing at DSD for 10 years. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin La Crosse to study business. Her advice to the next generation of dancers is to make dance their safe place - somewhere they can have fun and be stress-free! "In crazy times it's so gratifying to have something like dance to make you happy. Make lots of friends and cherish every moment you have, because it goes by so quickly."

Lydia was fortunate to meet one of her best friends through dance, which is the most precious thing she will take away from dance. "Aside from the amazing friendships I obtained, I also learned real life skills and responsibilities from all the aspects that come along with dance. My dance teachers helped facilitate this! I can't put into words how thankful I feel to have been nurtured and taught by such beautiful souls. Erin, Sarah, Angelina and Alicia all hold such a special place in my heart and always will. Thank you to everyone on and around the DSDPC team for all of the love and support over the years. I will forever look at Diamond as a home!"

# Thank You

## DSD FACULTY



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*Thank you...*

In a year full of new beginnings and unknowns it meant the most to us to be able to provide a positive, safe and healthy outlet for our students.

During these unprecedented times, you helped maintain a sense of normalcy for your child without knowing what the season ahead held. We have you to thank (and our AMAZING staff) for bringing us to this point where we can watch these dancers SHINE BRIGHT!

THANK YOU for being our dance family!