



Stories  
In  
Motion  
*Spring Recital*  
2025

*Presented by:*

*Miss Dee's School of Dance*

# *Miss Dee's School of Dance* *Celebrating*

*39*  
*Years*



*Quality*  
*Dance*  
*Instruction*

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We would like to take a moment to thank all of you for another wonderful year. We recognize and appreciate that when a dancer takes classes their parents or guardians spend time and resources taking them to and from the studio. We have a wonderful group of dedicated families here at the studio that help make our jobs easier. So many years ago when I started Miss Dee's School of Dance, I had great visions of what it would become. Through all of you, I have surpassed those ideas. What started out in my parents' basement has become a school full of students with the wonderful potential to become anything they decide to be. Our goal as teachers has always been to teach not only dance, but confidence and self-assurance in our students, as well as discipline. Thank you for allowing us to play a small role in the development of your children. We look forward to see what the next years will bring. See you in class!

*Miss Dee,*  
*Miss Robyn, Miss Kristen,*  
*Miss Izzy, Miss Brenna, Miss Shay*  
*& Mr Zach*

*Miss Dee's School Of Dance*  
*Students of the Month*  
*2024—2025*



Nyla  
Schnautz  
Oct 2024



Olive  
West  
Nov 2024



Harper  
Hunt  
Dec 2024



Charley  
Duby  
Jan 2025



Jersey  
Dickinson  
Jan 2025



Clara  
Holt  
Feb 2025



Charlotte  
Wisniski  
March 2025



Hazel  
Araujo  
March 2025



Olivia  
Jasin  
April 2025



Karmyn  
Freeman  
April 2025



Harper  
Husted  
May 2025



Addison  
Taylor  
May 2025



*Vayda  
Reidt  
Memorial  
Scholarship*

A few winters ago, one of our shining stars took her place in the Heavens. Vayda had a bright smile, a charismatic attitude and a love of music and dance that showed everyday in class. We have created this \$75 scholarship in her honor to be given to a young dancer who shows the same traits as Vayda did. This year's scholarship winner is Addison Taylor. Her name will appear on a plaque that will hang in the lobby along with past and future scholarship winners.

*Addison  
Taylor*



# *Miss Dee's School Of Dance*

## *Most Improved Dancers*

This year we have had so many students that have worked hard to achieve these scholarships. The two age divisions are 11 and under and 12 and older. They will each receive a scholarship of \$75 toward next year's lesson fees.



*11 And Under Scholarship Winner.*

*Charlotte Wisniske*

Charlotte has shown great improvement this year. She regularly attends her classes and is prepared to work diligently in her dance and team classes. She practices at home to on her dances. She is consistently friendly and supportive towards her classmates. Charlotte is eager about performing and exhibits a strong interest in dancing.

*12 And Older Scholarship Winner.*



*Jaelyn Christensen*

Jaelyn has demonstrated significant improvement in her classes this year. She has worked diligently to master the increasingly challenging techniques required for both Tap and Jazz. She is supportive of her Dancimation teammates and often spends time assisting the younger dancers on the team. She is enthusiastic about performing and has a genuine passion for dance.



## Miss Dee's School of Dance 2025 Graduating Seniors

### Shaylee Hunter

I've been dancing at Miss Dee's for 13 years. I've taken part in many different styles of dance, but I specialize in hip-hop and jazz. I've graduated a year early from Link Learning Online Public School, and this fall I will be attending Douglas J Institute to become an esthetician. After school my goal is to become a business owner one day. I would love to thank Miss Dee for all the support and knowledge she's given me through the years of being her student, and the guidance to becoming a dance teacher. I'm so grateful for this opportunity, as dance will always be in my heart.



*Shaylee,*

*Watching you grow into the empowering young woman you have become has been the greatest joy of my life. When you started dancing at 4 years old, I saw a spark light up in you that has turned into a radiating light that shines so bright, on and off the stage. Your determination is admirable, and I am blessed to have been able to watch this part of your journey.*

*I love you more than you will ever know.*

*Mom*

### Jack Mattice

I am Jack Mattice and I'm currently planning to attend and participate in the cheer team at MSU and study at James Maddison this Fall to Study Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy. Dance is something that was as of a few months ago complete foreign to me, outside of my comfort zone completely, so I am so happy that Caitlyn, Miss. Dee and her studio were able to take me in and teach me so much. I'd also love to thank my parents for supporting me through this experience, but more letting me leave every Monday to go dance.



## Miss Dee's School of Dance 2025 Graduating Seniors

### Emma Morano

Since I began at the age of 3, I have loved to dance. I have been dancing for 14 years, with the past 10 at Miss Dee's School of Dance. I have studied ballet, tap, tumbling, lyrical, jazz, hip hop, musical theater and contemporary. While at Miss Dee's, I assistant taught younger classes and spent 7 years on the Dancimation Competition Team.



While competing with Dancimation, I learned new techniques and honed my dance skills, allowing me to win first place in my division and overall, in my age group several times. I was especially honored to be part of the Cru National Dance Company in 2022 and was able to dance on the main stage in Universal Studios. I am thankful for my all of the people that have entered my life through dance. Thank you to my duet partner, Zach Houghton. You taught me how to think differently when choreographing and am thankful for all the insane and funny memories we have had together. Thank you to my teachers, Miss Dee, Miss Robyn, and Miss Kristen, and a special thank you to Miss Izzy. Miss Izzy, you have taught me to step out of my comfort zone in dance, telling me to believe in myself even when learning new skills. Thank you for all the hours helping me with my technique that I will continue to use in the future and for having high expectations of me. Lastly, thank you for being there for me though the hardest times of my life. I will be continuing my education at Michigan State University, where I have received early admission to the Broad College of Business. I plan on studying Marketing, with a minor in Graphic Design and Innovation/Entrepreneurship. I love dancing and will continue to dance throughout the rest of my life, taking the lessons of hard work and perseverance that dance has taught me.

*Emma,*

*We are so incredibly proud of all you have accomplished. Watching you overcome a severe injury and other obstacles in order continue doing something that you love and to excel at, has been amazing. You have become a strong, intelligent young woman. While we will miss seeing you dance, we are excited to see where you go next. Go Green!*

*Your Loudest Fans, Mom, Dad and Anna*

We would like to congratulate Emma, Jack & Shaylee as they continue on their path. Always remember Life is a Dance and The World is Your Stage. Go For It!  
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## Meet Your Miss Dee's School of Dance Staff



Miss Dee

My name is Dionne Luxford and I started dancing when I was 2 years old and have been dancing all my life. I have studied with many different dance instructors from around the world and I am a certified dance instructor from Dance Educators of America. I have traveled to many different places to perform including Spain, Universal Studios, Disney, Mexico and the Bahamas. In Spain I was able to perform for celebrity guests and international royalty. I have performed aboard the Big Red Boat & Carnival Cruise lines. Teaching dance is more than a job to me, it is my passion. Watching children grow and learn in the art of dance while becoming more confident and disciplined in themselves is a very rewarding experience. Over the past 39 years of teaching I have enjoyed sharing my energies and abilities with over 1400 students and know that through dance they have become more confident and stronger individuals no matter what occupation they pursue.



Miss Robyn

My name is Robyn Christensen and I started dancing when I was in the second grade at Miss Dee's School of Dance and continued on for 7 years. I took some time off to start a family and came back in 2011. During my time at Miss Dee's School of Dance, I have danced with Dancimation in places like Disney, Universal Studios, aboard The Big Red Boat, in the Bahamas and in Chicago to name a few. I was trained by Miss Dee in Tap, Jazz, Lyrical and Ballet, all of which I love.



Miss Izzy

I have been attending Miss Dee's for 18 years and was a part of the Dancimation team for 8 of those years. I have also been an assistant teacher for 6 years and an instructor for 7 years. I have studied tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance.



Miss  
Kristen

For the past 23 years I have had the privilege of learning the art of dance at Miss Dee's. I have taken classes in pointe, tap, ballet, lyrical, jazz, hip hop and contemporary. I have also been a part of the Dancimation competitive team. Dance has given me opportunities that have allowed me to broaden my horizons. One of those experiences was assistant teaching and eventually teaching classes on my own. Through teaching I have been able to grow in my own dancing as well.



Mr. Zach

I have been dancing for 15 years, all of which were at Miss Dee's. As a member of the Dancimation Performing Company I have enjoyed traveling to a number of dance competitions in and out of state and performed at Universal Studios in 2019 and 2022. I have been assistant teaching for the past 5 years and teaching for 3 years.

## Meet Your Miss Dee's School of Dance Staff



Miss  
Brenna

My name is Brenna Kimmert and I have been dancing for 35 years and teaching for 23 years at Miss Dee's school of Dance. Through my years dancing, I competed at many competitions earning high scoring and special awards along with traveling and performing on 2 cruises, Disney Resorts, and at a resort in Mexico. I have also had the privilege of joining the Belding High School drama program choreographing two musicals- The Little Mermaid and Beauty and the Beast.



Miss  
Shay

I have been dancing for 13 years at Miss Dee's. My main focus is on Hip hop but I have also studied Lyrical and Jazz as well. I am a member of the Dancimation Performing Company and have performed at Universal Studios and competitions in and out of Michigan. I have been assistant teaching for the past 5 years and have enjoyed teaching classes on my own for the past 2 years

## Our Assistant Instructors

Miss  
Alex



Miss  
Emma



Miss  
Kaydance



Miss  
Chyler



Miss  
Jaelyn



Miss  
Priscilla

Special thanks to our prop builders and movers Priscilla Dowsett, Michelle Turley, Danielle & Chris Hancock, Ruth Leys, Bonnie Leys, Melanie Leys, Adam Alberta, Dan McClain, Jessica Jasin, Mathew Thomas and Cassie Young for making the sets I dream up a reality.



- 1. THE VILLAINS**– Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Hailey Blair, Vyla Bohner, Brealynn Bowen, Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Rosalie Christensen, Jersey Dickinson, Theadosia Dora, Kaydance Dowsett, Priscilla Dowsett, Charley Duby, Alexandria Dykstra, Sunshine Ewalt, Alyssa Fields, Harley Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Eastlyn Gorby, Vada Helias, Clara Holt, Zach Houghton, Harper Husted, Harper Hunt, Jennifer Hunt, Shaylee Hunter, Olivia Jasin, Annalia Johnson, Arrabella Johnson, Kamela Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Greta Kinser, Riley Kroesing, Olivea Lake, Bonnie Leys, Mel Leys, Ruth Leys, Oliver Mason, Jack Mattice, Maggie Maxwell-Jones, Kathryn McClain, Whisper McClain, Maxwell Moore, Emma Morano, Khloe Narlock, Idalia Norton, Caitlyn Pair, Holly Reitsma, Fayth Renneberg, Megan Reynolds, Nyla Schnautz, Scarlett Shattuck, Maibelle Sleight, Clara Jayna Stewart, Nora Stokely, Alexis Thomas, Gracelynn Thomas, Emma Tyslenko, Charlotte Waite, Malachi Williams, Charlotte Wisniske, Scarlett Witzel, Klovir Wuelfing, Cassie Young, Miss Kristen, Miss Isabelle, Miss Robyn, Miss Dee
- 2. SINGING IN THE RAIN** - Cynthia Stevenson
- 3. YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME** – Mila Burtenshaw, Cora Gekeler, Rowen Kizer, Olive Kovacs, Ella Shotko, Addison Taylor, Amina VanDyke, Olive West, Liesel Williams
- 4. STAY AWAKE** –Aubrey, Anderson, Savanna Anger, Josie Baker, Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Ruby Caterino, Kinsley Kennedy, Hollie Kranz, Harper Peterson
- 5. A LITTLE PARTY** – Jaelyn Christensen
- 6. I LOVE ME** – Harper Husted
- 7. WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR**- Brealynn Bowen, Theadosia Dora, Jennifer Hunt
- 8. EJ REMIX**- Emma Tyslenko
- 9. SCREAM & SHOUT** – Hailey Blair, Charley Duby, Eastlyn Gorby, Olivia Jasin, Oliver Mason, Kathryn McClain, Idalia Norton, Maibelle Sleight, Charlotte Waite, Klovir Wuelfing
- 10. SALUTE** – Chyler Brough
- 11. THUMBS**- Tatum Anderson

- 12. THAT'S MY GIRL** – Jaelyn Christensen, Kaydance Dowsett
- 13. BE LIKE ME**- Rosalie Christensen, Jersey Dickinson, Alyssa Fields, Harper Hunt, Clara Jayne Stewart, Charlotte Wisniske
- 14. FLY ME TO THE MOON** – Kristen Cripe
- 15. NATURE BOY** - Greta Kinser, Riley Kroesing, Olivea Lake, Fayth Renneberg
- 16. FABULOUS** – Bonnie Leys, Mel Leys, Ruth Leys, Miss Pricilla, Miss Robyn
- 17. THE BARE NECESSITIES** - Evelyn Allred, Skylar Jaikowski, Xena Matthews, Alice Rogers
- 18. CAN'T STOP THE FEELING**- Annalia Johnson
- 19. WONDERFUL LIFE**- Clara Holt
- 20. HEART SHAPED BOX** – Maggie Maxwell-Jones
- 21. WARRIOR OF THE MIND** - Zach Houghton, Emma Morano
- 22. FUNKY FISH PARTY** – Sunshine Ewalt, Arrabella Johnson, Kamela Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Kathryn McClain, Scarlett Shattuck, Malachi Williams, Scarlette Witzel
- 23. CANDY**- Jersey Dickinson, Harper Hunt, Jennifer Hunt, Khloe Narloch, Nora Stokely
- 24. BOND** – Vyla Bohner, Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Vada Helias, Olivia Jasin, Maxwell Moore

### **15 Minute Intermission**

- 25. WORKIN' 9 TO 5** - Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Harley Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Shaylee Hunter, Olivia Jasin, Nyla Schnautz, Alexis Thomas, Gracelynn Thomas, Emma Tyslenko, Charlotte Wisniske
- 26. FLY TO YOUR HEART** - Mila Burtenshaw, Cora Gekeler, Rowen Kizer, Olive Kovacs, Ella Shotko, Addison Taylor, Amina VanDyke, Olive West, Liesel Williams
- 27. RUMOUR HAS IT** - Robyn Christensen, Priscilla Dowsett, Mel Leys, Meg Reynolds, Cassie Young, Miss Dee

- 28. WHEN I GROW UP** – Aubrey, Anderson, Savanna Anger, Josie Baker, Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Ruby Caterino, Kinsley Kennedy, Hollie Kranz, Harper Peterson
- 29. SWAN LAKE** - Holly Reitsma
- 30. WORTH IT** - Tatum Anderson
- 31. I SEE THE LIGHT** – Caitlyn Pair, Jack Mattice
- 32. GO THE DISTANCE** – Evelyn Allred, Skylar Jaikowski, Xena Matthews, Alice Rogers
- 33. SUPER COOL**- Hailey Blair, Charley Duby, Eastly Gorby, Olivia Jasin, Oliver Mason, Kathryn McClain, Idalia Norton, Maibelle Sleight, Charlotte Waite, Klovir Wuelfing
- 34. LEGALLY BLONDE**- Hazel Araujo, Kaydance Dowsett, Harley Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Nyla Schnautz, Gracelynn Thomas
- 35. EVERYDAY PRINCESS**- Brealynn Bowen, Theadosia Dora, Jennifer Hunt
- 36. EXES AND OHS** - Emma Tyslenko
- 37. REMEMBER THEM** – Zach Houghton
- 38. QUEEN BEE**- Jaelyn Christensen
- 39. DREAMS & NIGHTMARES**- Shaylee Hunter
- 40. SPARKLING DIAMONDS**- Emma Morano
- 41. SPICE GIRLS** – Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandra Dykstra, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Alexis Thomas

## **AWARDS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**- Evelyn Allred, Aubrey Anderson, Savanna Anger, Josie Baker, Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Ruby Caterino, Cora Gekeler, Clara Holt, Harper Hunt, Jennifer Hunt, Skylar Jaikowski, Olivia Jasin, Annalia Johnson, Kinsley Kennedy, Olive Kovacs, Hollie Kranz, Riley Kroesing, Ruth Leys, Oliver Mason, Jack Mattice, Maxwell Moore, Idalia Norton, Harper Peterson, Alice Rogers, Scarlett Shattuck, Addison Taylor, Liesel Williams, Malachi Williams, Cassidy Wittenbach, Scarlette Witzel



**2<sup>nd</sup> Year-** Hailey Blair, Mila Burtenshaw, Rosalie Christensen, Charley Duby, Rowen Kizer, Bonnie Leys, Mel Leys, Xena Matthews, Maxwell Moore, Khloe Narloch, Ella Shotko, Amina VanDyke, Olive West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year** – Brealynn Bowen, Jersey Dickinson, Theadosia Dora, Alyssa Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Mel Leys, Nyla Schnautz, Charlotte Waite

**4<sup>th</sup> Year** – Alexandria Dykstra, Sunshine Ewalt, Eastlyn Gorby, Kathryn McClain, Maibelle Sleight, Cynthia Stephens, Nora Stokely, Klovir Wuelfing

**5<sup>th</sup> Year** - Kamela Johnson, Greta Kinser, Maggie Maxwell-Jones, Charlotte Wisniski

**6<sup>th</sup> Year** - Vyla Bohner, Arrabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Clara Jayne Stewart, Gracelynn Thomas

**7<sup>th</sup> Year** - **Vada** Helias

**8<sup>th</sup> Year** - Hazel Araujo, Harley Fields

**9<sup>th</sup> Year** - Kaydance Dowsett, Megan Reynolds, Alexis Thomas

**10<sup>th</sup> Year** - Chyler Brough, Harper Husted

**11<sup>th</sup> Year** - Emma Morano

**12<sup>th</sup> Year** - Tatum Anderson, Olivea Lake, Fayth Renneberg

**13<sup>th</sup> Year** - Jaelyn Christensen, Shaylee Hunter, Fayth Renneberg, Emma Tyslenko

**14<sup>th</sup> Year** - Holly Reitsma

**15<sup>th</sup> Year** - Zach Houghton, Whisper McClain, Caitlyn Pair

**18<sup>th</sup> Year** - Isabelle Houghton, Cassie Young

**19<sup>th</sup> Year** - Priscilla Dowsett

**23<sup>rd</sup> Year** - Kristen Cripe

**24<sup>th</sup> Year** - Robyn Christensen

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Ballet ☐

Swing ☐

Sizzlin' Salsa ☐

Group ☐

Duet/Trio ☐

Solo ☐