

Miss Dee's School of Dance

Presents

Dancing Through Life



*40th Anniversary
Spring Recital
2026*

Miss Dee's School of Dance



As we celebrate 40 wonderful years of teaching, our hearts are full of gratitude for your unwavering support throughout another remarkable year. We deeply appreciate every parent and guardian who gives their time, energy, and love to ensure their dancers can come to our studio. Your steadfast commitment and encouragement create the nurturing, joyful environment that makes all the difference, and inspires us to give our very best every day.

Miss Dee's School of Dance began as a simple dream, a place where each student would be empowered to discover and reach their fullest potential. What started in humble beginnings has blossomed into a vibrant community where young dancers grow not only in skill, but in confidence, friendship, and self-belief. As teachers, our greatest fulfillment comes from watching your children shine, both on and off the dance floor. Thank you for trusting us to be a part of their journey. We cherish the privilege of helping them learn, flourish, and become their truest selves.

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

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Students of the Month

2025—2026



Eastlyn
Gorby
Oct 2025



Skylar
Jaikowski
Oct 2025



Jaelyn
Christesen
Nov 2025



Olivia
Jasin
Dec 2025



Chyler
Brough
Dec 2025



Vienna
Elenbaas
Dec2025



Aubree
Wilson
Jan 2026



Ella
Shotko
Feb 2026



Annalia
Johnson
Feb 2026



Miley
Dobson
March 2026



Clara
Holt
March 2026



Hazel
Araujp
April 2026



Emma
Byler
April 2026



Jaiden
Shoen
May 2026



Nyla
Schnautz
May 2026



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 Ella Shotko. Her name will appear on a plaque that will hang in the lobby along with past and future scholarship winners.

*Ella
Shotko*



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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.

Eastlyn Gorby

Eastlyn has demonstrated significant improvement this year. Her commitment to growth is evident in her consistent attendance in both her dance and team classes. Eastlyn approaches each class with hard work and dedicates time to practicing at home. This extra effort reflects her dedication to improving her skills. She is excited about performing and shows enthusiasm and passion for dance.

12 And Older Scholarship Winner.

Hazel Araujo



Hazel consistently worked to enhance her skills in Hip Hop and Jazz this year. Her commitment to learning new and increasingly difficult skills along with her persistence have resulted in significant improvement. Hazel is supportive of her Dancimation teammates, and is always willing to contribute to a positive team environment. Hazel is enthusiastic about performing, bringing energy and passion to each performance.

Miss Dee's School of Dance 2026 Graduating Senior

Caitlyn Pair

I have been dancing at Miss Dee's for 16 years. I have danced many different styles over those year, favoring lyrical the most. For a couple years I also participated with the Dancimation Performing Company and Competition team. I graduate this year from Greenville High School, and in the Fall I will be attending the University of Michigan, majoring in biology on a pre-veterinary medicine track, following in my mother's footsteps! I would like to thank Miss Dee for all the coaching, within the dance world and also other life lessons. I would also love to thank my parents for the endless support they have given me throughout my life. With a final thank you to my grandparents who showed me endless love as I grew up!



Caitlyn-

You are the most gracious, loving, and delightful daughter that parents could ever ask for. You have been our shining star and there is never a time we have not been proud of you. We have seen you grow as a dancer and a person and know you will succeed in anything that you do. We love you with all our hearts!

*Love always,
Mom and Dad*

We would like to congratulate Caitlyn
as she continues on her path.

Always remember
Life is a Dance and The World is Your Stage.
Go For It!

MDSD Staff

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 40 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 19 years and was a part of the Dancimation team for 8 of those years. I have also been an assistant teacher for 7 years and an instructor for 8 years. I have studied tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance.



Miss Kristen

For the past 24 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 16 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 6 years and teaching for 4 years.

Meet Your Miss Dee's School of Dance Staff



Miss
Brenna

My name is Brenna Kimmet and I have been dancing for 36 years and teaching for 24 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 14 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 Dancination Performing Company and have performed at Universal Studios and competitions in and out of Michigan. I have been assistant teaching for the past 6 years and have enjoyed teaching classes on my own for the past 3 years

Our Assistant Instructors



Miss
Alex



Miss
Emma



Miss
Tatum



Miss
Jaelyn

Special thanks to our prop builders and movers Priscilla Dowsett, Michelle Turley, Danielle & Chris Hancock, Threase Dykstra, Jen & Mathew Thomas for making the sets I dream up a reality.



1. THE KING OF POP MEDLEY– Evelyn Allred, Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Brealynn Bowen, April Brady, Cassie Bristol, Chyler Brough, Emma Byler, Jaelyn Christensen, Jersey Dickinson, Kaydance Dowsett, Priscilla Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Vienna Elenbaas, Sunshine Ewalt, Alyssa Fields, Harley Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Eastlyn Gorby, Vada Helias, Clara Holt, Harper Husted, Skylar Jaikowski, Olivia Jasin, Annalia Johnson, Arrabella Johnson, Kamela Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Riley Kroesing, Olivea Lake, Carolyn Layton, Oliver Mason, Xena Matthews, Kathryn McClain, Whisper McClain, Maxwell Moore, Caitlyn Pair, Megan Reynolds, Nyla Schnautz, Vera Sims, Maibelle Sleight, Alexis Thomas, Gracelynn Thomas, Emma Tyslenko, Taylor Velting, Charlotte Waite, Aubree Wilson, Charlotte Wisniskie, Scarlett Witzel, Miss Dee, Miss Robyn, Miss Kristen, Miss Isabelle, Miss Shaylee, Mr. Zach

2. SIDE BY SIDE – Serena Norris, Cynthia Stevenson

3. ALL IS FOUND – Madison Anderson, Mila Burtenshaw, Olive Kovacs, Ella Shotko, Addilyn Stallings, Olive West

4. SWING UPON A STAR – Elaina Brower, Kendrix Burns, Hollie Kranz, Miley Dobson, Jaidyn Shoen, Adeline Wellman, Savannah Wellman

5. GISELLE VARIATION – Holly Reitsma

6. TALE AS OLD AS TIME – Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Quinn Earegood, Chandra Elliott, Kinsley Kennedy, Harper Peterson

6.5 LET'S GET LOUD – Shaylee Hunter, Jaelyn Christensen

7. WINGS - Harper Husted

8. MISS V- Vada Helias

9. MONSTERS UNDER MY BED – Vienna Elenbaas, Riley Kroesing, Olivea Lake, Taylor Velting

10. WHEN I'M OLDER – Madison Anderson, Mila Burtenshaw, Olive Kovacs, Ella Shotko, Addilyn Stallings, Olive West

11. BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE – Emma Tyslenko

12. ME AND MY TEDDY BEAR – Elaina Brower, Kendrix Burns, Hollie Kranz, Miley Dobson, Jaidyn Shoen, Adeline Wellman, Savannah Wellman

13. FABULOUS FEET- Annalia Johnson

14. RIVER – Tatum Anderson

15. READY OR NOT - Karmyn Freeman

16. I GET TO LOVE YOU – Kristen Cripe

17. BE OUR GUEST - Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Quinn Earegood, Chandra Elliott, Kinsley Kennedy, Harper Peterson

18. OH SO QUIET- Jaelyn Christensen

19. SURFIN' SAFARI- Brealynn Bowen, Skylar Jaikowski, Carolyn Layton, Oliver Mason, Kathryn McClain

20. HAVANA NIGHTS – Emma Byler, Jersey Dickinson, Alyssa Fields, Maxwell Moore, Scarlett Witzel

21. POWER – Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Vada Helias, Olivia Jasin

15 Minute Intermission

22. THE GREATEST SHOW – Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Harley Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Eastlyn Gorby, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Olivia Jasin, Nyla Schnautz, Alexis Thomas, Gracelynn Thomas, Emma Tyslenko, Charlotte Wisniske

23. DECENDANTS- Emma Byler, Arrabella Johnson, Kamela Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Aubree Wilson

24. FEVER – Robyn Christensen, Priscilla Dowsett, Whisper McClain, Meg Reynolds, Cassie Young, Miss Dee

25. LIFE HERE AFTER – Brealynn Bowen, Skylar Jaikowski, Xena Matthews, Evelyn Allred, April Brady, Vera Sims, Charlotte Waite

26. HEADS WILL ROLL - Sunshine Ewalt, Eastlyn Gorby, Kathryn McClain, Maibelle Sleight

27. THE DOLL - Alexandria Dykstra, Vada Helias

28. ACADEMY OF WIZARDRY – Hazel Araujo, Kaydance Dowsett, Harley Fields, Olivia Jasin, Nyla Schnautz, Gracelynn Thomas, Charlotte Wisniske

29. YEARBOOK – Riley Kroesing, Olivea Lake, Taylor Velting

30. DEFYING GRAVITY - Clara Holt

31. WHOLE LOTTA WOMAN - Tatum Anderson, Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Emma Tyslenko

32. NAUSEOUS – Caitlyn Pair

33. ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK – 40th Anniversary Alumni Dance

34. RAINBOW CONNECTION – Evelyn Allred, Brealynn Bowen, April Brady, Skylar Jaikowski, Xena Matthews, Vera Sims, Charlotte Waite

35. BATTLE CRY– Zach Houghton

36. HOTLINE- Tatum Anderson

37. JAILHOUSE ROCK - Sunshine Ewalt, Eastlyn Gorby, Kathryn McClain, Maibelle Sleight

38. BURLESQUE – Emma Tyslenko

39. INVASION- Chyler Brough

40. CHARLIE’S ANGELS - Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Alexis Thomas

41. TIGHTROPE - Jaelyn Christensen

42. KEEP FOLLOWING – Shaylee Hunter

43. STEAM HEAT – Miss Dee

AWARDS

1st Year- Madison Anderson, April Brady, Elaina Brower, Kendrix Burns, Emma Byler, Rebecca Craigen, Miley Dobson, Quinn Earegood, Vienna Elenbaas, Chandra Elliott, Carolyn Layton, Serena Norris, Jaidyn Shoen, Vera Sims, Addilyn Stallings, Taylor Velting, Adeline Wellman, Savannah Wellman, Aubree Wilson

2nd Year- Evelyn Allred, Blakely Bramer, Kinsley Burns, Clara Holt, Skylar Jaikowski, Olivia Jasin, Annalia Johnson, Kinsley Kennedy, Olive Kovacs, Hollie Kranz, Riley Kroesing, Oliver Mason, Harper Peterson, Scarlett Witzel

3rd Year – Mila Burtenshaw, Xena Matthews, Maxwell Moore, Ella Shotko, Olive West

4th Year – Brealynn Bowen, Jersey Dickinson, Alyssa Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Nyla Schnautz, Charlotte Waite

5th Year – Alexandria Dykstra, Sunshine Ewalt, Eastlyn Gorby, Kathryn McClain, Maibelle Sleight, Cynthia Stephens

6th Year - Kamela Johnson, Charlotte Wisniski

7th Year - Arrabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Gracelynn Thomas

8th Year - Vada Rose

9th Year - Hazel Araujo, Harley Fields

10th Year - Kaydance Dowsett, Megan Reynolds, Alexis Thomas

11th Year - Chyler Brough, Harper Husted

13th Year - Tatum Anderson, Olivea Lake

14th Year - Jaelyn Christensen, Shaylee Hunter, Emma Tyslenko

15th Year - Holly Reitsma

16th Year - Zach Houghton, Whisper McClain, Caitlyn Pair

18th Year - Isabelle Houghton, Cassie Bristol

20th Year - Priscilla Dowsett

24th Year - Kristen Cripe

25th Year - Robyn Christensen

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