



To the families of the JUMP Immersion Schools,

Hello, my name is Jacquelyn Allsopp and I'm the founder and main dance teacher for Ankh Academy of the Arts, after school dance program at JUMP in East Hanover, Summit, and Scotch Plains. I'm also a proud parent of two Jump students, Nevaeh Allsopp (4th grade) and Jonah Allsopp (1st grade). We have been a part of the JUMP family since 2020, and are so excited to be part of the expansion of this incredible school.

I'm truly honored to have founded JUMP's after school dance program and share my love of dance with your children. A little bit about me.....

I'm a native of Brooklyn NY, and started dancing at 4 years old in a local dance school in Brooklyn, NY. Being of Puerto Rican, Italian, and Irish descent we were always dancing at home. Salsa dancing in the kitchen and tap and jazz in the studio. These forms of movement were my first exposure to dance and little did I know these genres set the foundation for my versatility as a professional dancer later on.

At 8 years old, I was accepted to an elite ballet school in NYC, known today as Ballet Tech. This school is the only tuition free, high caliber ballet program in all the USA, that offers incredible ballet training to underprivileged students of NYC. With my mother being single and raising two young girls by herself, this program was God sent for us and it changed my dance trajectory for the rest of my life.

The training I received at this school allowed to become a soloist with numerous Ballet, Modern, Opera, and Broadway companies over the last 25 years; but it was my early exposure to multiple genres of movement that shaped my formative years of dance and contributed to my

versatility and confidence in my own cultural intelligence, that then allowed me jump to from one genre of movement to another at such high levels. Believing that my cultural differences were an asset, to any and all spaces, allowed me an incredibly diverse professional dance career. More recently, I've been growing our family while setting International and National Broadway tours of West Side Story all around the world. I've also been teaching in many schools in the NY/NJ area, and outreach programs in St.Maarten in the Caribbean, all the while finishing my Masters of Arts in Dance Education from Hunter College, with a K-12 teaching certification from NY state.

My mission at Jump is to cultivate well-rounded, culturally confident dancers, who recognize that their uniqueness and cultural intelligence is important to the world. We encourage them to trust themselves, and that bringing yourself fully to all spaces is an asset. Through dance, we will instill confidence and teach cognitive skills all through positivity, love, and encouragement; all while acquiring high-level technique in multiple genres of movement. I'm looking forward to pouring all my professional knowledge into them, while empowering them to trust in their cultural intelligence, so they can realize their fullest potential as the future leaders of our world.

The Ankh symbol represents "The Breath Of Life", and at Ankh Academy of the Arts we believe our children can use dance as a vessel for social activism to change the lives of others through movement and storytelling. We are so honored to be on this journey with your children. **Thank you for the opportunity!**

Sincerely,
Jacquelyn Allsopp, M.A. Ed

****Once you enroll in our program you will receive an email on how to set up your account on our online platform.**

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