

SCVTHS Dance Department Newsletter 2020-2021

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Welcome to our NEW Newsletter!

Hello Parents, Students, Staff,
Faculty and the SCVTHS
Community!

We zoomed, we socially
distanced, we masked up, and
through it all, we still danced.
Enjoy our first issue of SCVTHS
Dance Department Newsletter,
where will share photos,
stories, quotes and messages
from our students, staff and
alumni.

~ SCVTHS Dance Teacher News~

Sheila finished her year-long course of becoming a Professional Energy Practitioner. (COVID expanded the year-long course to be one and a half years!). She now has her own studio space for the energy work in Morristown and has begun the work and study of becoming certified.

Maureen just completed her first year of graduate school and loves being a student, once again! She is taking on-line courses at University of Northern Colorado working towards her Masters in Dance Education. Maureen also launched a new site-specific dance series called Outside the Lines which was presented at Centenary University this past May. Four SCVTHS dance alumni performed at the event, two dance with Maureen's company, moe-tion dance theater, another dances with a NJ company and the other dances with a NY company. In our next issue those alumni will be featured.



What a Year!

Here are
some
highlights



DANCE ACROSS AMERICA

A CELEBRATION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE 46TH PRESIDENT

of the UNITED STATES, JOE BIDEN and VICE PRESIDENT, KAMALA HARRIS.

Produced by Kenny Ortega, the dancers learned the choreography online, were then filmed performing the choreography and were chosen to be part of a segment that showcased professional dancers as well as everyday Americans from all 50 states dancing to the song "Dancing in the Streets". Although the dancer's television spot was hard to see, (tiny thumbprint in a collage of many dancers) they still danced, and we applaud them!



“The Show Must Go On” AND IT DID!



Our formal concert, *RESILIENCE*, showcased student choreography with sculptures and posters created by CTE students from numerous shops at SCVTHS including carpentry, welding, plumbing, graphic arts and the print shop. Special thanks to the shop teachers and students for being part! Concert Photos by Deb Gichan

WORDS FROM SOME OF OUR SENIORS ~

“With my time at Vo-tech I have learned many things that I will take with me to college and my life after. To name a few, teamwork, creativity, and independence have helped me to not only become a better artist, but also a well-rounded person.” Sophia LeBron

“After being a part of the Vo-tech dance program for 4 years, I’ve gained an understanding of growth, and the process of growing as a dancer. I used to think that after overcoming an obstacle, I would suddenly feel satisfied with my dancing. But after looking back at every obstacle I’ve overcome in the past 4 years, I’ve come to the realization that as dancers, we always want more, and that desire to keep wanting more and to be better is where growth stems from.” Elianna Witt

“The dance program at Vo-tech helped me find my career path. The most important thing I learned was that if I wanted to truly pursue dance, I had to give it my all in every single class.” Juliana Hassouna

Congratulations to our Seniors and Best of Luck in College and Beyond!

Remember to always work to your fullest potential - be joyful - be kind- and be true to yourself. Each one of you has something unique and special to offer to our world, search for what that is and make the world better. Enjoy your life! Sheila



Claudia D'Alessandro



Elizabeth Driscoll



Kayla Faynor



Juliana Hassouna



Sophia LeBron



Mikaela Miranda



Leah Semper



Elianna Witt

Claudia D'Alessandro ~ Pace University **\$146,400** Scholarship **BFA Dance**

Liz Driscoll ~ Allegheny College **\$116,000** Scholarship **BFA Theater**

Kayla Faynor ~ Muhlenberg College **\$138,548** Scholarship **BFA Dance, Psychology Minor, Focus in Dance Movement Therapy**

Juliana Hassouna ~ Montclair State University **\$20,000** Presidential Scholars Scholarship **BFA Dance**

Sophia LeBron ~ High Point University **\$52,000**, Double Major, **BFA Dance/Physical Therapy**

Mikaela Miranda ~ Montclair State University **BFA Dance**

Leah Semper ~ Drexel University **\$80,000** Scholarship **BS Health Science, Bridge Doctorate Physical Therapy Program**

Sophie Sun ~ Tisch School of the Arts **BFA Drama**

Elianna Whitt ~ Montclair State University **BFA Dance**