



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

We would like to share a few updates on our studio, alumni, teachers and our upcoming important dates. We're very proud of our reputation, the success of our former students, and the involvement of our teachers in the community. Congratulations to our NCDI alumni who have continued to pursue their passions for dance. Robert Hartwell is performing with the National Tour of *Motown* with a stop at the DPAC. Bree Branker made her Broadway debut in *Big Fish*. Grady Bowman has been nominated for the Capezio Choreography Award and is in the Broadway show *Honeymoon in Vegas* starring Tony Danza. Emily Nicolaou is touring the world, dancing with the Danish Dance Theatre. Lindsey Matheis is dancing with the cutting edge dance company, BODYTRAFFIC, based in California. All of these NCDI alumni also trained at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. As a graduate of UNCSA and a former honorary member of the UNCSA Board of Trustees, I know these students receive outstanding

training at UNCSA. For parents looking to their child's future training, UNCSA offers free tuition for NC residents (www.uncsa.edu). Congrats to NCDI dancer, Eli Hooker who has spent this past year at UNCSA for high school. Dylan Parton has been accepted for the UNCSA BFA Contemporary Program.

Many NCDI young dancers were in Carolina Ballet's *The Nutcracker*. NCDI dancer Gage Gordon reprised his role as the Young Prince. Tillie Spoor was featured in an awesome article in the News & Observer about her experience as a Party Girl. Rachael Pope and Kaitlin Szulik are featured dancers in Theatre in the Park's *A Christmas Carol*. More information, news and upcoming performances are available on our website at www.ncdanceinstitute.com. Stay connected with posts, cool pictures, and videos by joining our Facebook group page at [NC Dance Institute](#).

Upcoming dates:

Feb 16-March 8: Photography Sessions at NCDI with Wolf Photography. Parents can view photos at NCDI or by appointment with Wolf Photography. See lobby for information.

Spring Break: March 23-March 28. NCDI will be closed for this week.

NCDI 2015 Summer Session: Registration begins March 15. Our 6 week Summer Session is June 15-July 25. We offer weekly/Saturday dance classes for ages 3 to adults and summer dance camps/intensives for the serious dancers. Please don't delay - our summer sessions fill up fast and every Frozen Dance camp sold out last summer.

Our Summer Showcase features 50 of NCDI's best dancers ages 9 to 18 years in an exciting performance on June 27. Dancers are selected by audition only. Auditions will be held on March 14 and May 9.

Parent Observation Weeks: May 9-21. Please see your dancer's specified class date online or in the lobby.

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 14 years. After all, we are a very different choice from the market model of dance studio instruction. We do not focus on costly recitals or enter into expensive, time-consuming dance competitions. Our focus is on the development of the individual dancer through technical applications and exposure to a variety of choreography. We hope to shape dancers who are educated, creative, and technically proficient. Our classrooms are filled with young artists who are enjoying their journey in dance education. We value our students and parents who trust their arts education in our hands. NCDI strives to advance the role of the arts as a powerful catalyst in shaping young people to make smart decisions about their physical and mental health, and to prioritize their goals for their futures. *A dream without action is a wish*. We look forward to an exciting action-packed year of dance at North Carolina Dance Institute. Please continue to spread the word about NCDI to your friends and neighbors and help our studio grow.

Thank you,
Kirstie Spadie
NCDI Artistic Director