



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome to NCDI as we approach 17 years of teaching dance! We would like to share a few updates on our studio, alumni, teachers and our upcoming important dates. We are 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 stepped off the Broadway production of *Hello Dolly!* to dedicate his time to *The Broadway Collective*. He will lead musical theatre master classes throughout the US and in NYC. Emily Nicolaou is touring the world dancing with the Danish Dance Theatre, and she has performed at The Kennedy Center and the Joyce in NYC. Lindsey Matheis is dancing with the LA-based dance company BODYTRAFFIC, and will be headed to

Broadway in the cutting edge performance art piece, *Sleep No More*. Ashley Lindsey and Grady Bowman are teaming up on a new digital company focused on video marketing for dancers and dance studios. 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. For parents looking to their child's future training, UNCSA offers free tuition for NC residents (www.uncsa.edu). Congratulations to NCDI alumna Dylan Parton who is working on her BFA in Contemporary Dance at UNCSA. NCDI hosts several of our advanced dancers to attend UNCSA for the Festival of the Dance.

More information, news, and upcoming performances are available on our website at www.ncdanceinstitute.com. Stay connected with posts, pictures, and videos by joining our Facebook group page at [NC Dance Institute](#).

Upcoming Dates:

January 5: Start of the 2018 Spring Session

February 23-25: NCDI attends UNCSA Festival of Dance

April 2-8: Spring Break

May 14-26: Parent Observation (Schedule will be posted online)

May 28: Memorial Day NCDI Closed

May 29-June 2: Bring a Friend Week

June 2: Last day of Spring Session

June 18: NCDI Summer Session begins: 6 Weeks (June 18-July 28) Classes & Dance Camps

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 17 years. 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