



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome to NCDI! We celebrate 18 years of sharing our commitment to quality dance instruction in the triangle. We would like to share a few updates on our studio, alumni, teachers and our upcoming important dates. We are 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. Lindsey Matheis is dancing on Broadway in the cutting-edge performance art piece, *Sleep No More*. 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 will be graduating with a BFA Contemporary Dance from UNCSA. Nicholas Kraft is finishing his freshman year at the prestigious University of Michigan. In February, several of our dancers will attend UNCSA for the Festival of the Dance. Kirstie created choreography for St Mary's School for their 80th Anniversary of Orchesis Dance Ensemble. This summer, Kirstie will be choreographing for the DDC Talented Youth Program in Shanghai, China.

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

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 4, 2019 (Fri): Spring Classes resume. We are still accepting new students.

Jan 26 (Sat): Summer Showcase 2pm Auditions (Dancers 9-18 yrs)

Feb 22-24 (Fri-Sun): NCDI Advanced Dancers attend UNCSA Festival of Dance in Winston-Salem

April 6 (Sat): Summer Showcase 2pm Auditions (Dancers 9-18 yrs)

Apr 15-21 (Mon-Sun): Spring Break.

May (TBA): Parent Observations & Bring a Friend Week.

Jun 1: End of Spring Session

Jun 17-Jul 28: 6 Week Summer Session

Jun 29 (Sat): NCDI Summer Showcase at Wakefield High Auditorium

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 18 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. Spread the word about NCDI to your friends and neighbors and help our studio grow.

Thank you,
Kirstie Spadie
NCDI Artistic Director