



Halie Jernigan (Manteno High School)

How long have you been dancing? I have been dancing for 13 years, since I was 4 years old.

What are your plans after you graduate? I plan to go to a 4-year college to begin my studies in Physical Therapy.

Do you have other hobbies besides dance? I like art and music and love to read.

What is your favorite memory of your time at Paula Aubry? My best memories are getting to have in depth questions of the day with the high school class and Ms. Heather before class

starts each week, marathon weekends with Kompany through the years, and getting to dance with all the teachers for Business of Love in the 50th anniversary recital.

What is something the dance studio has taught you that goes beyond dance? It has taught me to have patience with myself, that hard work pays off, and that you can find comfort in more than just people.

Who in your life has had a great impact? My mom. I would like to thank her for always supporting everything I've done in life, for putting me through dance all these years, for never letting me give up on myself, and for being my best friend through it all.



Addison Magruder (Bishop McNamara Catholic High School)

How long have you been dancing? I started at 4 years old and have danced for 13 years.

What are your plans after you graduate? I want to attend college and continue to dance and possibly study physical therapy. After college, I would love to perform with professional companies and teach for a few years.

Do you have other hobbies besides dance? I like to crochet, listen to music, paint and bake.

What is your favorite memory of your time at Paula Aubry? My favorite memories are from anytime the Kompany has gotten the opportunity to travel to Visceral Dance in Chicago. Learning original choreography from Nick Pupillo is something I will never forget.

What is something the dance studio has taught you that goes beyond dance? I have learned that practice makes progress, instead of expecting perfection all of the time. Trying to be perfect at something can be more harmful than helpful.

Who in your life has had a great impact? My parents. Thank you for sacrificing so much for me so I could keep doing the thing that I love the most. I can't thank them enough for all the support and love they have given me. They are my #1 fans and I am forever thankful that they decided to enroll me in dance 13 years ago.



Eva Morris (Bradley Bourbonnais Community High School)

How long have you been dancing? I have been dancing for 15 years, since I was 3 years old.

What are your plans after you graduate? I will be attending Kankakee Community College and studying business.

Do you have other hobbies besides dance? I love to hang out with my friends and family, go shopping, and read in my free time.

What is your favorite memory of your time at Paula Aubry? My favorite memories at Paula

Aubry are when all the classes at the studio are sharing dances before it is time to go to the stage.

What is something the dance studio has taught you that goes beyond dance?

One thing I have learned through my years at the studio is to not let your imperfections take away from your passions. Always remember you are more than your mistakes.

Who in your life has had a great impact? My mother is my inspiration. Getting to look up to her throughout my life inside and outside of the studio has been something I am beyond grateful for. Thank you, mom, for being my rock.