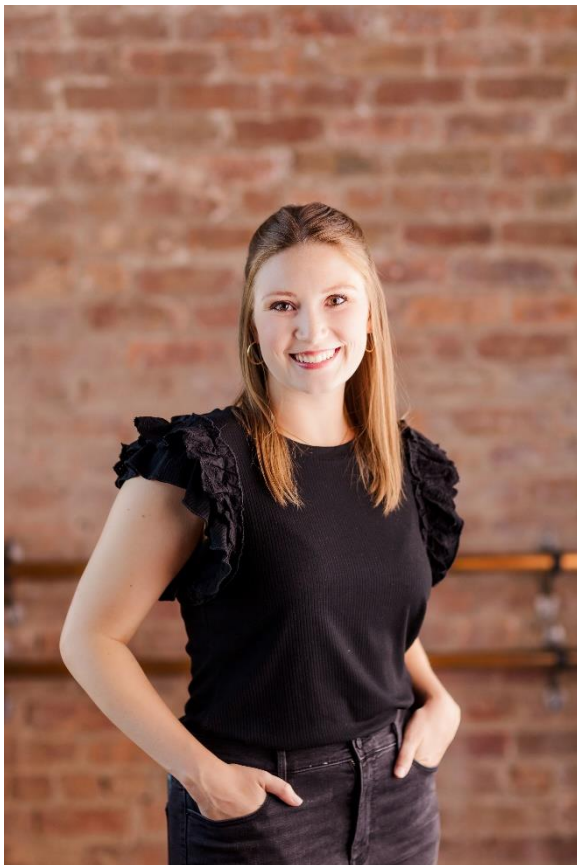




Amy Morris – Owner/Artistic Director

Meet Ms. Amy! The leader that does it all. Ms. Amy became owner of Paula Aubry School of Dance in 1997. Before that, she was a student of Mrs. Aubry's beginning in 1975, and started teaching in 1991. Currently she teaches our littlest dancers in Pre-Ballet, Level 1, and Level 2. The best part for her is watching each dancer come out of their shells and grow as dancers and young people. Her favorite challenge is molding and getting to know her babies. When Ms. Amy has free time away from running her two businesses, she loves to read, practice yoga, go on bike rides, enjoy a cup of coffee, and delve into podcasts (specifically true crime, Keith Morrison is her idol). Ms. Amy is married to the amazing "Mr. Amy," the "Brock of all trades," Brock. They have 3 children, Ms. Mia (who you'll be introduced to soon), Noah and Eva Grace, along with their wheaten terrier pup, Cash, who is lucky to be a year old. Thank you for all you do, Ms. Amy! Your incredible work does not go unnoticed.



Veronica Kravat – Office Manager/Teacher

Meet Ms. Veronica! Ms. Veronica started dancing at Paula Aubry when she was 3 years old, and has stayed since then! After high school, she stayed in the area and worked the front desk, then started teaching the following year in 2014. Outside of the studio, Ms. Veronica works at Sequels Resale Shop and is on the Acting Out Theatre Company board where she has choreographed their productions over the last 5 years. She enjoys all things musical theatre and music and loves to go to as many productions and concerts as she can! She also enjoys her time on the couch with her cat, Gale, and boyfriend, Spencer, with a sudoku puzzle and a good tv show. Ms. Veronica currently teaches our dancers in Level 3 through Advanced Intermediate and is also the office manager. If you get an email from us, that's usually her! Ms. Veronica says, "I am so thankful for the role the studio has played in my life, ever since I was 3 years old. I found my calling, and am glad that Ms. Amy has seen something in me to give me all that I have!" Her hard work and dedication to every facet of the studio is truly irreplaceable. Her students love her energy and it has been a joy to watch her become a dynamic teacher. We are grateful for all that you share with our team, Ms. Veronica!



Kendra Prairie – Teacher

Meet Ms. Kendra! Ms. Kendra has been dancing forever! She grew up at Paula Aubry School of Dance and took classes from age three through high school. She continued dancing in college and took any class possible, even though it wasn't for her degree. She returned to the studio after college and has been teaching dance for 20 years! Currently she teaches our youngest dancers in Pre-Ballet and Level 1 and absolutely loves it. Not only does she teach on Thursday evenings, but she is also an incredibly important piece of all our productions in another way. Our backstage organization would simply not run the same without her! Ms. Kendra and her husband, Gregg, have four children: one in college, two in high school, and one in middle school. Her girls love dance like she does, and her boys have never missed a recital or Nutcracker. During the day, Ms. Kendra is a reading interventionist. Her other passions and hobbies include planting flowers, listening to podcasts and audiobooks, decorating, playing cards and hanging with her family. She also loves everything musical theatre (and so does Gregg, but don't tell his secret)! Ms. Kendra says, "Mrs. Aubry provided a foundation I will be forever grateful for. I would have never guessed my own kids would

experience this studio just like I did as a young girl. If dance becomes a part of your world... it will never leave!" To know Ms. Kendra is to love her. Thank you for all you do!



Danielle Shoven – Teacher

Meet Ms. Danielle! Ms. Danielle has been dancing since she was seven and never stopped. She grew up as a student at Paula Aubry and began teaching as a senior in high school. After high school, she studied at the University of Illinois for a year, then came back to her home studio to share her love of dance. Currently, she teaches our 5th grade through high school students, but has previously taught every level in the book! Ms. Danielle is recently married and is a mother to three – Bryton, Brayen, and Bryah. In her free time, Ms. Danielle loves to shop and enjoys sharing as much time with her kiddos as possible. A random fun fact is that she is obsessed with Laffy Taffy candy! Ms. Danielle is well loved by all because of the care and passion she has for each and every one of her students. Her dances are always energetic crowd pleasers! She is ecstatic for our studio's 50th anniversary because "I have watched this studio grow and evolve beyond belief! This year is going to be fantastic. Thank you to our students for their dedication and eagerness." We could not imagine doing our 50th anniversary without Ms. Danielle! Thank you for your ever positive energy and love for our studio.



Heather Brenza – Teacher

Meet Ms. Heather! Ms. Heather originally came to our studio with a friend for "Bring a friend to dance day," and then never left! She began teaching classes during her senior year of high school, and after that she graduated from Columbia with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance. She came back to teach full time until moving to New York in 2016. She has been teaching again at the studio now since she returned to the midwest in 2018. Ms. Heather lives in Plainfield with her husband, Rick, and their son, Ricky, who will be one whole year old at the end of this month! Outside of the studio, Ms. Heather loves going on walks with her son, spending time outside in the sun, reading, and learning how to cook. She also works part time as a physical therapist assistant. Inside the studio, Ms. Heather teaches a wide range of our students! Her levels include Pre-Ballet, Level 3, Advanced Intermediate, and Advanced. Ms. Heather says, "The studio has always held a special place in my heart and I am proud to be a part of its 50th year celebrations! I look forward to reconnecting with alumni and taking a trip down memory lane." Ms. Heather's dances are always thought-provoking and unique. Her classes are challenging, but still relaxing and let dancers express their love for the art. Thank you, Ms. Heather, for being a special part of our team!



Mia Morris – Teacher

Meet Ms. Mia! Ms. Mia has been dancing since she was three years old. Ms. Mia grew up in the studio taking dance classes and being around in other ways as well, since she is Ms. Amy's daughter! After high school, she studied dance at Columbia for one year and performed in a concert at Illinois State University during her second year, where she went on to study Special Education. Ms. Mia has always been a big part of our backstage team at all of our shows, but feels like her dance journey came full circle when she started teaching our Level 2 dancers last school year. During the day, Ms. Mia is a special education teacher at BBCHS and is the sponsor for Red Surge (the school's pep club). Ms. Mia is the oldest of three siblings. She loves getting to watch her sister, Eva, dance from the wings any chance she gets! One of her favorite studio memories is getting to be the Mouse King and battling the Nutcracker Prince. Ms. Mia says, "I am so excited to be a part of the studio's 50th anniversary! I can't wait to bring back all of the old goodies and talk about memories with alumni during all the celebrations." Thank you for always being a part of the team, Ms. Mia!



Jacquelyn Sarowatz – Teacher

Meet Ms. Jacquelyn! Miss J has been dancing for 25 years, and we are so excited to have her in our studio for her first year of teaching dance classes! Miss J grew up at Paula Aubry and continued dancing at Illinois State University where she earned a Dance Performance Major. After graduation, she set sail to perform with Disney Cruise Line and traveled to the Eastern and Western Caribbean. Now, Miss J is very active in our community theatre scene here in Kankakee County, so you may have seen her on stage! Her favorites have been Cats and Newsies, which she has both been a part of two separate times. She also loves to exercise and take her French Bulldog, Beau, on walks with her fiancé, Jake. A random fun fact is that she loves the dentist! (Maybe because she's never had a cavity...) During the day, Miss J is an elementary school teacher and is in her 3rd year teaching, and she joins us on Tuesday evenings to teach our Level 4/5 hip hoppers! She says, "I love getting to share my love of dance with my niece, who I get to see before class at the studio every Tuesday. I am thrilled for the studio's 50th anniversary and getting to be a piece to the amazing puzzle that is the Paula Aubry dream

team!" Thanks for joining our puzzle, Miss J! We are so glad to bring your energy to our students!



Case Koerner – Teacher

Meet Case... Case is a new piece to our puzzle this year and we are completely thrilled to have them! Case has been dancing for 24 years, and teaching for 10. They grew up dancing at Dance in the Light and continued dancing afterward by choreographing theatre productions for Olivet Nazarene University and being a part of many other plays and musicals, directing and performing. Case's biggest interests are theatre, reading, and Cats... the animal AND the musical. They have their own cat, Stormcrow, at home to love on! Other fun facts about Case are that they have never been stung by a bee (knock on wood) and they are one of the best tappers we've ever met! Case says, "I am so excited for my first year at Paula Aubry! Thank you to all the teachers and staff for being so welcoming." Case is an amazing addition to our team and we are proud to offer their incredible talents to our students for our 50th year!



Wibby Coghlan – Teacher

Meet Ms. Wibby! Dancing has been a part of Ms. Wibby's life for 23 years, but this is her first year teaching and we are thrilled to welcome her to the team in this way! She danced at Paula Aubry for 16 years, then attended Cornell College after high school where she attended every dance class she could, and performed in a few dance concerts as well. By day, she is a school librarian and loves to read. Other things she enjoys are DIY projects, learning home improvement skills on YouTube, and sewing. She also has turned into a costuming extraordinaire for this recital! Ms. Wibby is the youngest of five siblings, one of which she got to grow up dancing with in the studio. Dancing with Nora (and her dad, John, as Drosselmeyer) are some of her fondest memories of our studio. Ms. Wibby would like to thank Ms. Amy and Aunt Gwen for welcoming her back to the studio last year to assist with costumes because being in the studio made her eager to get back in the classroom. She is excited to teach our youngest dancers and meet Paula Aubry alumni during the 50th anniversary season. Getting to hear of dance memories and watch as new ones are made will be a great part of this year!