



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome to NCDI! We are celebrating our 16th anniversary this year. 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 wrapped up *Motown on Broadway* and will be in the Broadway revival of *Hello Dolly!* with Bette Midler. In January, Robert hosted *The Broadway Collective* at NCDI with 50 dancers in attendance. Grady Bowman is now in pre-production for Disney's *Frozen*. Emily Nicolaou is touring the world dancing with the Danish Dance Theatre and recently performed at The Kennedy Center. 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 UNCSCA and a former honorary member of the UNCSCA Board of Trustees, I know these students receive outstanding training. For parents looking to their child's future training, UNCSCA 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 UNCSCA. We brought several of our advanced dancers to UNCSCA for the Festival of the Dance in February. Kirstie was on the guest faculty of NC Dance Educators Organization 2017 Conference and is heading to China this July to choreograph *Madagascar*.

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:

- June 12 - July 22: 6-week summer session with daytime camps/intensives and afternoon/evening classes
- Saturday, June 24: **NCDI Summer Showcase UNCOVERED**
6:00pm performance at Wakefield High School
Featuring 40 NCDI dancers and special guest performance by Ronnie West
Tickets \$12
- Monday, August 7: Start of 2017-2018 Fall-Spring 40-Week Dance Year. Now registering new students!

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 16 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