



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 is dedicating his time to *The Broadway Collective*. He leads musical theatre master classes throughout the US and in NYC and has an online teaching platform for young musical theatre artists and college bound students. 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.

Congratulations to NCDI alumna Dylan Parton who graduated with a BFA in Contemporary Dance from UNCSA. Nicholas Kraft is at the prestigious University of Michigan. Addy Harris attended UNCSA summer session. Anna Joyce: ADF summer session. Allie Roos: Hubbard Street Dance in Chicago. This past summer, NCDI presented a full-scale dance concert on stage called *PS I ♥ U2*. Kirstie then set off to Shanghai, China to create choreography for the DDC Talented Youth Program. *Busy summer!* In February, several of our dancers will attend UNCSA for the Festival of Dance. *Always dancing!*

More news and upcoming performances are available on our website: [www.ncdanceinstitute.com](http://www.ncdanceinstitute.com). Stay connected with posts, pictures, videos by joining our Facebook group page at [NC Dance Institute](#). NC Dance Institute also has an Instagram page. Check it out: [ncdanceinstitute](#).

### **Upcoming Dates: 2019-2020 Dance Year Dates**

**Aug 12:** Start of the 40-week 2019-2020 dance year.

**Aug 24:** NCDI Ballet Concert auditions 2pm-3:30pm for dancers ages 11-18 yrs.

**Sep 2:** Labor Day - NCDI closed.

**Nov 27 - Dec 1 (Wed-Sun):** Thanksgiving - NCDI closed.

**Dec 23 - Jan 5:** Winter Break - NCDI closed.

**Jan 6, 2020:** Classes resume.

**Apr 6-12:** Spring Break - NCDI closed.

**Jun 6:** End of the 2019-2020 dance year.

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