



North Carolina Dance Institute Students & Parents,

Welcome to NCDI! We celebrate 19 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 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 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.

Congratulations to our NCDI alumni: Dylan Parton graduated with a BFA in Contemporary Dance from UNCSCA and is now teaching in NC; Haley Evans is studying voice at UNCSCA; Nicholas Kraft is at the prestigious University of Michigan. In February, several of our dancers will attend UNCSCA for the Festival of Dance. Addy Harris, Ellen Pierce and Evan Tylka will be in *Memphis* at NC Theatre. The production will be directed by NCDI alumnus, Robert Hartwell. Kirstie will be returning to Beijing, China this summer to create choreography for the DDC Talented Youth Program.

More news and 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](#). NC Dance Institute also has an Instagram page. Check it out: [ncdanceinstitute](#).

Upcoming Dates: 2019-2020 Dance Year Dates

Jan 6, 2020: Classes resume.

March 9-21: Photography Weeks: In-class photography with Ken Wolf www.wolfphotographync.com

Apr 6-12: Spring Break - NCDI closed.

May: (TBA) Parent Observation Weeks & Bring a Friend Weeks (schedule will be posted)

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

We thank our students and parents for choosing NCDI for the past 19 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