

Dance Express Company ~ Alumni Bios



Molly Huey - Molly received her BFA in dance performance and choreography from Slippery Rock University, and has been an independent artist who performs, choreographs, and presents work ever since. Molly is now dancing with a company based in Richmond Virginia, and continues to love making dance films. With this love of dance films, she is also a videographer for dance competitions. She now teaches dance classes at a few places in Richmond (classes including improvisational classes, movement for humans, modern, contemporary and yoga). "Dance is Life forever" Molly says, and would like to give a shoutout the The Dance Unlimited Studio and the Dies family: "I'm forever thankful for the life you and dance taught me was possible".



Rachel Dietsch - Rachel continued her dance training through becoming a 4 year member of the the Seton Hill Dance Team. During her time on this team she has been the conditioning officer for one year, and has one college competition under her belt (where her team was awarded second place). She has also taken part in student run choreography showcases and has now moved into the photography side of dance.



Sarah Dietsch - Sarah graduated from Slippery Rock University with a BFA in Dance performance/choreography and business administration. She is currently teaching at multiple studios, and the styles she teaches include tap, ballet, jazz, pointe, modern, contemporary, lyrical, and improv. She also joined Miss Molly Dies Geer to Judge Summerdanse Competition in 2022, and is now working hard with one of her friends at her yoga/fitness studio teaching improvisation for healing the mind and body. She is continuing to find ways to incorporate her dancing into her massage practice, and is working to become an advocate for massage therapy to be included in university dance programs.



Alasdair Flagella - Alasdair continued their dance education at Point Park University where they received their Bachelors degree in dance. Alasdair was a part of the Broadway National Tour of Chicago the Musical, and was the youngest performer to ever dance captain the show in the history of the Chicago companies worldwide. They are now focused on other aspects of the entertainment industry by taking on acting!



Brea Poston- Brea graduated from La Roche University with a Bachelor's in Dance. However, before going to La Roche she spent her freshman year at Oklahoma City University where she also studied dance and was on the schools Pep Dance Team for her very first semester. During her summer breaks she spent time performing for Chautauqua Hospice volunteer events, and was a guest teacher/choreographer for Molly Dies' Dance Express Company. She is now a full-time dance teacher at the studio and loves every second of it. Along with her dance training she was also able to become certified in Zumba (because dance and fitness are her two favorite things), yoga, kickboxing, and many other facets of fitness. Brea has recently also become a Certified Personal Trainer so she can help dancers with dance injury prevention injury recovery, and strengthening for not only dancers, but everybody.



Rachael Courson - Rachael is currently dancing for Clarions student run Hip Hop Dance Team. With this team she performs for pep rallies, basketball game, football games, and every other campus event that they are asked to partake in. She loves how much dance is still a stress reliever for her during her time at college.



Grayce Thomas- Grayce is currently working towards receiving her Bachelors in Dance at the University of Akron. When she is not at school studying dance, she is teaching and substituting classes at various dance studios in the Akron area.



Paige Rafalski - Paige is currently a member of the Volé Penn State Dance Company, where she is on the advanced level. Paige and the team performs at various events around campus and has semesterly showcases. This is all student run! This team brings lots of opportunities for choreographing, technique classes, and master classes of all different styles for the dancers to take.



Madison Hanks- Madison is currently working on getting her Bachelors in Dance at Messiah University. When she is not in class or studying she is partaking in the student choreography nights at her university.



Haeli Augenstein - Haeli was accepted into the Radio City Rockette Summer Intensive program for three consecutive summers where she trained alongside aspiring and official Rockette's. This gave her a chance to learn from their choreographers, directors, and to perform at a showcase at the end of the intensive. She performed in Times Square at Project Dance NYC, which is an annual Christian based event. She danced at a promo event for the movie "High Strung" which was for producer, actor, singer Michael Damian. She has also taken on the adventure of being the sole choreographer for high-school musical productions. Haeli has taken classes and trained at TheRock, Millennium Dance Complex (multiple locations), and Broadway Dance Center. She became a member of Exhalations Dance in Pittsburgh which is a contemporary/tap company for college graduates and young adults. Haeli has also performed in and choreographed for many theatre shows (with Hairspray being one of her favorites).



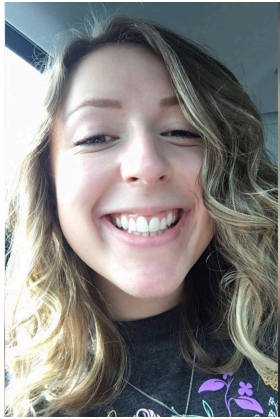
Alaina Stewart - Alaina has had the honor of choreographing a musical at The Ohio State University. She has also been a featured dancer in some other shows put on at OSU. When she wasn't studying you could still find her in a space around campus just dancing to help with the stress of school.



Emma Darling - Emma is currently attending Duquesne University where she has been a 4 year member of the Division 1 dance team "The Dukettes". On this team Emma performs at all football and basketball games throughout the season as well as other on campus events. She was also able to compete in Team Performance and jazz in the virtual NDA Nationals in 2021. After 3 challenging years the program transitioned to become student run, but continues to be run the exact same as it was when the team had a head coach. Emma is Co-Captain alongside other MDDE Alum Jillian Funari and between the two of them they completely handle and facilitate everything that has to do with the team. Finally, after 3 long years of not being able to perform in person at a nationals, the team will be traveling down to Daytona Beach, Florida to compete in the Division 1 Jazz Category. She hopes to leave a lasting legacy on a young/up in coming program.



Jillian Funari - Jillian is currently on the “Dukettes” which is Duquesne Universities Division 1 dance team. She has been 4 year member and during her time on the team she has performed at the schools football and basketball games, as well as other events on campus. The Dukettes currently hold the title of the 2021 NDA D1 Team Performance National Champions. The program has currently transitioned into a student run program, but is still run to the exact same standard by Jillian and another MDDE Alum, Emma Darling. Jill has had the honor of being Co- Captain for her senior year, and will be traveling to Daytona Beach, Florida this year to compete in NDA Collegiate Nationals in the Division 1 Jazz Category. Jillian is really excited to help lead her team through nationals this year, and hopefully when she graduates, leave a long lasting impact on the team and the whole Dukette organization.



Hannah Augenstein - After graduating high school Hannah stayed in the area and began teaching right here at Molly Dies School of Dance for both Dance Unlimited and Dance Express. She has also attended multiple master classes taught by celebrity choreographers and Broadway/film stars at Broadway Dance Center in NYC, and has taken classes at Millennium Dance Complex. Some of her performance credits include dancing at Bayfront Convention Center, the Mercyhurst D’Angelo Performing Arts Center, Waldameer Rainbow Gardens, Erie Museum, Erie Zoo, Union Station, Riverside Inn, and the Reg Lenna. Hannah was also honored to dance at GospelFest, which is an annual Christian praise concert at the Liberty Park Amphitheater. She also was able to choreograph an original dance number for TNT Barton Corp (Dubois, PA), whose show routine was aware the Atlantic Coast Championship Title. Last but not least, Hannah has been an instructor for the SLT Academy and Assisted in teaching therapeutic dance and dance outreach programs.



Ashley Hoffman - Ashley is continuing her dance journey with the Penn State Behrend Dance Team. The team performs at the men’s and women’s Behrend basketball games. They also compete at local and regional dance competitions. During her past two years on the team they have done routines in the styles of jazz, pom, and hip hop.



Devon Rosenberg - Devon was a part of the student led recreational Illusions Dance Team at Slippery Rock University. During the years she was on the team she would perform for the halftime shows for SRU’s home basketball game, and for the Universities charity fundraisers.



Elizabeth Sherman - Still dancing in the shower!!!