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Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH, Graduated May 2019

- Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Dance, focus in Dance Education and Composition
- Minor in Developmental Psychology
- Summa Cum Laude

University of Northern Colorado, Extended Campus

Greely, CO, Graduated December 2023

- Master of Arts (MA) in Dance Education

Teaching Experience (in the U.S.)

University of Delaware

Newark, DE: 2022 - present

- Volunteer Assistant Dance Team Coach, assisting in further education of technique and performance, as well as finessing competition choreography

Baldwin Wallace University

Cleveland, OH: 2019 - 2022

- Adjunct University Faculty as Dance Instructor in the Baldwin Wallace Community Arts School teaching dancers of all ages specifically in the styles of Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary

Universal Dance Association (UDA)

Memphis, TN: 2016 – 2022

- Teach week-long high school- and college-level Dance Camps across the country, with emphasis on dance technique, team building, and program development, preparing athletes for their upcoming season and National Competitions
- Special event Head Instructor in the Orlando Thanksgiving Tour 2019, leading 100+ athletes (and their families) in parade rehearsals, choreography cleaning, and performances in Magic Kingdom, Walt Disney World
- National and Regional Competition Judge, scoring and commenting on Pom, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary, and Kick routines of all levels as teams compete for titles and recognition throughout the season

Magnificat High School

Rocky River, OH: 2016 - 2022

- Dance Faculty, responsible for the development and teaching of the Hip Hop I curriculum in the Performing Arts Department
- Program Coordinator, Coach, and Choreographer of the Magnificat Dance Training Company (2019 – 2022)
- Coach of nationally-ranked Magnificat High School Junior Varsity and Varsity Dance Teams (2019 – 2022)
- Choreographer of National Championship Title Winning Routine “My Delight” at Contest of Champions Competition in Walt Disney World, 2019
- Choreographer of small groups, large groups, and solo routines for Junior Varsity and Varsity teams in the styles of Jazz, Contemporary, and Lyrical, to be competed at Regional and National Dance Competitions throughout the season and performed in end-of-the-year Dance Concert
- Master Class Instructor in the styles of Contemporary, Lyrical, Jazz, and Technique, instructing classes of 30 – 50 junior high through high school aged students

Turn It Around Tour

Cleveland, OH: 2017 – present

- Jazz and Jazz Funk Instructor for multiple Regional Competition events in the 6th and 7th Touring Seasons
- Competition Judge, scoring and commenting on Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Acro, Tap, Contemporary, Lyrical, and Vocal routines competed by various students of all ages and levels

International Teaching Experience

International Cheerleading Union

China, Chile, Russia, Ecuador, Slovenia, Ukraine, Mongolia, Finland & Thailand:

Summer 2018 - present

- Taught summer dance camps to athletes of various ages, focusing on technique and choreography in the styles of Pom, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, and Tap
- Educated and trained international Coaches in appropriate teaching methods, behavioral control strategies, class preparation, choreography practices, and motivational techniques to use throughout the rehearsal and competition season

Varsity Cheerleading Academy

Guangzhou, China: March – July 2018

- Taught weekly studio classes to students ages 5 to 16 in the styles of Hip Hop, Jazz, and Pom, refining technique, introducing new skills, and choreographing and polishing routines to be performed in the end of session Showcase
- Coached Dance Teams, leading rehearsals on the weekend, perfecting skillsets, and choreographing and polishing competitive routines to be performed in Showcases, community performances and regional competitions
- Educated and trained international Instructors in appropriate teaching methods, behavioral control strategies, and motivational techniques

Dance Demark, OSU Dance

Slagelse, Copenhagen, & Aalborg, Denmark: May – July 2017

- Taught Zumba and Hip Hop classes to a variety of high school- and University-age students at Sports Academies in Slagelse and neighboring cities, instructing basic technique in addition to engaging combinations

Performance Experience

Cleveland Dance Project Company

2021 - 2022

- Professional Company Dancer for Contemporary-Fusion Dance Company
- Pro Football Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Performer: “Fashion Show” Dance Performance with Cleveland Dance Project Company
- Featured Performer in Company Concept Video “Seeking Serenity” (2022)
- Performances in Season 8 Cleveland Dance Project Showcase (2021) and Season 9 Showcase (2022)

University of Northern Colorado

Greeley, CO: 2023

- Choreographed, designed/ran lighting, designed sound/multimedia presentation, & performed in Summer Showcase of M.A. Dance Education Program, as part of Master’s Degree in Dance Education

Universal Dance Association (UDA)

Memphis, TN: 2016 – present

- Traveling dance instructor and Demo performer in the areas of Pom, Jazz, and Hip Hop

The Ohio State University Department of Dance

Columbus, OH: 2015 - 2019

- Various performance credits from 2015 – 2019 in the styles of Contemporary, Modern, and Tap, including works by Susan Van Pelt Petry, Crystal Michelle Perkins, Danielle Roberts, and Eddie Taketa

Rebild National Park, 4th of July Celebration

Skorping, Denmark: July 2017

- Performance of “Reverb” by Daniel Roberts, a contemporary/modern dance quartet

Landsstaerne 2017

Aalborg, Denmark: June 2017

- Performance with Ohio State University “Dance Denmark” Group as part of the Annual Sports Festival and Celebration ceremonies

The Ohio State University Dance Team

Columbus, OH: 2015 - 2017

- Student Athlete on The Ohio State University Dance Team performing competitively in the styles of Jazz and Pom, in addition to school and community performances in the styles of Jazz, Pom, Hip Hop, and Game Day

Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

Cleveland, OH: 2013

- Ensemble, “The Who’s: TOMMY” Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS Benefit Performance directed by Miles Sternfeld

Notable Choreography

University of Delaware

Newark, DE: 2021 - present

- Jazz Nationals Routine Choreographer, placed 5th at UDA College Nationals 2023 & 2024, D1 Jazz
- Jazz Nationals Routine Choreographer and routine cleaning consultant, placed 6th at UDA College Nationals 2022, D1 Jazz

The College of New Jersey

Ewing, NJ: 2022 - present

- Jazz Nationals Routine Choreographer and routine cleaning consultant, placed 10th at UDA College Nationals 2023 & 2024, Open Division Jazz

Catholic University of America

Washington, D.C.: 2023 - present

- Jazz Nationals Routine Choreographer and routine cleaning consultant, placed 5th at DTU College Classic 2023 & 2024, DIII Jazz Division

Temple University

Philadelphia, PA: 2021 - 2023

- 2022 and 2023 Jazz Nationals Routine Choreographer and routine cleaning consultant

Wildfire Dance Studio

Ashtabula, OH: 2021 - present

- Jazz Worlds Routine choreographer, Senior All-Star (2021)

- Junior Pom choreographer, Junior Jazz choreographer, Senior Worlds Jazz choreographer (2022 season)

Varsity Spirit International

Orel, Russia: 2019 & London, England: 2020

- 2019 Junior Pom Choreographer; Orel, Russia

- 2020 London New Year's Day Parade Choreographer and Rehearsal Director for All-American Cheer and Dance Recipients

"Legally Blonde: The Musical"

Columbus, OH: 2018

- Choreographer, The Ohio State University Department of Theatre

Universal Dance Association

2016 - present

- Contracted choreographer for summer camp material as well as individual High School Dance Team choreography to be competed at various regional, state, and national competitions in the styles of Jazz, Pom, Hip Hop, and Game Day

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2019 - present

- Traveling choreographer in the styles of Jazz, Pom, Contemporary/Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Tap, and Hip Hop for various schools and studios across the United States, including Magnificat High School (OH), Avon Lake High School Dance Team (OH), Skutt Catholic High School (NE), Papillion La-Vista South High School (NE), and McDowell High School (PA), among others

Judging Experience

International All-Star Federation (IASF)

2023 - present

- IASF Worlds Jazz and Kick Panel Advisor

Universal Dance Association (UDA)

2017 - present

- Trained judge in the styles of Jazz, Pom, Hip Hop, and Game Day

- Judging Credits include 2019 University World Cup (2019; FL, USA), Kentucky State Championship (2018 & 2019; KY, USA), National Dance Team Championship (NDTC) (2019; FL, USA), and other Regional UDA Competitions in the Midwest

International Cheerleading Union (Performance Cheer)

2019 - present

- International guest judge for UDA Ecuador Nationals Experience (2019, 2022, and 2023) and Ukraine Dance Cup (2021)

- Quality Judge for Pom, Jazz, and Hip Hop Categories in 2022 and 2023 ICU World Championship, focusing on providing quality feedback and commentary for all teams competing

- Judge in Junior World Championship Pom and Jazz (2021) and World Championship Doubles Pom and Jazz (2021)

- 2023 ONP National Championship International guest judge in Mexico City, Mexico

Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation

2019 - 2023

- 2019 AASCF Cheer and Dance Championship Judge in styles of Pom and Jazz

- 2021 Virtual AASCF Cheer and Dance Championship Judge in styles of Pom and Jazz

- 2021 AASCF Winterfest Dance Championship virtual judge in the styles of Pom, Jazz, and Lyrical/Contemporary

- 2023 AASCF Cheer and Dance Championship Judge on the Pom Panel

Turn it Around Tour

2018 - present

- Competition Judge and Touring Convention Faculty, judging styles of Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Lyrical/Contemporary, Hip Hop, and Musical Theatre

Beyond the Stars/Breakout Dance Competition

2022

- Trained judge in all genres offered at Beyond the Stars and Breakout events, to judge all divisions and categories in the 2022 – 2023 Season

Film Credits

“Shooting Stars”, Universal Studios Film

Released June 2, 2023 on Peacock

- Featured/Recurring Extra: St. Vincent – St. Mary Cheerleading Coach
- Responsible for real-time choreography and staging of extras and ensemble playing the roles of the St. Vincent – St. Mary Cheerleading Squad during basketball game scenes

Additional Certifications and Achievements

Barre Intensity

Certified in 2019

- Certified instructor in the Barre Intensity technique and training, focused in strengthening and lengthening the muscles for active and safe performance in both sport and day-to-day activity
- Developed curriculum specifically for dancers, combining Barre Intensity techniques and classic Ballet and Jazz techniques so that students could more effectively focus on the muscles which propel them into success in specific skills – primarily in turns, leaps, jumps, and leg extensions

Turn it Around Tour

2019 - present

- Social media and marketing consultant for Instagram and Facebook
- IG: @turnitaroundtour
- Facebook: Turn It Around Tour