

# Dance News

## Welcome NEW Faculty MEMBERS!

Sarah Butts graduated from Anderson University with a bachelor's degree in dance performance. Upon graduating Sarah has taken part in multiple dance performances around the area including Louisville Dance Series, and Flourish 6. She is now dancing with Phoenix Rising Dance Company located in Indianapolis. Sarah is very excited to start working with the students at WDS in the classroom and competition squad. She looks forward to the upcoming season!



Morgan Johnson studied all styles of dance at Stage 1 Dance Academy in Greenwood where she currently teaches. She went on to get her bachelor's degree in contemporary dance from IU. She performs with Phoenix Rising Dance Company in Indy where she also serves as the communications chair. Morgan is looking forward to meeting everyone and teaching at WDS. She will also be involved with our competition squad in the fall!

### Jennifer Johnston,

WDS alumni and former *Dance Excellence* award winner, is not a stranger to our faculty. She has choreographed many special numbers for us the last few years, coached Jr. Blue Fusion and taught classes this past summer. We welcome her as a faculty member this fall! Jennifer received her B.S. from Butler U. where she was a member of the Butler Dance Team. She is currently working on her masters in physician's assistant program at Butler.



Abby Phillips is WDS alumni and this past year's *Dance Excellence* award winner! Abby grew up here and is now starting Ball State U. to study Elementary Education. She is a member of the Code Red Ball State Dance Team. She has assisted and subbed classes for us the last couple of years, choreographing a great number in our "Mid-Winter Leap!" show this year. She is teaching for NDA (National Dance Alliance) camps this summer and is looking forward to returning home one night a week this fall to join our faculty!

### Cierra McFarland

grew up in the dance team programs of G-C starting with Jr. Blue Fusion. Her interest was always in hip hop and she has continued to study in Indy and work out with the Indiana Pacemates. She is a nursing student at Ivy Tech during the day. Cierra is pumped to start working with many of our hip-hop classes this fall!



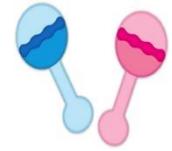
Aleksa Lawry, WDS alumni, is in her second year of dance at Anderson University. She studied all subjects here at WDS as well as with Gregory Hancock Dance Theater & Dance Kaleidoscope summer intensives. She has subbed, assisted and choreographed for us for several years and was named a studio ballerina in 2018. We are so pleased that she has time to teach for us this year!

**Sadly, we say "Good-Bye"** ...to our former teachers,

Miss Brooke and Miss Meghan who are moving on to some other exciting adventures. We thank them for some excellent choreography and being part of our studio family. Good Luck to you both!!

# Congratulations all around!!

Our studio has so much to celebrate!



*Miss Casie* had a beautiful baby girl on June 25. Addison made her entrance just a tad early but is home with big sister, Avery and dad, Joey. Congrats to all!!

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*Miss Shelby* is expecting a baby boy *sometime this summer...we can't wait!*



*Miss Lauren* was married to Chris Dodd on June 29 in a charming country wedding in southern Indiana. Best Wishes to you both!

*Miss Stacey* will wed Jared Forbes on "the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September" this fall! We are all looking forward to that happy occasion as they are two-peas-in-a-pod!

G-C Hall of Fame Inductee *Miss Debbie* was named as a 2019 Greenfield Central Hall of Fame Inductee. Her nomination acceptance was read on stage at the Friday night spring recital, much to her surprise! She will be inducted with three other people at the Red Letter Gala on Sept 28, 2019.

## WDS Competition Squad



Our competition squad is growing and will be led by FOUR coaches this fall! *Miss Stacey* will be returning and sharing choreography responsibilities with *Miss Gabie*, *Miss Sarah* and *Miss Morgan*. They are all excited to work together to make this a great competition season! Auditions are Friday, Sept 6! More info can be found on the web site.



## SPRING SHOWCASE DATES – May 29-30

We are pleased to be moving our spring showcase back to the weekend AFTER Memorial Weekend where it was for many years. This is the weekend before G-C graduation.

With the addition of new lighting in the gym, it makes the auditorium available to us on this great weekend. Hopefully, it will alleviate most of the May conflicts we have had the past few years.

You may need to be careful of summer vacation dates as school is out at this time!

This does extend our dance year by two weeks so you will see that reflected in our tuition.

We did not raise prices there are just more classes!

**Nutcracker** is slated for Sunday, December 15 with shows at 1:00 & 5:00.