

CASSIDY BOLTZ (*Dance Department*) is a 17-year-old dancer who has been training for 14 years. She is currently training at Blueprint Dance Project and Long Island High School for the Arts. As a child, Cassidy loved being on stage and performing and even has some theater training. She has been honored to receive many scholarships at multiple different dance competitions throughout the years. Cassidy would like to thank her mother and all dance teachers for supporting her in all her success and for getting her to where she is today.

JETT CARDONA (*Dance Department*) is a Junior at Massapequa High School. Jett has participated in musicals like Annie (Mr. Warbucks), Descendants (Jay) and 13 The Musical (Eddie). Training under Blueprint Dance Project, he has received Radix Protégé finalist twice, and has competed in many competitions over the last few years. He would love to thank his friends and family for the love and support! @jettcardona

ELIF DASPINAR (*Dance Department*) is a Senior for Half Hollow Hills. She has attended the pre-college summer programs of both Carnegie Mellon and Boston Conservatory. She also performed in a cabaret at Feinstein's/54 Below in NYC. She would like to thank all her incredible teachers at LIHSA for supporting her in her arts journey. She would also like to thank her parents for their endless encouragement and guidance.

SCARLETT DEPAUL (*Dance Department*) is a senior from the Northport school district. Scarlett has performed several times in various theaters across Long Island. She has trained under several choreographers and instructors from places such as The CII Conservatory Summer Intensive, Joffrey Pre-Professional Contemporary Intensive, Broadway Dance Center, Variations, a dancer's studio, Eglevsky Ballet, and Dance Movement Training under Delaney Mena. She was selected this past year as an Artistic Dance Exchange (ADE) All Star Prodigy and as a Scholar Artist for Long Island. She has been a part of the Northport Tigerettes since her freshman year of high school and is captain this year. She would like to thank her family, friends, and mentors who have continuously supported her and is extremely grateful for the opportunities she has been given.

GIULIANNA DISALVO (*Dance Department*) is a junior from Mepham High School. She dances at KJ Dance Theater in Massapequa New York. She's danced with many professional choreographers such as Tracie Stanfield, Blake Mcgrath, Brian Friedman, etc. She has also taken many classes at Broadway Dance center.

REBEKAH FINK (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District. In 2019 she was accepted into Eglevsky Ballet, where she trained for 18 months. In 2022, she made the regional competition team at Attitudes In Motion Dance studio.

LAUREN GILBERT (*Dance Department*) is currently a Senior at Kings Park High School. In the evenings, she trains at Encore Dance Academy in Kings Park. This fall, Lauren toured with KAR Dance convention As a Protégé Performer, where she assisted their prestigious faculty in cities all across the United States. Most recently, she was one of the 20 talented students throughout Nassau and Suffolk County to receive the award of Long Island Scholar Artist. @laurengilbertdance

KYLEIGH HARRISON (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Division Avenue High School. Her past shows include original Broadway style Productions, created by Liberate Artists inc., including Life is Art, Imagination, Island, and a Disney Cabaret. She also landed a lead role at “The Child” in an original LIHSA production set to the music of Billy Joel otherwise known as Big Shot. She has trained with artists such as Eva Igo, Phil Wright, Miles Keeney, Zack Everhart, and many others. Kyleigh was awarded the Patricia A. Woodward Scholarship, which is given by Liberate Artist Inc. and covers full tuition to attend her home studio for one year. She was also awarded a full tuition scholarship to attend Phoenix Fire in New York City in 2018. She thanks her family, teachers and mentors for helping her grow into the dancer she is today.

ALISON HIGGINS (*Dance Department*) is a senior from the Babylon school district. She trains at Variations Dance Studio and Long Island High School for the Arts. She spent her summer choreographing a children's musical theater camp, bringing the arts to the youth of Babylon Village. Her performances include, LIHSA Spring and Winter Fest (2024), Platinum Dance Studios recitals (2022-present), and LIHSA Solo Showcase (2023). Last year she had the amazing opportunity to participate in Dance Buddies through LIHSA which concluded in two performances. She would like to thank her family, dance teachers, and her friends for all the support they’ve given her throughout the years. It wouldn’t have been possible without them. @alisonhiggins.dance

GRACE LAVERGNE (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Kings Park High School and Long Island High School for the Arts. This past year, she participated in LIHSA’s Winter and Spring Festival. Grace also works very hard at her home studio, Blueprint Dance Project. She was a part of the sold-out show, “The Unworn Hat” choreographed mainly by Travis Bertell. Grace has always had a passion for dance since she was a little girl. She is very lucky to have her dance teachers and family to keep pushing her towards her goals. @gracelavergne_

ARCHIE LITHGOW (*Dance Department*) is a Junior at Long Beach High School and Long Island High School for the Arts. He is a competition dancer who trains at The Dance Loft. He won numerous competitive awards and titles including 1st place awards at the LEGENT national dance competition (2024). He has also trained with the Joffrey Ballet School for their 2023 NYC Summer Intensive. He would like to thank his parents for always supporting his passion for dance. He would also like to give special thanks to his dance instructors, Brooke Robyn Dairman and Lisa Bronshteyn for being so helpful and supportive.

KIRA MARTINO (*Dance Department*) is a senior from Mepham High school in Bellmore-Merrick. She attends KJ Dance Theater in Massapequa, NY. She has trained with many choreographers such as Tracie Stanfield from Broadway Dance Center, Krista Miller from The Space, Blake McGrath, Brian Friedman, Phil Wright, Guy Groove, Gianna Martello and much more. She has received many solo judges awards in her time of competing. She has also taken many classes at Broadway Dance Center. She has also danced with the St. Johns dance team at a womens basketball game. @kiramartinodances

ANNA MCCORMICK (*Dance Department*) is a junior from the Huntington School District. She has been dancing at Variations, a dancer’s studio for 13 years. This past year, Anna attended Artistic Dance Exchange (ADE), where she was named an ALL Star Prodigy. She also trained in various different styles at Point Park University this past summer for their pre-college intensive. Anna would like to thank her family and teachers for supporting her. She would also like to thank Ms. Laura and Ms. L’Etoile fo their hard work in making this possible.

KYLIE MEEHAN (*Dance Department*) is a Junior at John Glenn High School. She goes to Jan Martin Dance Studio and is on the Varsity Kickline team at John Glenn High School. She has won first place in the advanced jazz solo division at Mark of Excellence, Power of Dance, and true Talent dance competitions. She has acquired numerous nationals invites and special judges awards as well as helping her team to win first place overall countless times over the years of 2021-2024

ALEXA MINCONE (*Dance Department*) is a senior from East Meadow School District. She is president of the National Honors Society for Dance Arts. She has performed in numerous shows such as the Nutcracker (Sugar Plum Fairy), Sleeping Beauty the ballet (Princess Aurora), Alice in Wonderland the ballet (Queen of Hearts), Cinderella the ballet, Broadway Supports LIHSA, and Big Shot. She has trained with choreographers from Alvin Ailey, American Ballet Theater, Broadway, Momix, The Rockettes, Ballet Hispanico, Paul Taylor, and the Bolshoi ballet. She is also captain of the East Meadow Varsity Rockettes. Alexa is currently training at the NY Dancers Studio and LIHSA. Alexa would like to thank all her teachers, family and friends who have supported her and continue to support her throughout her dance journey. @alexaminconedance on Instagram.

COREY MOSS (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Roosevelt High School. Corey has been dancing since the age of 7 years old. He attended Atlanta Festival Ballet in GA. He performed in Alice in Wonderland in 2016 and spent four years at Destined to Dance in Baldwin NY. He also performed in his school districts play, *The Wiz* in 2019. Corey's favorite styles are jazz, contemporary and praise. He dances at Perfecting Faith Church in their dance ministry team. Corey joined the church dance team in 2023. He also attends LIHSA. Corey's hope is to be a professional dancer and choreographer one day. He would love to dance for Beyonce, Ciara, Chris Brown and Missy Elliot. Corey dreams to have his own dance studio and fashion business. He wanted to encourage more boys to have a career in dance.

LINA MURALE (*Dance Department*) is currently a Junior at Mepham High School and is so excited to be in her first year at LIHSA in the dance department. Outside of LIHSA, she trains at Legacy Dance Center in numerous styles and has attended many pre-professional summer intensives at the Joffrey Ballet School. She is also very grateful to be a part of Broadway Supports LIHSA this year. She would like to thank all of her teachers, family, and friends for supporting her through it all.

ALEXANDRA NEGRI (*Dance Department*) is a Sophomore from East Williston school district. Alex attends Long Island high school for the arts for dance. She trains at The Studio in Jericho and specializes in contemporary, jazz, ballet, and modern. She has attended The Dance Italia summer intensive program. And has competed in many dance competitions such as dance explosion, legacy, bounce, and power of dance.

EMMA PALMIERI (*Dance Department*) currently studies at The NY Dancers Studio under director Stacie Nelson, and ballet master Nadia Zhivotenko. She attended Joffrey Ballet School's Summer Intensive (2021, 2022) and Boston Ballet School's Summer Dance Program (2023, 2024). She was First Runner-up at the Universal Ballet Competition in 2024. Emma has danced in the NY Dancers Studio Ballet Company's performance of The Nutcracker (Sugar Plum Fairy, Dew Drop Fairy, and Arabian Lead), Sleeping Beauty (Lilac Fairy), and Alice in Wonderland (Alice). She also received the "Rising Star" award at Gold Coast Dance Festival this past August. @emmapalmieriballet

AMISHA PHAGU (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from the Hicksville School District. Training: Modern Rhythms Dance Academy. She has been training for 11 years and has been dancing competitively for 5. She is trained in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary. @mish193@gmail.com

MADELYN RESTA (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from the Bethpage School District. In 2024, Madelyn was named an All-American Dancer with the National Dance Alliance. She has also received multiple emotional execution awards and nationals' performance team invites. Madelyn has been training at Norma's School of Dance since she was 4 years old and competing since she was 5. Sophomore year of High school she joined Bethpage Varsity Kickline team and is now a Captain. Coming to the Long Island High School for the Arts has helped her take her dancing to another level. Madelyn would like to thank her parents, teachers, friends, and anyone who's supported her throughout the years of doing what she loves. @restadance

SYVONNA RUBIN (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from John Glenn High School and Long Island High School for the Arts. She has been training with JM Dance Company ever since she was 6 years old, where she has earned becoming 4x Power of Dance Title-list and winning 10 solo Regional Championships. While balancing two schools and a competition/studio, she is also now two year captain of the John Glenn Varsity Kickline team where she has won NDA All American for 4 years, technique and spirit awards, and also Hip Hop Top Gun winner. An ideal part of Syvonna's training has been attending college dance team clinics, to pursue her goals and learn from different choreographers and individuals. First, she would love to thank her family but especially her mom for all the endless support and sacrifices made to work towards making her dreams become a reality. Lastly, she would love to thank her dance teacher Joey Ortolani for being the most incredible inspiration and mentor throughout all 17 years of her adolescence.

MELANIE SANGURIMA (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from the Levittown Public School District. She has been training for 11 years and has been dancing competitively for 8. She is trained in ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, acro, hip-hop and musical theater. Training: All Star Studios

HANNAH SCHADE (*Dance Department*) is a junior from the Long Beach School District. In 2024 she won a national title at the Legend Dance Competition nationals. Along with numerous regional and special awards. Hannah would like to thank her team, teachers, and family for being so supportive and helpful. Training: The Dance Loft, Iconic Dance Academy. @hannahschadedance

MEGAN SCULLY (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from the Elwood School District. She trains in and out of her studio, Jan Martin Dance Studio and True Dance Potential. In 2023, she won first overall in the Senior category at Mark of Excellence. Over the years 2023-2024, she has accumulated special judge awards and invites to nationals, as well as overall top 10 placements at competitions @megscully_dance

HANAIE SMITH (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from the Long Beach School District. She is a recipient of many notable scholarships, including The Rock School for Dance Summer Intensive. Hanalei would like to thank her family, and all of her teachers for helping her become the dancer and person she is today. Training: Magnolia Dance Academy

LENA UMBRINO (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Kings Park School District. You may have seen her in Northport's Nutcracker (Spanish and harlequin doll), Posey School of Dances production of Peter Pan the Ballet (Captain Hook and Tik Tok the Crocodile), and Kings Park High Schools production of Little Shop of Horrors (ensemble). She is currently training with the Long Island High School for the Arts and Posey School of Dance. She would like to thank her mom and dad for their unwavering support. @lena_the_human

RILEY VAN ERON (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Massapequa School District, in 2015 she performed as a lead dancer and actress on Two Tickets to Paradise off Broadway show where she worked with Eddie Money. She was also a professional dancer on the Long Island Nets Kids Dance Team from 2017-2019. She was recently chosen as an assistant ambassador to the instructors at World Class Competition. Training: KJ Dance Theater, Broadway Dance Center Summer Intensive, LISHA.

AINSLEY WAITE (*Dance Department*) is a Senior from Half Hollow Hills High School West. Ainsley had been in Nutcrackers since she was 6 and had many roles like Clara, Snow, and Arabian. She has been attending Lynch Ballet for 4 years and in addition to the Nutcracker she has performed in many classical ballets like Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, and Don Quixote. Ainsley had been attending LIHSA for 4 years and in that time has performed in Broadway Supports LIHSA 2023 and 2024. Ainsley has attended many summer dance programs including Boston Ballet School, Joffrey San Francisco Contemporary/Ballet, and Joffrey NYC Contemporary. Ainsley was recently announced at the Long Island Scholar Arts Dance Merit winner of 2025 seniors. Ainsley recently won a merit award for her choreography in the PTA reflections competition at her school, county, and New York State level. Ainsley would like to thank her parents, teachers, and friends for constantly supporting her dreams to be a dancer. @ainsley.waite

KIERA WILDEMAN (*Dance Department*) is a Junior from Bellmore High school district. She has trained at Platinum Performance Dance Academy since 2015. In 2023 she was chosen to become a KAR protégé, she trained in California with professional choreographers, such as Sophia Lucia, Guy Groove, Caley Carr, Lacey Shwimmer, Alex Kessinger, and many more! In 2024, Kiera was named Ms breakout title winner, Ms inferno title winner, and Ms Edge national title winner along with being chosen for the edge performance team. She would like to thank the platinum staff for getting her to where she is today. @kierawildeman.dance

ALYSSA ZACCHINO (*Dance Department*) is a senior from the Bethpage school district. Alyssa has participated in many performances such as multiple recitals, festivals, competitions, halftime performances and Broadway Supports Lihsa. She has been trained by teachers from ABT, The Paul Taylor Dance Company, and many more under the styles of contemporary, ballet, jazz, modern, hiphop, lyrical, etc. Alyssa would like to thank her friends, family, and teachers for all of the support! @alyssazacchinodance