

ODM NEWSLETTER

Quarantine Edition 2



January 2021

~ Meet the two newest 2021 National Title Holders!! ~

Teen Miss Dance of America 2021

~ Payton Nickerson ~

Student of Mandy Doyle & Lacey Booth

Jazz Class Award

Modern Class Award

Acrobatic Class Award

Interview Award

PAYTON NICKERSON

TEEN MISS DANCE OF AMERICA 2021



CHAPTER 16

STUDENT OF

MANDY DOYLE

LACEY BOOTH



ZOE SWOPE

PETITE MISS DANCE OF AMERICA 2021



CHAPTER 16

STUDENT OF

DAWN SLEMONS

KATHY MEYER



Petite Miss Dance of America 2021

~ Zoe Swope ~

Student of Dawn Slemons & Kathy Meyer

Ballet Class Award

Jazz Class Award

Tap Class Award

Acrobatic Class Award

~ Congratulations to our 2020 ODM Title Holders, our 2019 Petite Miss Dance of Ohio & 2020 Petite Miss Dance of America, Haydyn Jackson, and your Teachers!! We are so proud of every one of you!! You have been amazing representatives for ODM!! ~



*Petite Miss Dance of America 2020
~Haydyn Jackson~
Student of Susan Barr & Jessica Barr*

*Mr. Dance 2020
~Caleb Kocsis~
Student of Susan Barr
1st Runner up*

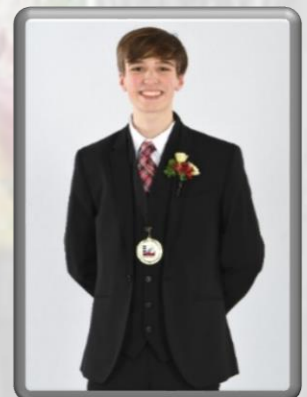
Gene Wright Memorial Scholarship Award



*Miss Dance 2020
~Audrey Elvers~
Student of Stephanie Pritchard &
Dara Berman-Cheung
Top 10 Semi-Finalist*



*Teen Mr. Dance 2020
~Nate Krohmer~
Student of Diana Evans-Pulliam
Semi-Finalist*



*Jr. Miss Dance 2020
~Madelyn Blatnica~
Student of Susan Barr & Jessica Barr
Top 10 Semi-Finalist*



~ New Members ~

This past year we obligated seven new members and reinstated four virtually!! We are absolutely thrilled to welcome you all to the ODM family and look forward to celebrating you in person soon!!

New Member



Carla Pizzola

New Member



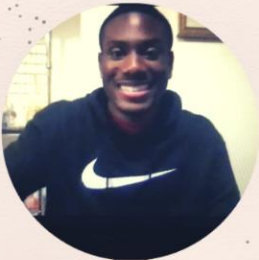
Kayleigh Becker

New Member



Ashley Barr, Christina Barr, & Erika Rogers

New Member



Carlin Dixon

Reinstated



Christina Daniels

New Member



Abby Brinker

Reinstated

*David
Fowler*

Reinstated



Cynthia Hixson

Reinstated

*Heather
Dennon*

~ Member News ~

~ Best Wishes & Congratulations to the Following ~

- ~ Alicia Kunkler, Student of Tammy Taylor, recently took and passed her Cecchetti V Student Exam!! She was also coached by Kathi Halbert. Congratulations Alicia!! We are immensely proud of you!! ~*
- ~ Congratulations to Amanda Recko-Downing and her husband on the birth of baby Pierce Layne Downing on 11/21/2020!! 6lbs. 14 oz. 19 inches long!! ~*
- ~ You can catch Chase Bowden dancing on the Netflix Original 'Prom'!! We are so proud of all your accomplishments Chase!! Congratulations!! ~*

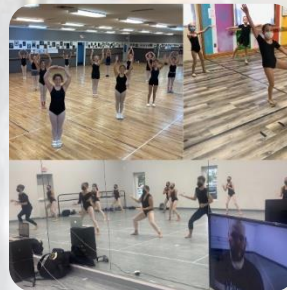
~ Condolences & Well Wishes to the Following ~

- ~ Amanda Recko Downing's son Pierce was in the hospital for quite a while. He is a fighter and is doing much better now. ~*
- ~ Sadly, Noreen Rhode's husband and Colleen Rhode's father Ray passed away due to complications with the Corona Virus. Please keep the Rhode family in your prayers. Donations can be made to: The Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 1545 South Green Road South Euclid Ohio 44121. ~*
- ~ Suzanne Zahnow's husband Bob passed away. Please keep Suzanne in your prayers. ~*
- ~ Dawn Dembrosky's mother was hospitalized in November and Dawn's husband Jeff had another surgery. We pray that both are recovering and doing well. ~*
- ~ Beloved teacher and friend Gregg Russell passed away this past year. Gregg will hold a special place in Chapter 16's hearts forever. Please pray for Gregg's family. ~*
- ~ Many of our ODM Members have either battled with the Corona Virus or have had family members or dear friends who have. We pray that everyone comes out of this dark time stronger. We love you all and look forward to the day we can all be together again. ~*
- ~ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your time of need. ~*

~ 2021 Nationals Scrapbook ~



~ 2020 Member Scrapbook ~



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~ Ohio Dance Masters Charity Drive ~

This year, 75% of charity funds collected by ODM will be donated to Maggie Shryock and her family to assist with medical expenses. The remaining 25% will go to the organization of Maggie's choice.

Maggie is a student of Megan Schenck-Dragoo and Jane Schenck.



Meet Maggie!! Maggie is a member of Jane's School of dance in Kentucky. Early this year she was diagnosed with Dystonia. Dystonia is a movement disorder that moves certain areas in your body in irregular places. She has dystonia in her neck, left hand, and foot. The dystonia in her hand causes her to have trouble with simply holding a cup. The dystonia in her neck causes her neck to pull back on her right side, which makes it hard to look straight.

Currently there is not a cure for dystonia, but there are ways to help manage the symptoms of dystonia. She has extremely hard therapy putty to do exercises with making her hands stronger. In her neck it was decided it would be best to get Botox injections. The Botox relaxes her muscles making it easier to look forward, so now she can look forward and see you all.

Thank you for donating to Dystonia Medical Research for Maggie and everyone else who has dystonia!!

We were blessed to get to watch Maggie perform a beautiful solo at our Dayton Convention. Ohio Dance Masters is so proud of her courage and strength!!



~ Ohio Dance Masters History ~

The organization that began in 1936 was named Cleveland and Ohio Dance Masters. In the beginning it was connected with Chicago National Organization of dance teachers. Clem Brown, a member of Chicago National, and several members from the Cleveland area eventually pulled out and became affiliated with Dance Masters of America.

Some of the early pioneers were Clem Brown, Bess Newton Brown (no relative), LaRue Hope, Mary Louise Megert, Eleanor Buckholzer, Bill Franklin, Betty Adelman, Marie Miller, Cecelia Corley, Charles Boyd, Muriel Kelleher, Anita Lee Blair, and Mary Pollock Graham. LaRue Hope was the stronghold of the group and was sure that we adhered to the principles of the National Organization in setting the standards for dance education. The first Secretary/Treasurer was Clem Brown, followed by Joyce Keegan Flynn and now currently, Noreen Rhode, Secretary and Rennie Davis, Treasurer.

The Ohio Chapter is proud to have had four members serve as President on the National Board. They are LaRue Hope (1950), Joan Wine (1982), Angela Freese (1988), and Butch Theisen (2009). Rennie Davis served as National Treasurer also. Our members have been awarded such awards as the Zee Brown Award (Noreen Rhode & Kathi Halbert), Members of the Year (Marjorie Sellers, Butch Theisen, Noreen Rhode, and Colleen Rhode). The chapter affiliated name as of 2011 is Ohio Dance Masters taking us back to our original roots. You will always find an ODM member volunteering their services on the National Board. Today we have approximately 125 members from four states.



~ ODM Officers ~

Michele Rexroad

Colleen Rhode

Stephanie Pritchard

Noreen L. Rhode

Butch Theisen

Susan Barr

Kathi Halbert

Dawn Dembrosky

Dara Berman-Cheung

Jill Garlock

Diana Horvath

Megan Schenck-Dragoo

Evelyn Tirikos

Denise Bryant

Tammy Taylor

President

1st Vice President

2nd Vice President

Secretary

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Principal

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