

# Meet our Faculty

*Dee Buchanan* has owned and operated the Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance for 19 years, and has directed her own dance company since its inception 13 years ago. She is a graduate of Hood College, and is a member of Dance Masters of America, the Cecchetti Council of America, and the Maryland Council for Dance. Dee holds her Intermediate Professional Certificate through the CCA, and is a teacher and a coach in the Cecchetti Method. She is certified both regionally and nationally through the Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School to teach tap, ballet and jazz. In 2006, Dee was the Dance Masters of America recipient of the Janet Bachna teaching award, a national recognition awarded through the Teachers Training School program. She is also a Nationally Certified Examiner for Dance Masters of America, and a judge at both the regional and national level. Dee is the Immediate Past President of Mid-Atlantic Chapter 17 of Dance Masters of America, as well as a National Director of DMA and the Chairperson of the National Petite & Master Title Competition. In addition to teaching at her studio, Dee directs two worship dance troupes—the liturgical dancers at her home church, Zion Lutheran in Middletown, and the Inter-faith Liturgical dancers, which is comprised of dancers of all ages and faiths at her studio. Additionally, Dee (a Middletown grad herself) works year-round at Middletown High School in a variety of capacities. She directs the dance line of the Marching Knights, she is the coach of the MHS Dance Team, she is the co-advisor of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society, and she choreographs the MHS musical each year. Her choreography credits include “The Wiz”, “Lil’ Abner”, “Bye Bye Birdie”, “Oklahoma”, “Into the Woods”, “The Scarlet Pimpernel”, “Fiddler on the Roof”, “Chicago”, “Guys and Dolls”, “Footloose”, “George M!”, “Beauty and the Beast”, “Oliver!”, “Grease!” and “Crazy for You!”

*Tauri Munger* is in her 10th year of teaching at The Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance. She teaches jazz, modern, ballet, pointe and lyrical classes. She is a Towson University Graduate. Tauri is also a member of Dance Masters of America, having passed her teachers’ certification exams in tap, ballet and jazz. She has also taught master jazz dance classes at regional DMA conventions. She won the Tom Ralabate Scholarship in 2003, Dance Masters of America—Chapter 17—Miss Dance of 2004, and a DMA Choreography Award in 2005 for her self-choreographed rendition of “Haunted”. Tauri also won the Maryland Distinguished Scholar Honorable Mention in Dance in 2002. She was a member of the Towson University Dance Company from 2002—2004, and performed at the Kennedy Center in 2005. While attending college at Towson University, Miss Tauri also held the title of Miss Frederick 2006. She finished in the Miss Maryland pageant with the Newcomer Talent title in 2006. Tauri won two choreography awards for her modern composition “Stampede”. As a student Tauri was invited into Frederick Arts Council scholarships and won various awards: Junior Jazz—1998, Senior Jazz —2000, Senior Modern —2001 and Senior Tap 2002.

*Annie Brockey* has been with the Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance since its opening season (1992-1993). She started first as a dancer, but has been teaching for the past 16 years. Miss Annie is the Director of Programs for Young Dancers, but teaches classes for dancers ranging from ages 4 to adult. Annie is a graduate of Middletown High School and Hood College (B.A. in Early Childhood Education). She is also a member of Dance Masters of America and the Cecchetti Council of America. She is certified regionally through Dance Masters of America to teach ballet, tap, and jazz. Annie has also passed 11 Cecchetti Exams – through Intermediate Professional as a student and Elementary Professional as a teacher! She has attended Dance Masters Teachers Training School, Cecchetti International Summer School, the Maryland Council for Dance Festival, Manhattan Dance Project, and regional Cecchetti and Dance Masters workshops, and has had the privilege of studying in New York City at Steps On Broadway several times.

*Jaimie Hoover* has been dancing for 21 years. She has studied the Cecchetti Method passing grades I-IV, elementary & intermediate professional grades V and VI, as well as her Teacher’s Exam Grades I-IV. She is certified regionally through Dance Masters of America to teach ballet, tap, acrobatics and jazz. Jaimie is a graduate of Towson University with a degree in Physical Education, and in conjunction with her major she earned her Spotting Certification. She has attended the Cecchetti International summer school, held in Michigan, on scholarship, and has attended four Dance Masters of America National Conventions, held in various locations across the nation. She has also trained at STEPS on Broadway in New York City. She attended DMA’s Teachers Training School in 2009 on scholarship. She has been involved in DMA since 2000 and has received numerous awards. Jaimie was honored to represent Chapter 17 of the Mid-Atlantic as their Miss Dance 2007. She has performed with Dee many times. In 2005, Jaimie was fortunate enough to perform at the Kennedy Center Gala! Since 2006 she has been in numerous musicals with FTP and WOB. She is also the choreographer of “Hairspray” at WOB. Jaimie taught for Dee from 2001-2005, and returned in 2009 while finishing up her degree. She is currently teaching Middle School Physical Education in Howard County.

*Denise Hoover* has been a teacher at The Dee Buchanan Studio of Dance for 8 years. She currently teaches Toddler Time and Preschool 1 & 2, works in our office, and manages our Boutique. She graduated from Frostburg University and has attended year one of Dance Masters of America Teacher Training in Buffalo, NY. In addition to teaching at the studio, she has been a part of adult classes for 11 years. She is a member of the Frederick Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Fredericktown Players and Lambda Phi Delta Sorority Alumni Association. Active in theatre while attending Walkersville High School, she was glad to return to the stage in a production of “Gypsy” in the role of Tessie Tura.

*Richelle Nazelrod* started dancing at the studio during its 3<sup>rd</sup> season (1994-1995). She was an assistant teacher in 2000-2001 and started teaching in 2002. She continued teaching until 2007, when she took a 3-year hiatus before returning during the 2010-2011 season. She choreographed for the company from 2002-2007 and was the assistant company director during the 2006-2007 season. Richelle passed her Dance Masters of America teaching exams in ballet, tap and jazz in 2005. That same year she was fortunate enough to join five other dancers from the studio to dance at the Kennedy Center Spring Gala hosted by Julie Andrews. Richelle is a 2001 graduate of Middletown High School and received her Bachelor's degree from Towson University in Communication Studies. She also recently graduated from Frostburg State University's graduate program with a 4.0 GPA, receiving her Master of Arts in Teaching Degree in Elementary Education. She is glad to be back at the studio she calls "home" and very excited for the studio's 20<sup>th</sup> season!

*Melanie Bower* is a senior at Middletown High School and is preparing for her Elementary Professional Cecchetti Exam. She is a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team and the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society. She has performed in the MHS spring musical productions of "Oliver!", "Grease!" and "Crazy for You". She is a member of the Inter-faith Liturgical Dance Group, and she has also participated in our Dance Company and MHS Marching Knights. In the spring of 2009, she performed at Walt Disney World. Melanie has also studied at STEPS on Broadway in New York City.

*Abby Buchanan* is a senior at Middletown High School and a second year teacher at our studio. She is preparing for her Cecchetti Intermediate Professional exam. She has studied Child Development at MHS, and is assisting at the Primary School as a senior. She is a member of our studio's Inter-faith Liturgical Dance group and Zion Lutheran Church's Worship Dance group, a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team, and Captain of the MHS Dance Line. She is a Junior Member of Dance Masters of America. In 2008, Abby attended the Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY. In January of each year, she studies at STEPS on Broadway in New York City. She has studied at the DMA National Convention every summer since 2007. She also studied at the Cecchetti International Summer School for two weeks last summer. Additionally, Abby has performed in the MHS musicals, "George M!", "Oliver!", "Grease!" and "Crazy for You!" She is a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society. In the spring of 2009, she performed in Walt Disney World.

*Bryana Duley* is a senior at Middletown High School. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Grade VI exam, having passed all four student exams and the Elementary Professional Exam. Bryana is also a member of our studio's Inter-faith Liturgical Dance, and a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team. She is a Junior Member of Dance Masters of America. She studied at the Dance Masters of America National Conventions in 2007 and 2009. Bryana has also participated in the MHS musicals, "Oliver!", "Grease!" and "Crazy for You". In the spring of 2009, she performed at Walt Disney World. This summer, Bryana travelled to Holland, Michigan to participate in the Cecchetti International Summer Ballet Intensive. She is a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society. She has also studied at STEPS on Broadway in New York City. She is currently Miss Mason-Dixon's Outstanding Teen.

*Kara Nelson* is a senior at Brunswick High School and a second year teacher at our studio. She attended the Dance Masters of America National Convention in 2007, and Student Honors Intensive Program in the summer of 2008 in Buffalo, NY. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Advanced Professional exam. She studies at STEPS on Broadway in New York City each January. She is a member of the MHS

Varsity Dance Team. She is also our studio's 2009 recipient of the Tom Waters Honorary Scholarship in Jazz. This spring Kara received a high score tap audition recognition in the regional Miss Dance competition. She is a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society.

*Angela Thomas* is a senior at Middletown High School. She is preparing for her Cecchetti Advanced Professional exam. Angela is also a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team. During the summer of 2007, she studied in New York City as part of the DMA National Convention. In the spring of 2009, she performed at Walt Disney World. She attended the DMA Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY in 2008, and studies at STEPS on Broadway each January. This summer Angela travelled to Holland, Michigan to participate in the Cecchetti International Summer Intensive. She is also our studio's 2010 recipient of the Victoria Gordon Memorial Scholarship. She is a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society. She is also Miss Outstanding Teen of Middletown.

*Ally Caho* is a junior at Middletown High School. She dances with our Inter-faith Liturgical dancers and is an Apprentice at our studio. She is also a member of the Marching Knights Dance Line, and the Varsity Dance Team at MHS. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Intermediate Professional exam. Ally attended the Dance Masters of America's Ballet Intensive and Student Honors Intensive Program in 2009 in Washington, DC, and Buffalo, NY respectively. This summer, she travelled to Holland, Michigan for the Cecchetti International Summer Intensive. She also participated in the MHS spring musicals, "Grease!" and "Crazy for You", as well as Valley Theatre's summer production of "The Music Man". Ally is also a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society. She is our studio's 2010 recipient of the Kathleen Brown Ballet Scholarship. In January, she studied at STEPS on Broadway in New York City.

*Kaylie Miller* is a junior at Middletown High School. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Intermediate Professional exam. Kaylie is also a member of our studio's Inter-faith Liturgical Dance, and a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team. She was a member of the 2009 MHS Marching Knights Dance Line. During the summer of 2007, she studied in New York City as part of the DMA National Convention. She studied at the Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY in 2008. This summer, Kaylie travelled to Holland, Michigan to participate in the Cecchetti International Summer Intensive. She is also a member of the Nu Delta Alpha Dance Honor Society.

*Nicole Sevin* is a junior at Middletown High School. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Advanced Professional exam. Nicole is also a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team, and was a member of the MHS Marching Knights Dance Line for two seasons. Nicole studied at the Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY in 2009. This summer, she travelled to Holland, Michigan to participate in the Cecchetti International Summer Intensive.

*Ally Soule* is a junior at Middletown High School. She is currently preparing for her Cecchetti Intermediate Professional exam. Ally is also a member of the MHS Varsity Dance Team, and she was a member of the 2009 MHS Marching Knights Dance Line. She studied at the Student Honors Intensive Program in Buffalo, NY in 2009. She is our studio's 2008 recipient of the Kathleen Brown Scholarship. She modeled for Curtain Call catalog in 2009. Ally travelled to Holland, Michigan to participate in the Cecchetti International Summer Intensive this July. Ally studied at STEPS on Broadway in January of this year. She is also the reigning Miss Outstanding Teen of Frederick.