

Hall of Fame Dance Foundation

Taking a look at all the dance costumes I have ever worn from kindergarten to my senior year has really made me think of the person I have become today because of dance. The details of every hand stitched costume and millions of rhinestones glued in unique patterns bring back so many memories that will live with me forever. Dance has played the role of the “thread”, which keeps every costume securely bound together, in my life. It has been the bond that makes everything in my life become one.

The first “stitch” has made the strongest bond between my mom and me. When I was in seventh grade, my mom opened her own dance studio, so that we could both share our love for dance with other people. Besides the fact that it was an absolute dream come true to have my mom open her own studio, it has meant so much more to me than that. The relationship between my mom and I continues to grow every time we are teaching a class together. Throughout this experience my mom has become one of the closest people in my life, and I couldn’t ask for a better person to follow in the footsteps of.

As I Continue down the “seam”, dance has also helped me make the strongest relationships with my best friends. Being involved in a team together has put us in so many situations where we need to rely on one another. It has taught me how to work together with others and what being a part of a team really means. I have grown so close to my teammates that we are like sisters. Having met so many people that share the same passion as me has only brought us closer together. As I have grown up with many of the same teammates, we have all developed into our own person. Our different personalities are what have brought us together, and is what will make lasting friendships forever.

As I “sew” my way to the end, I also realize the impact dance has made on my school life. In general dance has taught me that I need to work for whatever I want out of life. It has kept me focused but also guided me to have fun and enjoy myself. Being successful both academically and in dance makes me realize that I can take on many challenges in life. Becoming a dancer has also helped with my social life at school. By being able to express myself through dance, my personality has grown so much. It has allowed me to break out of my shell and interact with other people. Dance has also encouraged me to get involved in activities at school, so that I can enjoy every moment to its fullest. Dancing has always had a way of pushing me to do bigger and better things, and now that I’m graduating high school I know it will help me in pursuing my own dream.

The “knot” to finish off the costume has not been tied yet. As I see my senior year of dance coming to an end, I realize that my passion for dance is not ready to take its rest. Dance has made me feel alive since I started dance at the age of three, and I do not want to lose that inspiration. Putting me in my first dance class is something that I cannot thank my parents enough for. Life without dance for me is like a costume without stitching. Continuing to grow as a dancer is only going to make the “stitches” in my life even stronger, and allow me to help start “sewing the costume” of another dancer’s life.