



ODM Newsletter

Cleveland, Ohio

March 15th-17th, 2019

~ Meet our 2019 ODM Royal Court!! ~

**Miss Dance 2019
~Hannah Cabral~
Student of Stephanie
Pritchard & Dara Berman-
Cheung**



**Teen Miss Dance 2019
~Braylan Enscoe~
Student of Dawn Slemons**



**Petite Miss Dance 2019
~Haydyn Jackson~
Student of Susan Barr &
Amanda Recko-Downing**



**Mr. Dance 2019
~Stephen Davis~
Student of Diana Evans-
Pulliam**



**Teen Mr. Dance 2019
~Jacob Sharpnack~
Student of Diane Campbell**



**Jr. Miss Dance 2019
~Rylie Kuhn ~
Susan Barr & Amanda
Recko-Downing**



**Master Dance 2019
~Hudson Rich~
Student of Erin Stein-Rich**

**~ We are so proud of all of you and know you will represent Chapter
16 well at Nationals!! ~**



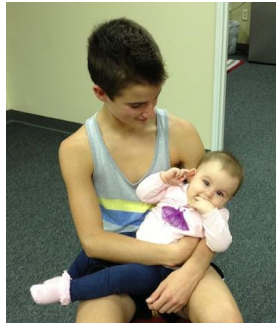
~Nationals, Here We Come!! ~



~ Best Wishes & Congratulations to the Following Members ~



~ Chase Bowden will be joining the cast of 'Derek Hough Live'!! We are so proud of all of your success Chase!! If you would like to see him in action, check out www.DerekHough.com for tickets. ~



~ Congratulations to New Member, Erica Pattie!! She took her exam and was obligated at our Newark Convention. Welcome to the family Erica!! ~

~ Big shout out to members Elise Dakin and Maddie Gumber for taking an additional exam to add to their DMA certification!! Elise added Tap and Maddie added Jazz. Great job ladies!! ~

~ Kathi Halbert's son Kenny will marry his love Katie this August!! We are so happy for you and your family!! ~

~ Evalyn Tirikos will be an aunt for the third time!! Her little brother Michael and his wife Susan are expecting their first child, Ava Nicole, this April!! ~

~ Please Keep the Following Members in Your Thoughts & Prayers ~

~ Keep Lacey Booth and her husband Jared in your thoughts and prayers. ~



~ Newark Shining Star Class Award Winners~

~Faculty~

~Ballet~

Michael Lambert

~Jazz~

Chase Bowden

~Tap~

Tiffany Fairchild

~Musical Theater~

Keisha Lalama



~7-11 Ballet~

Bailey Tolios student of Mary Lee Sutton

~7-11 Tap~

Madelyn Blatnica student of Susan Barr

~7-11 Jazz~

Paige Bielozer student of Susan Barr

~7-11 Musical Theater~

Madison Buie student of Susan Barr



~12-15 Ballet~

Emilia Colosimo student of Mary Lee Sutton

~12-15 Tap~

Ella Oberlander student of Megan Schenck-Dragoo

~12- 15 Jazz~

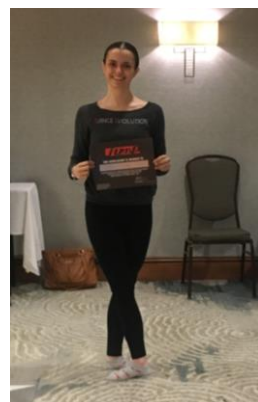
Abigail Riester student of Dawn Slemons

&

Eliza Tickhill student of Erin Stein-Rich



~ Intensive Scholarship Awards ~





~ Newark Highlights ~



~Ohio Dance Masters Charity Drive~

Hello and thank you for having me. My name is Alli Hile, I am 18 years old and I have Cystic Fibrosis. I would like to tell you about my life with CF.

Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and limits the ability to breathe over time. There is no cure.

When we were born I had to stay in the hospital for 116 days. I had 2 surgeries before I was even 3 weeks old. When I was in 2nd grade I became very sick and had to have a portion on my lung removed. Overall, I've had 6 surgeries, visit the doctor monthly, take about 30 pills a day and do 3 hours of respiratory therapy daily. But this is just part of my story. I am also a dancer with the Marjorie Jones Competition Team dancing around 15 hours weekly, an aspiring school and dance teacher, a twin sister, friend, daughter, niece and so much more.

Today, I am doing great. December 18 marked 5 years since I've had a hospital admission. However, in the past 3 months everything changed. In November, I wasn't at my best and did not compete at our last ODM convention in Dayton. Soon after that I had the opportunity to participate in a clinical trial for a new medication. It was a blind study, but I knew very quickly that something was different. CF causes a direct impact to my lung function. Without getting into a bunch of science, let's just say we are all born with healthy lungs functioning at 100%. As time went on my lung function decreased because that's what CF does to lungs. 2 months ago, my lungs were functioning at 61% and dropping. After participating in this trial, my lung function climbed to 94%. Not to mention the persistent and annoying cough has literally just stopped. I have more energy in school and dance. Life looks different for me these days. Clinical trials, new medications and more effective treatments are a direct outcome of fundraising. So basically, I am a living and literally BREATHING example of what the funds you donate this weekend will do to benefit people with CF.

I couldn't be happier to be competing this weekend. Dancing is everything to me. Exercising my lungs helps them stay strong. But, dance has not only provided exercise for my lungs, it has given me my very best friends. They support me and make me laugh and never ever make me feel different. They see me as Alli, not the girl who has CF.

I'm proud to share that I have committed to the University of Dayton majoring in Elementary Education, and I plan to minor in Dance. I hope to teach dance and one day be right back here with my own students as a member of Ohio Dance Masters.

I want to thank Ohio Dance Masters and all my Junior member friends for being so supportive and for selecting CF as your charity for this season. I couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity to educate people about CF and how it affects my life. The funds raised will allow for vital research leading to new and better medications and treatment like what I have shared with you today.

~Thank you for sharing your story with us Alli!!~

~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
Evalyn Tirikos
Denise Bryant
Joan Wine**

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