

# The Power of Dance

# Connection



APRIL 2024

March went by in a flash for us... was it the same for you? Our performance teams and upper-level ballet classes got to participate in their very first competition of the year at Rainbow in Green Bay, dancers in Academy classes practiced their smiles for studio picture day, and the POD Worlds Team secured their fifth bid to compete at Dance Worlds 2024 in Florida later this month.



We have just five weeks left of the 2023-24 season, so let's make them count! There is a lot coming up this month, with recital tickets going on sale, a local competition for all our teams and upper-level ballet classes, meetings for those interested in learning about the 2024-25 All-Star program, and more! With all this excitement, remember to go to the [Academy page](#) to practice with music and videos!

## April AT The Power of Dance, LLC

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
HAPPY EASTER	1 April tuition due	2 All-Star Team Info Meetings @ Townline	3 Recital tickets on sale 9am! for POD families only	4	5 Triple S DANCE COMPETITION	6 Triple S DANCE COMPETITION
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14	15 progress reports distributed this week! →	16	17	18	19	20 Acro Target Training
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 The Dance Worlds FLYDANCE	27 The Dance Worlds FLYDANCE
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## Junior Faculty: all for the love of dance

The Power of Dance Junior Faculty program provides our seasoned dancers the opportunity to share their love of dance and gain valuable leadership experience while being mentored by POD staff. These student helpers are asked to be role models of attitude and behavior for younger dancers, and to assist the lead teacher in a variety of ways.



While this is a volunteer position, dancers must apply the same way they would for a job, including a teacher recommendation. There are three different levels of the junior faculty program, according to the dancer's age, technique level, and time commitment.

This year, POD has 24 student helpers in the junior faculty program, assisting in 31 classes and teams. These teen leaders are an invaluable part of our studio family, nurturing the next generation of dancers and leaders. Here's what a few of them have to say about their experience:

*What I most enjoy about being a student helper is making a connection with the kids.*

*I like how they not only talk to me about dance stuff and sometimes talk to me about their personal lives. I also enjoy passing on my knowledge of dance and seeing how it changes their lives like it did mine. -- Sydney, Ballet I+*

*I enjoy being a student helper because I love seeing all the kids and helping them learn. It has taught me about responsibility and being a role model! -- Charlotte, Dance Expressions and Pom I&2*

*I enjoy being a student teacher because when I walk into that room, I see a bunch of smiling kids that are really excited to be there. My favorite part of the week is when I get to work with the kids. -- Jordan Rouse, Hip Hop K-1st*

*I enjoy being a student helper because I love watching the smiles on the kids' faces as they achieve a skill that they have been working towards for so long. -- Vivienne, LTJ I+ & 2*

*As a student helper I have learned responsibility. If a child is doing something incorrectly you have to help them learn to do it the correct way and keep them on track in class. -- Addison, Music & Movement*

*I enjoy being a member of junior faculty because I love seeing the smiles on their faces when they learn new skills. -- Adaline, Rising Stars*

*What I most enjoy about being a student helper is being able to bond with the kids.*

*They're all so sweet, and I love to see them grow in dance and as humans. -- Inara, Wishing Stars and LTJ I+ & 2*

*As a student helper, I've learned responsibility because it's about putting them first and their learning. -- Lexie, Pom K-1st*

## 2024 SPRING PRODUCTION

This year's recital will be held May 3-5 at the Pulaski High School Performing Arts Center. Most routines will perform in two of the four shows, with Dance Expressions, Music & Movement, solos, duets and small groups in just one of the four shows. All recital information can be found on the [POD website](#). A draft of the performance order for each show has also been shared via email so that families can plan for which show(s) to attend. Tickets will go on sale to POD families on April 3 and to the general public on April 8. Seating is more limited this year, so order your tickets as soon as possible! Dress rehearsals for all classes will be held at Pulaski High School on May 1 and 2. That schedule will be released soon, along with procedures and expectations for rehearsal and recital.

## RECITAL FLOWERS & MERCHANDISE

Along with tickets for the recital, don't forget to order your flowers and merchandise! Each year, a dedicated crew of POD parents gets together to build beautiful unique bouquets for the recital. Pre-ordered bouquets will be ready for pickup at the recital, or can be delivered directly to dancers backstage. The best part is, 100% of proceeds from flower sales go toward our "Give a Chance to Dance" scholarship program that supports dancers from families with financial need. In addition to flower pre-sales, our online store will also have our Worlds Team shirt, our year-end commemorative recital shirt with the names of ALL 2023-24 dancers, and the limited-edition 2024 POD plushie. Only 100 POD plushies are available, and their shirts match our recital shirts!

## ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2024-25 ALL-STAR TEAMS

Even though we're still wrapping up this season, we're already thinking ahead to the next! For those interested in our All-Star program, informational meetings will be held on April 2 and 10. The POD All-Star program offers three different levels of competition and commitment to meet the needs of all dancers. Teams are available for dancers ages 4-18, and are open to anyone interested. If you'd like to learn more about our team program, please [fill out this form](#) and attend one of the upcoming meetings. Auditions will be held in late May and early June.

## MAY AND JUNE CLASSES AND CAMPS

What to do after the 2023-24 season ends? Have no fear, [May interim](#) is here! We have eight days of amazing classes to keep your dancer active and involved. From themed preschool mini-camps to specialty acro classes, there's something for every dancer. For those who want to take their skills to the next level, LTJ (Leaps, Turns and Jumps) and our ever-popular CLIMB classes are just the right "fix" to fill the gap between recital and summer dance. The June schedule features two weeks of our awesome [week-long dance camps](#), full of fun, games, friends and dancing. These are a great intro to a variety of styles for new dancers, and a chance for experienced dancers to strengthen their skills. Camp registration by May 1 includes a discount as well as a free t-shirt!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 dress rehearsals 4-9pm	2	3 Recital weekend! 6pm show	4 noon show 6pm show
5 3pm show	6 studio closed this week →	7	8	9	10	11
12 Love U MOM	13 Princess & Prince Eftanogenesis	14 May Interim, week 1	15 Ninja Tambling	16	17	18
19	20 Teddy Bear Obstacle Course	21 May Interim, week 2	22	23 Mermaids & Pirates Scavenger Hunt	24	25
26	27	28	29 All-Star Team Auditions	30 All-Star Team Auditions	31 All-Star Team Auditions	