

The Power of Dance

Connection



MAY 2024

April was such an exciting month at POD! Academy classes got in lots of practice performing for audiences in preparation for the recital, dancers received their year-end progress reports showing all that they've learned and how they've grown, and our All-Star teams had their final competitions of the year at Triple S, Fly Dance, and Dance Worlds in Orlando!



May is the end of the current season, which means new beginnings! After this weekend's recital, we will take a week off to rest and recover, and then we're right back at it with two weeks of great classes in **May Interim**, followed by auditions for our new and returning future team dancers. Check out the calendars for all the important dates!

May		AT The Power of Dance, LLC					
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
			1	2	3	4	
			dress rehearsals @ PHS		Recital weekend! 6pm show	noon show 6pm show	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
3pm show	studio closed this week						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Love U MOM	Princess & Prince Extravaganza		May Interim, week 1 Ninja Tumbling				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	Super Squishy Party		May Interim, week 2 Mermaids & Pirate Scavenger Hunt				
26	27	28	29	30	31		
			All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	

The studio has three dancers graduating from high school this year, and we could not be more proud of them! They have all taken different paths to and at the studio, and no matter what path they take forward in their life, we hope that they will continue to dance, whether that's on a stage or just in their kitchen! Let's meet the POD class of 2024:

Senior Spotlight



My name is **Lexi Andre**, and I have been dancing at POD for 15 years. My mom decided to enroll me at POD because I was always dancing around the house, and POD seemed to be the perfect welcoming environment where my energy and love for dance could be cultivated. Dancing has since given me such an important outlet for self-expression throughout many difficult years of my life, and for that opportunity I am forever grateful. My top three favorite styles of dance are Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary. I will be attending UW-Madison in the Fall for International Studies and Chinese Language.

My name is **McKenna Mommaerts**. I have been dancing for 13 years but have been at Power of Dance for 6 years. I had started dancing at POD because I was ready for more of a challenge and wanted to start competing and I had heard good things about POD. Dance has always helped me get through tough times. It was the best way to express myself and my feelings. It brought joy to me. I also love all of the life skills I have learned/gained from dance. My favorite style of dance would be hip hop or tap. My favorite routine I've ever done would be a junior hip hop routine called Buck In Here. I will be going to UW-River Falls to double-major in companion animal science and dairy science to become a veterinarian.



My name is **Eliana Piette**. Growing up in Michigan, I did team dance for 6 years then competitive gymnastics when I moved to Wisconsin. After injuries forced me to quit gymnastics, I started dancing at POD this past fall in the adult class. I chose POD because I wanted to get back into dance and I found the perfect class that was easy enough on my body but still provided a challenge. A lot of my friends had also gone to POD and only spoke good things about the teachers and classes. I love dance because you never have the same routine and constantly learn new skills and formations, so it always keeps your brain stimulated. Dance has helped get my body moving again and improves my performance in my track events as well. I plan to start at Bellin College this coming fall in the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, with the intention to specialize in OB/GYN Sonography and continue taking dance classes at POD.

End-of-season REMINDERS

Reserve your recital tickets

If you still need to purchase recital tickets, we strongly recommend that you purchase them in advance, not only to save time but also to guarantee a seat! Check availability and purchase tickets on our [ticketing page](#).

Look for our photo backdrop at dress rehearsal and recital. Bring your POD monkey for a "my monkey and me" photo! Don't have a monkey yet? We still have some available on the [POD online store](#)!



Speaking of fun stuff, we will have some **new POD logo apparel** available in our mobile store at all four recitals. These are limited-quantity items, so once they're gone, they're gone!



If you pre-ordered flowers for pickup, those will be available at the show that you designated at checkout. We will have a limited quantity of flowers available to purchase on-site at each show -- stop at the flower table when you arrive for the best selection! Proceeds from our bouquet sales go to the POD scholarship fund.

SUMMER is ALMOST here!

And so is our summer schedule! So if you're wondering what's next for your dancer, no worries! Here's what's coming up for dancers of every age. May and June camps and classes are already enrolling, and the July schedule is just about ready to go live. Keep an eye on your email for the upcoming release!

3-5 year olds: Limited space is still available in our May preschool mini-camps & Ninja Tumbling. Music & Movement will run in July as well, with multi-day mini-camps and one-day specialty camps!

6-9 year olds: The sky's the limit for this age group! Acro, LTJ, and CLIMB are all fun sessions offered in our **May Interim**. Be sure to sign up for **Youth Summer Dance Camp** (June 17-20) for a week of dance, friends and fun, where dancers get to try EVERY style of dance! In our July session, explore a variety of options, including Ballet, Pom, Hip Hop, Jazz/Tap, and CLIMB plus skill-focused classes like Strength & Flexibility, Leaps/Turns/Jumps, and Acro.

10+ years old: Don't lose momentum during May! Both CLIMB and LTJ are offered for every level of dancer, and Acro specialty classes let teams work on the skills that they want to master next. **Summer Dance Intensive** (June 24-27) is an absolute blast, filled with games, skill development, mini-routines in a variety of styles, and so much more. This is our favorite week of the year, so don't miss out! In July, take as many style-specific mini-camps as you want, along with Ballet, Acro, Strength & Flexibility and Leaps/Turns/Jumps to advance your skill set.

Adult dancers, we didn't forget you! Be sure to sign up for the summer session of Adult Dance for a workout for your brain as well as your body -- no dance experience required, all are invited!

June		AT The Power of Dance, LLC					
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			All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	All-Star Team Auditions	
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	Virtual All-Star Team Auditions						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	Youth Summer Dance Camp 1-4pm						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Summer Dance Intensive 1-5pm						