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All-County Honors Dance Ensemble to perform in Maryland Dances!

Group celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2021

Towson, MD – The 2020-2021 All-County Honors Dance Ensemble of Baltimore County Public Schools will be featured in a virtual dance concert hosted by the Maryland State Department of Education’s Fine Arts Office.

The event, “Maryland Dances! A Statewide Dance Sharing,” will be available online on Wednesday, June 2, from 7 – 8 p.m. [Free virtual tickets](#) can be reserved online.

“2021 is a special year for the All-County Honors Dance Ensemble as it marks the 15th anniversary of this ensemble,” said Sonia Synowski, BCPS dance resource teacher. “We are so proud of our Honors dancers who were committed to excellence for every rehearsal and who are wonderful representatives of Baltimore County Public Schools.”

Since its inception, the ensemble has been directed by Stephanie Powell, dance teacher at George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology. Madison Bonaparte, dance teacher at Middle River Middle School, serves as the ensemble’s assistant director.

This year’s ensemble is comprised of 19 returning members from the 2019-2020 ensemble who committed to weekly virtual rehearsals during the 2020-2021 school year to prepare choreography for Maryland Dances.

The ensemble members are:

High School Members

Imani Abney, Grade 12, Carver Center
Toimar Allen, Grade 10, Milford Mill Academy
LaKeira Anderson, Grade 9, Carver Center
Olivia Anderson, Grade 10, Carver Center

Simone Brown, Grade 9, Carver Center
Jordan Cherry, Grade 10, Milford Mill Academy
Melody Cole, Grade 10, Parkville High
Lillian Geedey, Grade 10, Carver Center
Kendal Jordan, Grade 12, Carver Center
Sara Klugs, Grade 11, Milford Mill Academy
Randall McKinney, Grade 12, Carver Center
Shantae Samms, Grade 10, Carver Center
Morgan Strebeck, Grade 12, Patapsco High
Ray-Nyizah Waller-Jones, Grade 9, Carver Center
Jase Woolcock, Grade 9, Carver Center

Middle School Members

Isabel Aolani Armstrong, Grade 8, Pikesville Middle
AaShyah de Vries, Grade 8, Deep Creek Middle
Ja'Zara Lane, Grade 8, Deer Park Middle
Madisyn Rice-Evans, Grade 7, Franklin Middle

(Editor's note: A group photo of the ensemble and its leaders accompanies this release.)

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