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# 2014 Beyond The Test



On March 1st Florida Dance Education Organization's 2014 Beyond the Test: Mentoring for Artistic Engagement was at Howard W. Blake High School in Tampa, Florida. This was the first time ever that the Florida Dance Performance Assessment (FDPA) and the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) concert and workshops were held jointly. Participating schools included: Bak Middle School of the Arts, Orange Grove Middle Magnet School, Seminole Ridge High School, Flagler Palm Coast High School, Wellington High School, Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts, Academy of Arts and Minds, Miami Arts Charter High and Middle School, Dr. Phillips High School Dance Magnet, Pinellas County Center for the Arts, Howard W. Blake High School Magnet, and North Ft. Myers Academy for the Arts. During Beyond the Test: Mentoring for Artistic Engagement, students participated in the FDPA, the NHSDA Concert, mock auditions for college programs, and took master classes taught by Amanda Richards and Osmany Montano. Students who participated at FDPA demonstrated on demand and prepared performances that were assessed by adjudicators. Following the review of the written evaluation, adjudicators, students, and teachers from each school engaged in a reflective discussion to address areas of mastery, as well as areas that are in need of improvement. Participation provided teachers with collegial support, a variety of instructional strategies to increase learning outcomes and sound methods for streamlining assessment procedures. Students from thirteen different schools who are members of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts performed in the All-State Honors Concert. Mia Caceres-Nielsen, 1st Academic Achievement, and Leadership 2013 Award Winner, performed her solo, Intensity. Collegiate dancers from the University of South Florida performed Lucifer's Prance, a piece choreographed by Robert Moses and restaged by Bliss Kohlmyer. About 60 dancers participated in the mock college auditions. The college panel consisted of: Temple University, Hillsborough Community College, Daytona State, Nova Southeastern University, University of Tampa, Jacksonville University, University of South Florida, and Florida State University. Ballet class taught by Paula Nunez and a modern and improvisation class taught by Bliss Kohlmyer were held for students to participate. After the audition, dancers had the opportunity to hear an overview of the dance programs from the college panel. The date, time and place for the 2015 Beyond the Test: Mentoring for Artistic Engagement will be announced soon. For more information about this event or to learn more about the Florida Dance Education Organization, please visit [www.FDEO.org](http://www.FDEO.org).

### "Extra, Extra!"

You can find out the all the latest NHSDA and FDPA info and news on the new FDEO website:

[www.fdeo.org](http://www.fdeo.org)

Simply click the NHSDA link and check it out!

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## Be in the Spotlight

Send in pictures, announcements, performance information, awards, and news about you and your Honor Society friends. Who knows, you may make the front page!

## NDEO Miami Sharing Performance



## Miami Sharing Performance

On October 23, 2013, a few of the Miami schools and NHSDA Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award winners performed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the Opening Ceremony for the National Dance Education Organization Conference. The NHSDA Award performers were: Mia Caceres-Nielsen from Bak Middle School of the Arts 1st place NJHSDA winner, Kathryn Mantyh from Bak Middle School of the Arts 2nd place NJHSDA winner, Olivia Krammer from Miami Arts Charter School 2nd place NJHSDA winner, Yvonna Vilaboy from Miami Arts Charter School 1<sup>st</sup> place winner and NDEO National Finalist, and Natalie Vazquez from Miami Arts Charter School 2nd place NHSDA winner. The Miami Schools consisted of Miami Arts Charter School and New World School of the Arts. Mireille Fehler, NDEO National Winner, and Laine Chan, NDEO National Finalist, performed from out of state. Bill Evans set a piece of choreography on many of the college dancers who attended the conference as well. The event concluded with Nigel Lithgoe, executive producer of So You Think You Can Dance, making a special announcement, the partnership between the Dizzy Feet Foundation and the National Dance Education Organization in support of the Dance Education Standards to improve the quality of dance education.



## Calvary Christian Academy

Through life events, we search for God's Sovereignty in all circumstances, yet He" has made everything beautiful in its time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of Gods work from beginning to end. "Ecclesiastes 3:10-11.

The directors Sandra Greenidge, Tara Brown and Ali Davis Choreographed and produced "A Time for Everything Dance Concert that challenged our audience to seek out God's Sovereignty in these real life situations, such as 9-11, Marriage, bullying, sickness. Our cast and crew had deep discussions on how we trust in God and rely on His wisdom, not our own understanding.



## Seminole Ridge High School

This year, our chapter represented dance in a school-wide initiative to create a lip dub, involving all of the clubs, athletics, and groups on campus. The message we promoted was to "Be Brove, Get Involved" in school activities. We also traveled to Tampa for the Florida Dance Performance Assessment and participated in the Honors Concert Performance for the first time. Their dance was "Wa Habibi", choreographed by their chapter sponsor, Erin Sinsley. The pictures show the students who participated in these events.



## 2014 Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award Winners

**Congratulations to the following high school dancers:**

First Place Winner for NHSDA:

Emily Schwartz from A.W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts (Sponsor: Ronda Johnson, Palm Beach County)

Second Place Winners for NHSDA:

Jennifer Klammer from Miami Arts Charter School

Sponsor: Valerie Barreiro, Miami-Dade County)

Morgan Furnari from Gulliver Preparatory High School

Sponsor: Gerri Barreras, Miami-DadeCounty)

Congratulations to Emily Schwartz and Morgan Furnari  
for receiving Honorable Mentionat the National Level!

The 2014 NHSDA: Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award is a prestigious honor for Florida Dance Education Organization and National Dance Education Organization. Students submit and application with resumé, recommendation letter, essays, and video of themselves performing their own choreography. They must show talent, involvement in dance and at their school or studio, high GPA, and leadership skills.



### First and Second place winners for NHSDA

Emily Schwartz, Jennifer Klammer,  
And Morgan Fernari



## 2014 Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement

**Congratulations to the following middle school dancers:**

First Place Winner for NJHSDA:

**Victoria Volpe**

Bak Middle School of the Arts

Sponsors: Martha Satinoff and

Hollond Schiller, Palm Beach County

Second Place Winner for NJHSDA:

**Madison Russo**

Bak Middle School of the Arts

Sponsors: Martha Satinoff and

Hollond Schiller, Palm Beach County

Victoria Volpe



Madison Russo

### Bak Middle School of the Arts, Chapter 2002

The Bak MSOA chapter has been busy this year raising money for other dancers. They made and sold hair bows for the holidays and then made more for to wear throughout the year. They are using the funds to purchase dancewear for elementary students who cannot afford supplies and will give a \$250 scholarship to a member to help with expenses for a summer program. At our annual concert, they held a silent auction which raised about \$3000 for Very Special Arts of South Florida to fund a dance residency for students with special needs at a couple of local elementary Schools. At the concert, we inducted 27 new members, bringing our total to 44.



At one of the meetings, two instructors from Gyrotonic Satnam gave the members and their dance teachers an introductory class in Gyrokinesis.

We are proud of our president, Victoria Volpe, and member Madison Russo for their awards and look forward to seeing them perform their solos in the Honors Concert next spring.