

WEST CHESTER DANCE WORKS

PURSUIT
HAPPINESS

2026 ANNUAL RECITAL

**Collegium Charter School
Performing Arts Center
Exton, PA**

**Saturday, June 20, 2026
10:30am and 3:00pm**

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As our nation marks 250 years of its noble experiment, West Chester Dance Works, home of Diane Matthews School of Dance Arts, celebrates 44 years of enriching lives and strengthening community through dance. From the very beginning, the pursuit of happiness was recognized as a promise worth reaching for—a shared dream that continues to inspire each generation. Today, we invite our dancers, teachers, choreographers, families, and community to reflect on what happiness truly means and how it is discovered through creativity, connection, courage, and expression.

Join us as we celebrate this journey through the talent, artistry, and diverse dance styles presented today, each offering a meaningful glimpse into all that is found in pursuing happiness.

Ms. Diane

Executive Director/Founder



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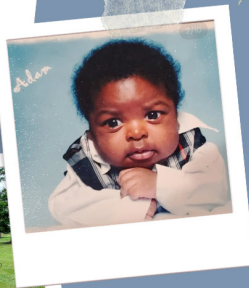
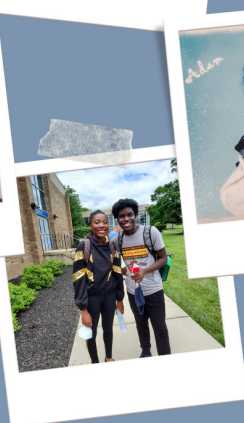
ACE Business Consulting is proud to support this year's recital by coordinating and sponsoring the "Backstage Clubhouse".

From creative stations and quiet activities to games and crafts, our goal is to help dancers stay engaged, relaxed, and recital-ready throughout the big day.

We are honored to support the talented students, dedicated families, and amazing instructors of West Chester Dance Works.

Break a leg, dancers—we can't wait to see you shine!

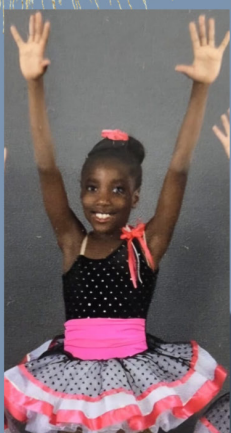




Adam & Layla, watching
you grow from tiny
dancers to confident
young adults, has been
one of life's greatest joys.
Your courage, creativity
and passion shine in every
step.

As you head off to college,
keep dancing, keep
dreaming and let your
passion lead the way!

-from the Nserekos-



PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

10:30AM PROGRAM

We've All Come

Company/Combined Youth Groups - Kelly Dhamo

Haylee Benz, Leah Broussard, Samantha Brun, Olivia Cooke, Jeneeta Durham, Talyah Easter, Cameron Fisher, Quinn Galey, Zuri Hudson, Vivienne Hutnick, Ava Kajubi, Sophie Krewson, Regina Lijoi, Aniyah McGibboney, Avianna Mooring, Adam Nsereko, Araoluwa Osimokun, Madison Taylor, Olasumbo Vincent

Happiness

Predance (Tuesday) - Diane Matthews

Sloane Faulkner-Wolfram, Daisy Gatti, Mariana Jacobi, Lily Maclean, Rhiannon McCormack-Faltz, Lucy McGee, Ivy Ocasio, Shiloh-Moremi Quarles, Arya Ram

My Moment to Shine

Elementary Hip Hop 2 - Adrianna "Nikki" Matthews

Amelia Cary, Arianna Ferroni, Juliana Gibson, Penelope Goldschmidt, Greyson Kaighin, Gabrielle Leslie, Tessa Luna, Antonella Maguire, Kabella Negron, Molly O'Brien, Aubree Smith

Back in the Day

Junior/Senior Jazz 1 - Candace Matthews-Bass

Jeneeta Durham, Talyah Easter, Zuri Hudson, Vivienne Hutnick, Anna Kidwell, Avianna Mooring, Araoluwa Osimokun, Asha Quackenbush

Finding Freedom

Junior/Senior Advanced Lyrical - Candace Matthews-Bass and the Cast of Dancers

Samantha Brun, Sophie Krewson, Aniyah McGibboney, Adam Nsereko



Let's Ride

Hippity Hop - Inaijah Meaux

Iyanna Boyer, Grace V. Cooke, Marleigh Saling

Looking

Junior/Senior Contemporary/Modern 2 - Lauren Linder

Cameron Fisher, Wilhelmina Guy, Araoluwa Osimokun, Olasumbo Vincent

Happier When I'm Jammin'

Junior/Senior Hip Hop 1-2 - Adrianna "Nikki" Matthews

Haylee Benz, Leah Broussard, Olivia Cooke, Jeneeta Durham, Isla Stuart, Syeed Thomas

Color of the Wind

Adult Ballet 1 - Diane Matthews

Donna Hymes, Jaelyn Jackson, Joslyn Jackson, Cassie Latyak, Kseniya Yashchenko

Just Gettin' Started

Company/DM Dance Machine - Kiara Bass & Candace Matthews-Bass

Haylee Benz, Leah Broussard, Samantha Brun, Cameron Fisher, Quinn Galey, Sophie Krewson, Regina Lijoi, Aniyah McGibboney, Adam Nsereko, Araoluwa Osimokun, Olasumbo Vincent

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Don't Worry

Acro-Dance - Diane Matthews

Uli Dubbs, Annabel Fauntleroy, Merrick Galey, Jewel Johnson, Kennedy Kazin, Saoirse McCormack-Faltz, May Nalepa, Zoey Stanton, Harper White-Warren

On Your Way

Open Tap - Diane Matthews

Haylee Benz, Emma Clauhs, Avery Debessay, Vivienne Hutnick, Sylvia Moraga, Araoluwa Osimokun, Aubree Smith



Pure Imagination

Predance (Saturday) - Inaijah Meaux

Ella Dearie, Niya Johnson, Emily Klenda, Emmy Korzen, Calliope Rivera, Lylah Sawyer, Noémie Tilghman

Better Together

Elementary Hip Hop 1 (Tuesday) - Adrianna "Nikki" Matthews

Millie Cirucci, Molly Eldred, Jane McGee, Zoe Ocasio, Allaray Petrone, Josephine Willoughby

Say Hallelujah

Junior/Senior Jazz 3-4 - Candace Matthews-Bass

Samantha Brun, Sophie Krewson, Regina Lijoi, Aniyah McGibboney, Adam Nsereko

Morning Always Comes

Junior/Senior Ballet 1 - Audrey Hammit

Haylee Benz, Leah Broussard, Talyah Easter, Quinn Galey, Vivienne Hutnick, Avianna Mooring, Addison Yocum

Be Held

Company/Anointed Dance - Diane Matthews

Tracy Flanagan, Donna Hymes, Sue Kelley, Grace Zarnoch

Chasing Our Dreams

Youth Contemporary Modern - Adam Nsereko

Hadassah Bailey, Zoe Harris, McKinley Johnson, Aubree Smith, Josephine Willoughby

Choices Make the Way

Junior/Senior Ballet 2 - Audrey Hammit

Emma Clauhs, Wilhelmina Guy, Regina Lijoi

Room Shifters

Adult Hip Hop - Shareese Asparagus

Kirsten Andersson, Jess Antos, Nicolette Benson, Emily Dang, Nataki Hudson, Amanda Krenos, Grace Mu, Gabriella Napoli, Nina Nsereko, Carly O'Neill, Tyler Propfe, Joanne Teng



FINALE- Change the World
Ensemble- Diane Matthews

AWARDS PRESENTATION



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Happy Feet

Tap/Jazz Combo - Adam Nsereko

Vya Agbozognigbe, Winnie Cagwin, Lillian Dhamo, Dior Greene, Saoirse McCormack-Faltz, Bronwen Mullins, Savannah Steward, Aurora Thomas

Head of My Class

Elementary Hip Hop 3 - Shareese Asparagus

Hadassah Bailey, Norah Burks, Samiyah Daniels, McKinley Johnson, Gianna Mahon, Emma Salmeron, Harper White-Warren

A Place for Us

Adult Ballet 2 - Diane Matthews

Kelly Brightwell, Emily Evans, Francesca Frankenfield, Jennifer Gentile-Guy, Nataki Hudson, Amanda Krenos, Katie McFadden, Karen Misher, Gabriella Napoli, Sandra Schneck, Roann Valbrum

Joy of the Hits

Junior/Senior Hip Hop 1 - Adrianna "Nikki" Matthews

Chloe Eldred, Eden Grush, Zuri Hudson, Vivienne Hutnick, Avianna Mooring, Araoluwa Osimokun, Payton Palmer



Music Box Dancer

Youth Ballet - Diane Matthews

Uli Dubbs, Zoe Harris, Ava Kajubi, Aubree Smith, Harper White-Warren

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Junior/Senior Tap 2-3 - Kelly Dhamo

Erin Baird, Samantha Brun, Jennifer Grush, Leslie Howard, Amanda Krenos, Regina Lijoi, Gabriella Napoli, Adam Nsereko, Layla Nsereko, Maddie Sokoloski

Glory to Your Name

Company/Anointed Too - Kiara Bass & Adrianna "Nikki" Matthews

Leah Broussard, Olivia Cooke, Avianna Mooring, Madison Taylor

Wildflowers

Youth Jazz - Audrey Hammit

Samiyah Daniels, Riley Horn, McKinley Johnson, Ava Kajubi, Tessa Luna, Molly O'Brien

Manjani

West African Dance - Anoinette Coward-Gilmore Drummer - Senufub Stoney

Samantha Brun, Cameron Fisher, Nataki Hudson, Zuri Hudson, Donna Hymes, Amanda Krenos, Sophie Krewson, Araoluwa Osimokun, Saaya Quackenbush, Olasumbo Vincent

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION

Build Me Up

Predance (Monday) - Samantha Brun

Meilani Scott, Isadora Aguilar, Evan Barnwell, Sierra Considine, Emerson Jordan, Brielle Manson, Harper Reimund, Charlotte Thebner

From Nothing

Junior/Senior Hip Hop 3 - Shareese Asparagus

Samantha Brun, Sophie Krewson, Regina Lijoi, Adam Nsereko, Layla Nsereko, Carly O'Neill, Saaya Quackenbush, Joanne Teng



Soul Survivors

Adult Jazz - Candace Matthews-Bass

Kirsten Andersson, Melissa Bright, Tracy Flanagan, Francesca Frankenfield, Leslie Howard, Nataki Hudson, Donna Hymes, Amanda Krenos, Nina Nsereko, Rachel Reimund, Roann Valbrum

Woke Up Like This

Elementary Hip Hop 1 (Thursday) - Tiffany Webb-Stoney

Eva Clauhs, Uli Dubbs, Natalie Gagne, Kairi Hoban, Wynn Johnson, Maisie Stuart, Piper Stuart, Lyla Zumpano

For Good

Junior/Senior Intermediate Lyrical - Lauren Linder

Haylee Benz, Cameron Fisher, Quinn Galey, Vivienne Hutnick, Layla Nsereko, Araoluwa Osimokun, Asha Quackenbush, Olasumbo Vincent

Detecting a Good Time

Junior/Senior Ballet 3 - Audrey Hammit

Samantha Brun, Sophie Krewson, Aniyah McGibboney, Adam Nsereko

For Love

Adult Lyrical - Candace Matthews-Bass

Greta Considine, Tracy Flanagan, Francesca Frankenfiel, Jennifer Gentile-Guy, Leslie Howard, Donna Hymes, Amanda Krenos, Katie McFadden, Sandra Schneck, Maddie Sokoloski, Roann Valbrum

Nothing Holding Me Back

Junior/Senior Contemporary Modern 1 - Tiffany Webb-Stoney

Haylee Benz, Jeanette Capone, Alana Miles

Make a Change

Company/Junior Performers - Kelly Dharmo

Jeneeta Durham, Talyah Easter, Zuri Hudson, Vivienne Hutnick, Ava Kajubi



My Life, My Disco

Junior/Senior Jazz 2 - Shareese Asparagus

Haylee Benz, Leah Broussard, Cameron Fisher, Tracy Flanagan,
Francesca Frankenfield, Quinn Galey, Wilhelmina Guy, Nataki
Hudson, Isla Stuart, Olasumbo Vincent

That's What Friends Are For

Junior/Senior Contemporary Modern 3 - Antoinette Coward-Gilmore

Samantha Brun, Amanda Krenos, Sophie Krewson, Aniyah
McGibboney, Adam Nsereko

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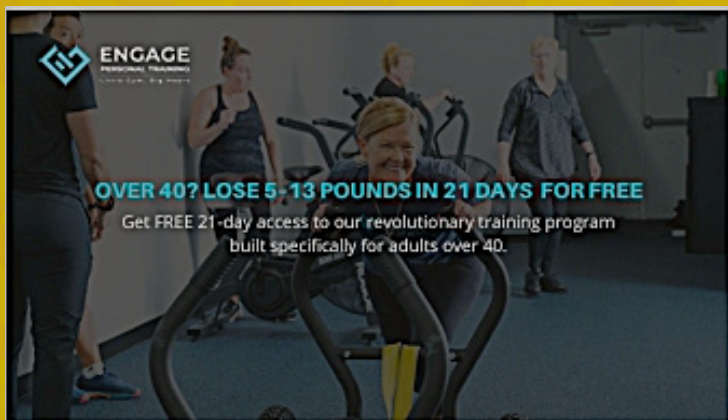
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