

Kacie Collins

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“I am an ambitious dancer with 18 years of experience in performing, looking for opportunities to perform and choreograph for live audiences and on film. Additionally, I have experience in teaching dance for all ages and levels, in hip hop, jazz, contemporary, and improvisation.”

Education:

- **Chapman University, May 2025**
 - Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance
 - Nutrition Minor
 - National Honors Society in Dance Arts
 - GPA 3.87
- **Regina High School, May 2021**
 - National Honors Society
 - Honor Roll Student
 - GPA 4.3
 - Summa Cum Laude

Additional Training:

- **Detroit Pistons Entertainment Team (2017-2019)**
 - Trained in old-school foundational hip hop and new school hip hop movements, cyphers and improvisation, community building and service. Trained in Detroit Jit, Locking, Popping, Animation, and Breaking.
 - Learning history and current events of hip hop culture and the City of Detroit.
- **Hollywood Connection - The Teen Company (2018-2021)**
 - Company Co-Captain (2020-2021)
 - Trained in choreography, performing, dance on film, acting, self-business ownership, dance competition management, heels work, and ballroom dancing.
- **Gotta Dance Studios, (2006-2021)**
 - Trained in ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical, contemporary, pom, musical theatre, and acrobatics.

Professional Work:

- **United Shore Professional Baseball League (USPBL) Dance Crew (2019-2023)**
 - Dance Crew Lead, managing game days by working closely with Field Directors and Artistic Director of the dance crew. Directing dancers and enforcing rules and positions throughout the game.

- Choreographer, creating dances for timeouts, formations, layering, musicality, and entertainment for fans in the stands.
- Dancer, performing on the field in front of large crowds, on cameras, and working with large and small groups of dancers.
- **Detroit Pistons Entertainment Team/ Motor City Minis (2017-2019)**
 - Dancer, performing in front of large crowds and on camera, at timeouts, and halftime. Along with musical artists such as Ayo & Teo and Brooklyn Queen.
 - Public appearances before games and off-site to represent the Detroit Pistons.
- **Gotta Dance Studios**
 - Choreographer for competition teams, and teaching technique and choreography classes in hip hop, jazz, jazz funk, lyrical, contemporary, and improvisation.
- **Chippewa Valley Varsity Dance Team**
 - Halftime performance choreographer
- **L'Anse Creuse Varsity Dance Team**
 - Halftime performance choreographer

Choreography:

- **“Bounce” - Team Shaka**
 - Annual Chapman Dance Alliance Show (2024)
 - In collaboration with Charlotte Foldes, Jimena Casasola, and Nanea Yu
- **“Coming to you Live...”**
 - Chapman University Concert Intime (2024)
- **Team Shaka Performance**
 - Journey Dance Awards (2024)
 - In collaboration with Sofia Barrientos, Isa Bayona, and Charlotte Foldes
- **“Bamba” - Team Shaka**
 - Annual Chapman Dance Alliance Show (2023)
 - In collaboration with Sofia Barrientos, Isa Bayona, and Charlotte Foldes
- **“MOTHER” - Gotta Dance Studios**
 - Gotta Dance Studios senior competition team hip hop large group (2023-2024)
- **“Look What you Did to her” - Gotta Dance**
 - Solo choreography on dancer Lila Simpson
- **“Bachelor” - Gotta Dance Studios**
 - Gotta Dance Studios senior competition team hip hop large group (2023-2024)
 - KAR Competition Outstanding Choreography Award
- **“Suit and Tie” - Team Shaka**
 - Team Shaka Concept Video (2023)
- **“Familiar Strangers”**
 - Chapman University Works in Progress Concert (2023)

Performing Experience

- **World of Dance - Los Angeles 2024**
 - Choreographed by Azuki Umeda
- **Journey Dance Awards (2024, 2025)**
 - Team Shaka
- **Detroit Pistons Motor City Minis (2017-2019)**
 - Choreography by Natalie Miramontes, Olivia Salerno, Tyler Piro, and Kendall Duda
- **USPBL Dance Crew (2019-2023)**
 - Led by Artistic Director Lesley Kay
- **LuluLemon Grand Opening at the Mall at Partridge Creek (2018)**
 - Choreography by Shauna Zambelli
- **Gotta Dance Studios (2006-2021)**
 - Led by Studio Owners Sandy Vandermeer and Suzy Gianino

Grants and Awards:

- **Fannie Kalis Award (2024)**
 - Special recognition for outstanding contribution to dance by a junior
- **Chapman University Dean's Scholar Award (2021-2025)**
- **Chapman Grant (2021-2025)**
- **City of Warren Academic Award - Regina High School (2021)**

Publications:

- Senior Thesis Project (2025-Current)

Additional Experience and Service:

- Chapman University's Team Shaka Co-President (2024-2025)
- Chapman University's Team Shaka Co-Vice President (2023-2024)
- Hollywood Connection - The Teen Company Co-Captain (2020-2021)
- Bebe Rexha Coachella 2024 - Skeleton Crew
- Dancers Against Cancer Workshop Teacher/ Choreographer (2018, 2019)
- Full Circle Thrift and Meaningful Marketplace Employee (2022-2025)