



DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA

Open Scholarship 13 and over 2024

It has been a pleasure serving as Scholarship Chairman for the 139th National Convention for the 13 to 23 age group. This group of students have exemplified the standards, work ethics and talent that we all hope to instill in all of our applicants.

We had classes in modern, acrobatics, ballet, jazz and tap. The following is a breakdown of numbers, no shows and teachers of each genre.

Genre	Participants	No shows	Teacher
Modern	55	2	Valerie Hamilton
Acrobatics	39	2	Kathi Halbert
Ballet	58	4	Jason Cosner
Jazz	61	3	Katie Oberg
Tap	57	3	Mary Beth Marino

There was a total of 70 students registered for the scholarships.

I want to thank the judges and teachers who were wonderful to work with. They were kind and caring to all of the students.

The judging panel was:

Patricia Flowerday, Mimi Costa White, Teddi Rayborn, Megan Chiles, Hannah Harshman

A sincere thanks to Jamie Dain, our liaison, who was always there to help in any way we needed. She provided me with a monitor for the acro students which was a tremendous help.

Awards will be given in the following:

- DMA Award of Excellence, 5 and 4 phase and winner will be awarded at the banquet.
- All other scholarship awards will be announced 2:30pm on Friday, July 5th.

Recommendations:

- Clarification ~ appropriate jazz shoes, are dance paws included? We did allowed bare feet and dance paws.
- Having a person for holding the acro students outside of the ballroom. This year we were accommodating for all those students in preliminary. There were 23 students but it went smoothly. I had them in modern first and they all gave me there times scheduled for PAC. With that I was able to generate an order that accommodated everyone's need. I made a list for the judges so they could use that for scoring and not have to search through their scoresheets. Having them in a holding area made the process work beautifully. Had I started with acro and had not known their times that would have been difficult.

Thank you again for giving me such a wonderful chair.

Kathi Halbert

Scholarship Chairperson

