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Chloe Bella Benson

My name is Chloe Bella Benson, from the moment I first heard music and felt the rhythm move through me, I knew dance was my true passion. My dream has always been to express myself through movement, to tell stories without words, and one day, to perform on the world's biggest stages. Dance isn't just something I do—it's a part of who I am.

To reach that dream, I've set clear goals. I aim to master various styles, from ballet to hip hop, and continue growing through workshops, performances, and competitions. I also hope to inspire others by becoming a dance instructor and choreographer in the future.

Along this journey, I've been proud of my



achievements. I've performed in local showcases, won awards in competitions, and seen my confidence grow with every step and spin. These moments remind me that dedication pays off.

But it hasn't been without challenges. Balancing training with school and personal life is difficult. There are times of self-doubt, injuries, or rejection—but each setback only fuels my determination. With passion as my guide, I continue to push forward, dancing closer to my dreams every day.

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Emma Fortin



My name is Emma Fortin and I am 9 years old. I have been dancing since I was 4 years old. I love dance and everything it represents. My dream is to be a Rockette and to help anyone who wants to dance. I think dance and dance wear should be accessible to everyone who wants it.







Jorge Villalobos Jr



☀ My Dreams, Goals, Challenges, Achievements, and Successes

by Jorge Villalobos Jr.

Ever since I was little, dance has been my biggest passion. My dream is to one day perform as a professional dancer in a company like Juilliard or maybe even on Broadway. I want to inspire people through my movement, and show that with hard work and dedication, you can achieve anything you set your mind to. I also hope to help my siblings pursue their own dreams by showing them what's possible when you never give up.

One of my main goals right now is to keep improving my technique and expand my skills in styles like ballet, contemporary, lyrical, and jazz. I want to keep challenging myself in competitions and auditions, and earn opportunities to dance on bigger stages. Another goal I have is to continue growing my platform on TikTok, where I share tutorials and

performances to motivate other young dancers.

The journey hasn't been easy. I've faced challenges like balancing school, AP classes, and dance training almost every day of the week. There are times when it feels overwhelming, but I remind myself why I started — because dance makes me feel alive. Injuries and self-doubt have tested me, but I've learned to stay focused and keep going.

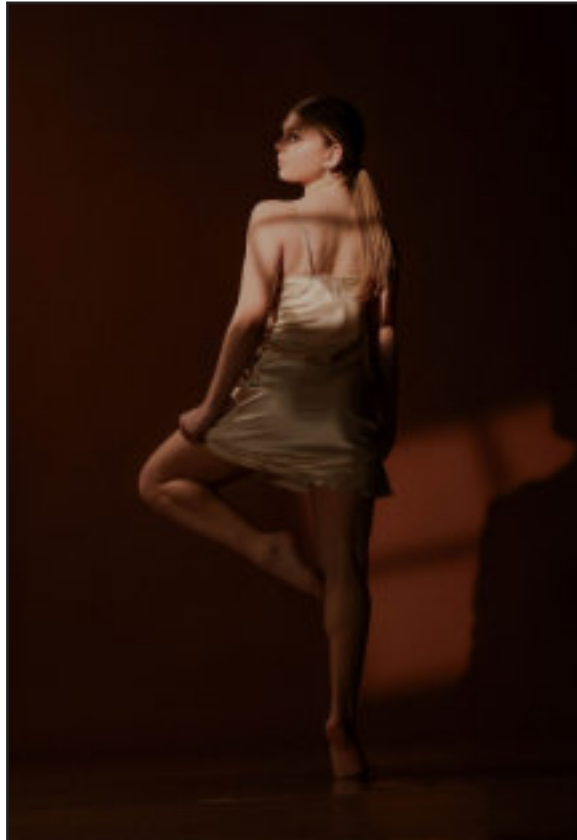
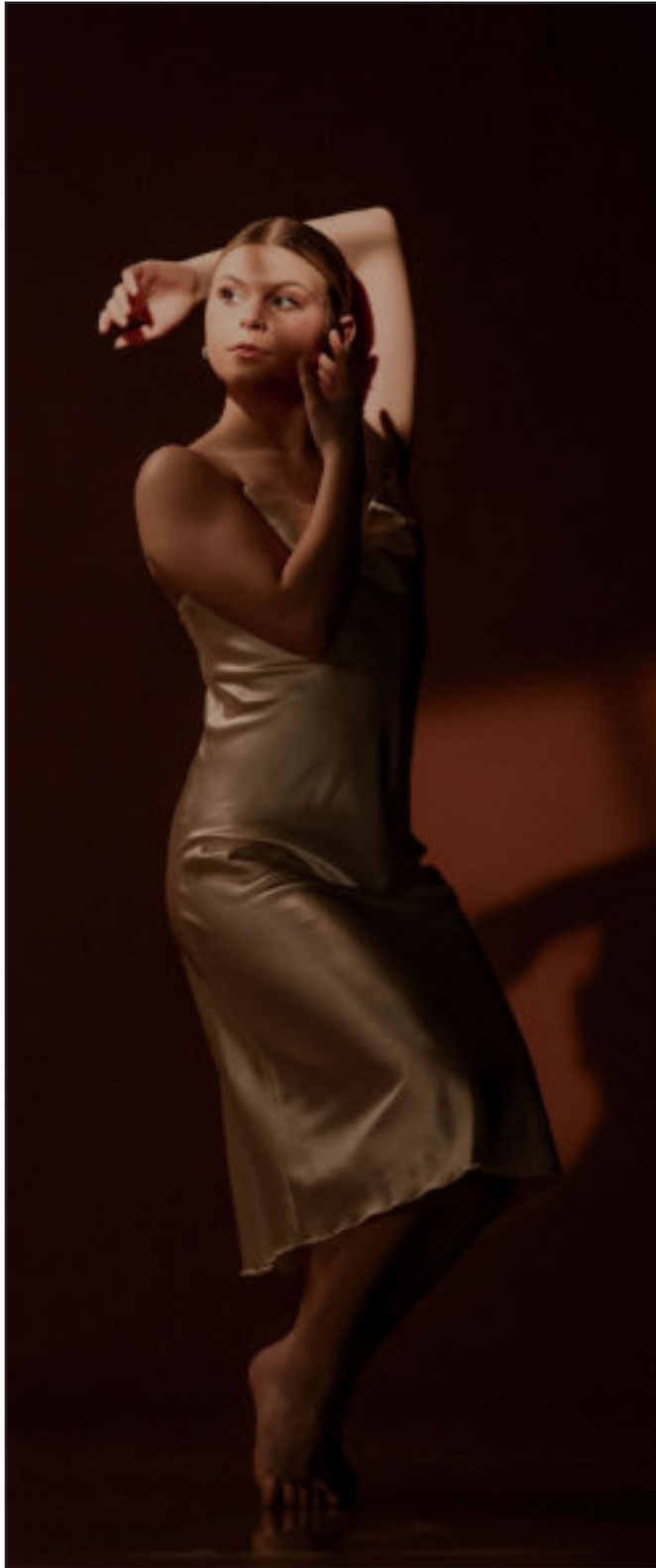
Some of my proudest achievements include winning multiple dance titles and scholarships, and being recognized with special judges' awards at competitions. Every time I see younger dancers look up to me or tell me I inspired them, I feel like I've succeeded in something bigger than a trophy.

My success so far is not just about what I've won, but about how much I've grown as a dancer and as a person. I know this is just the beginning, and I'm excited for everything that's ahead.





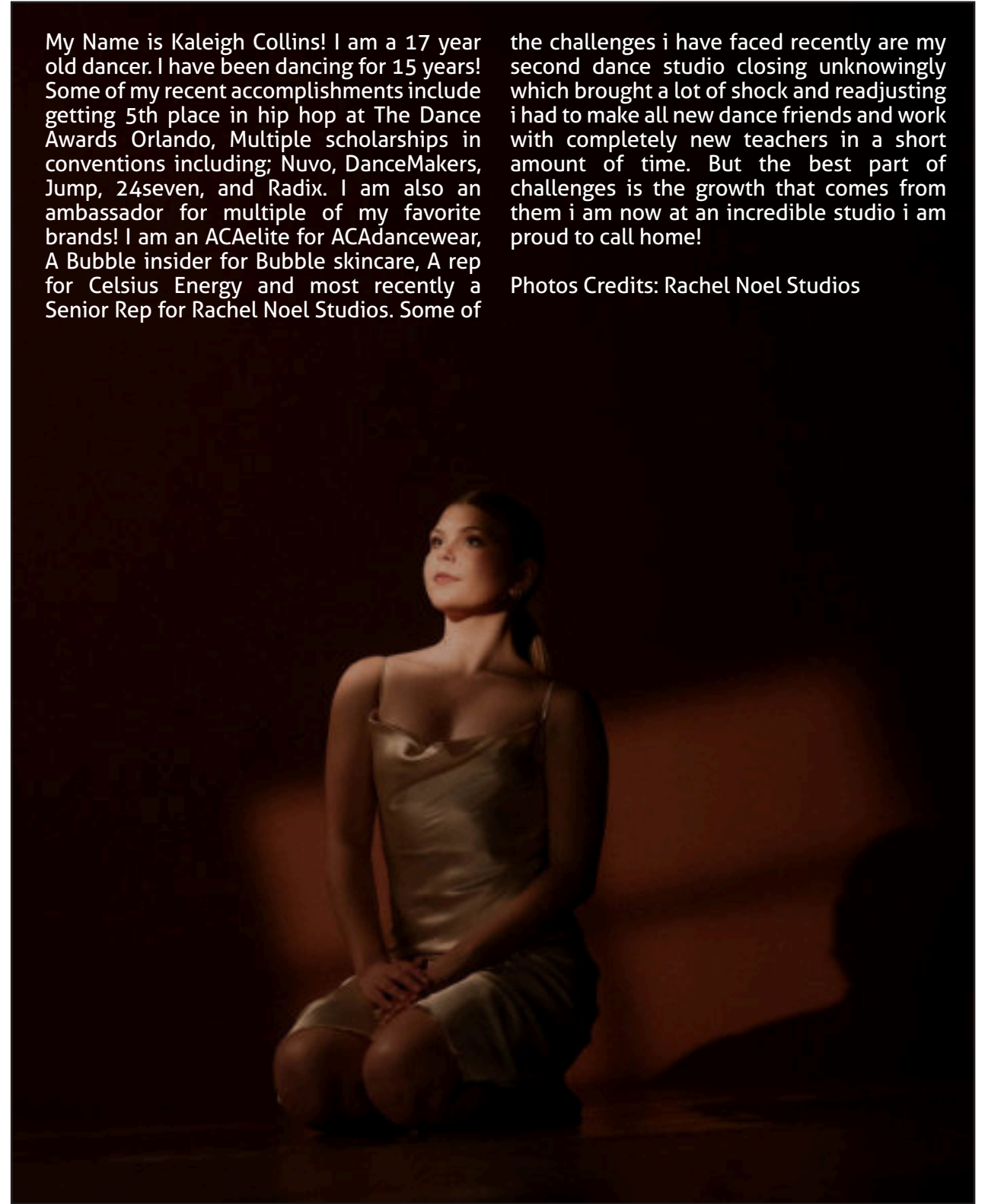
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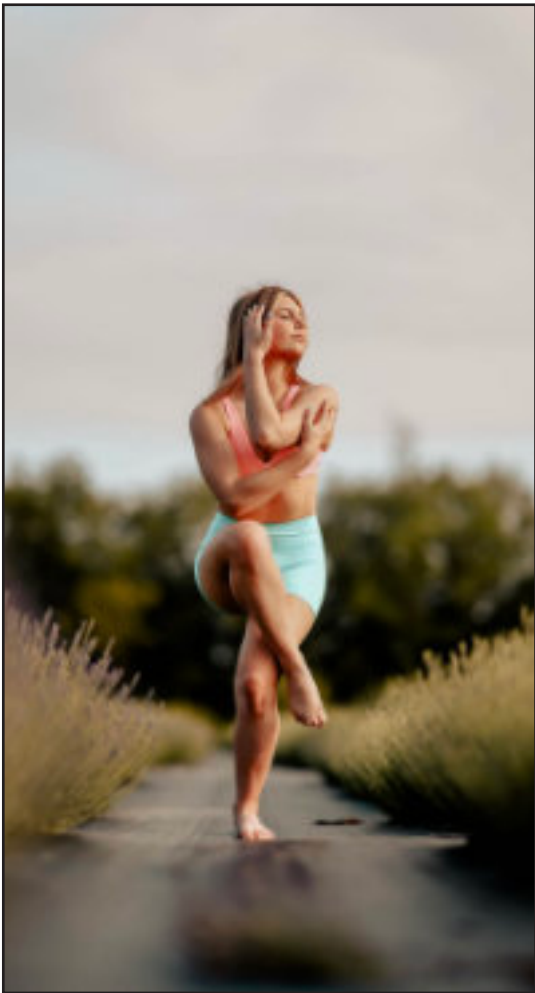
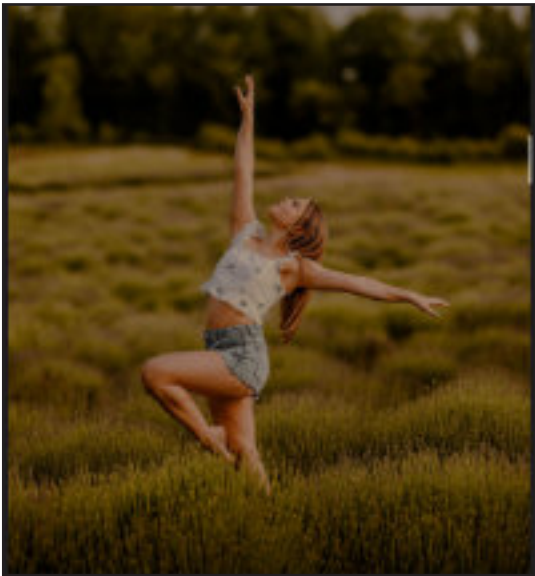
My Name is Kaleigh Collins! I am a 17 year old dancer. I have been dancing for 15 years! Some of my recent accomplishments include getting 5th place in hip hop at The Dance Awards Orlando, Multiple scholarships in conventions including; Nuvo, DanceMakers, Jump, 24seven, and Radix. I am also an ambassador for multiple of my favorite brands! I am an ACAelite for ACAdancewear, A Bubble insider for Bubble skincare, A rep for Celsius Energy and most recently a Senior Rep for Rachel Noel Studios. Some of

the challenges i have faced recently are my second dance studio closing unknowingly which brought a lot of shock and readjusting i had to make all new dance friends and work with completely new teachers in a short amount of time. But the best part of challenges is the growth that comes from them i am now at an incredible studio i am proud to call home!

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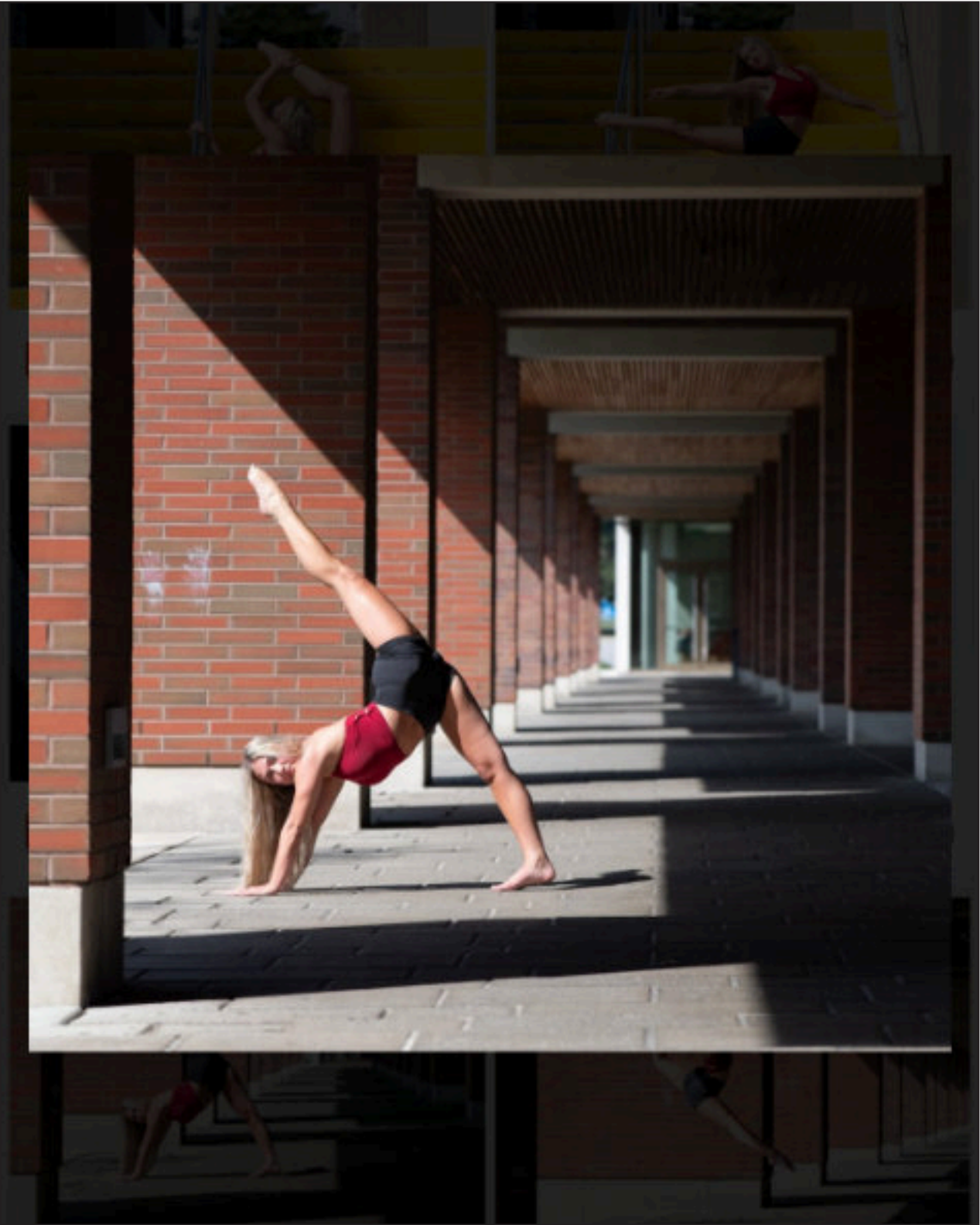
Kendra Beelik



My name is kendra I've been dancing since I was 7 my favorite is acro but im just happy being on stage . I graduated this year and will be going to school for nursing but I will always keep dance in my life . I hope to have my own studio one

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Lacey Eckert



Her name is Lacey Eckert for as long as I can remember, my daughter has danced. She took her first plié at the age of three, wide-eyed and wobbly in white tights and satin slippers. Over the past 13 years, she's grown from a tiny ballerina into a fierce competitor, performing across stages and making lifelong memories in rhinestones and rhythm.

This past spring, she stood shoulder to shoulder with some of the fiercest young dancers in the country—those featured on *Dance Moms*: New

Era—and held her own with poise and passion, earning 5th top overall. It wasn't just a trophy; it was a testament to years of dedication, perseverance, and grit.

Behind every flawless performance was a balancing act most adults would struggle to manage. Late-night rehearsals turned into early mornings at school. Homework was often completed backstage between costume changes. There were tears, triumphs, injuries, and, always, the love of the art.

But this year, my daughter made a brave decision: to hang up her shoes and shift her focus. As a rising 11th grader, she's chosen to begin her college coursework early—stepping into a new world of academic challenges with the same grace and discipline that once carried her across a stage.

She made the choice herself, not out of burnout, but from a place of clarity and confidence. "Dance will always be a part of me," she told me. "But I want to see what else I can do."

Watching her dance was a joy. Watching her grow into a thoughtful, self-directed young woman? That's the real performance of a lifetime.

As she trades her toe paws for textbooks, I know she's not stepping away from something—she's stepping toward everything she can become. And I couldn't be prouder.

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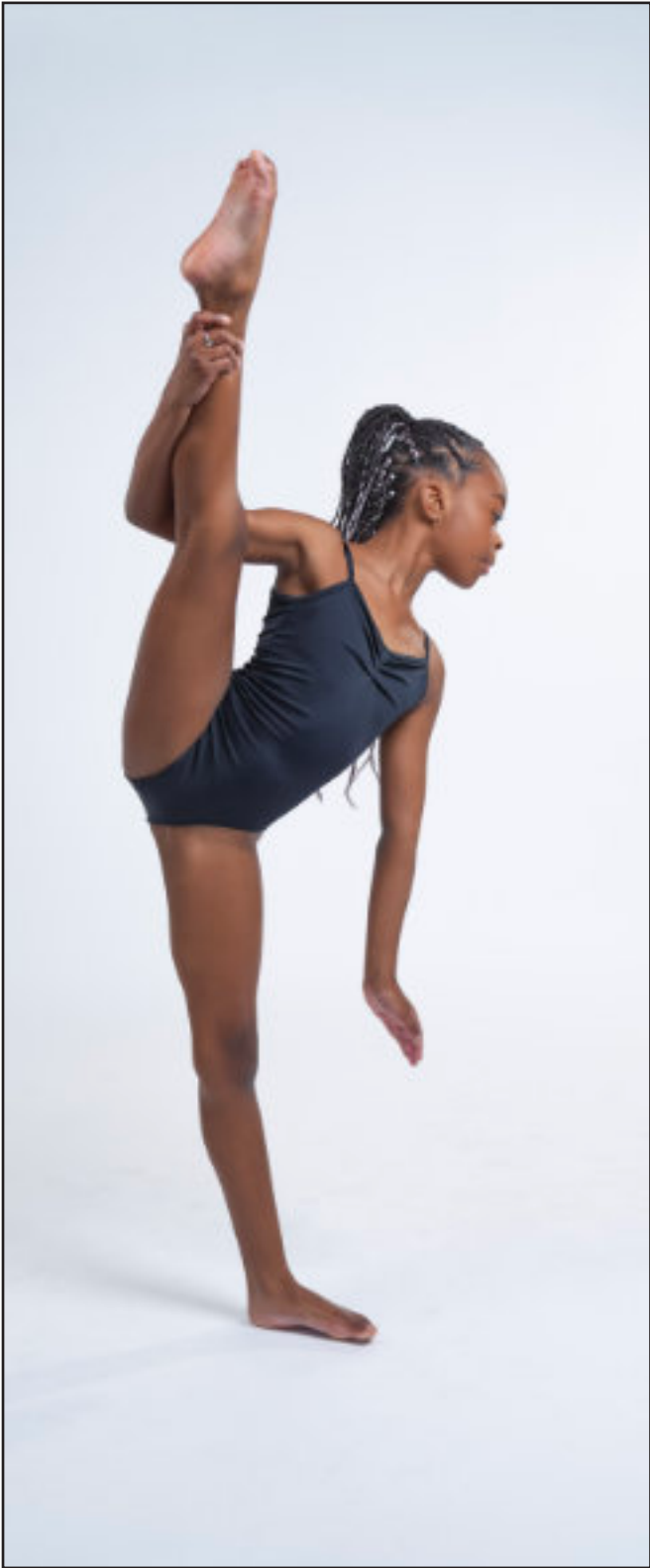
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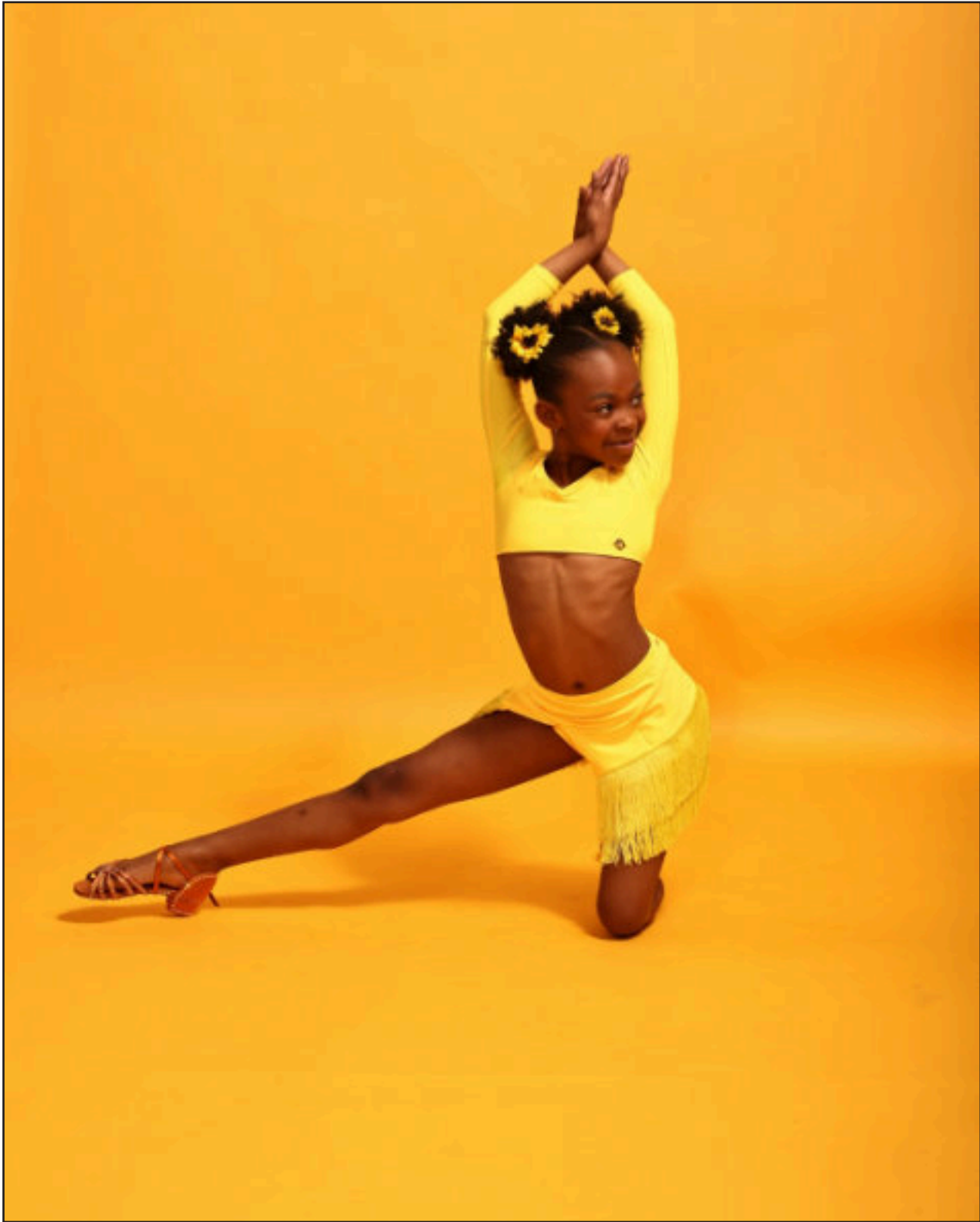


My name is Sanova Napoleon I am 9 years old. My dreams are to sing and dance on the famous Broadway stage and receive a Tony Awards. My goals are to be accepted to American Ballet Theater. With only being 9 my greatest achievements so far. Are being able to travel and do what I love dance along with meetings

new people and most and being taught by amazing choreographers. Most of all being with my mom through every experience. I love letting the music take over my body!

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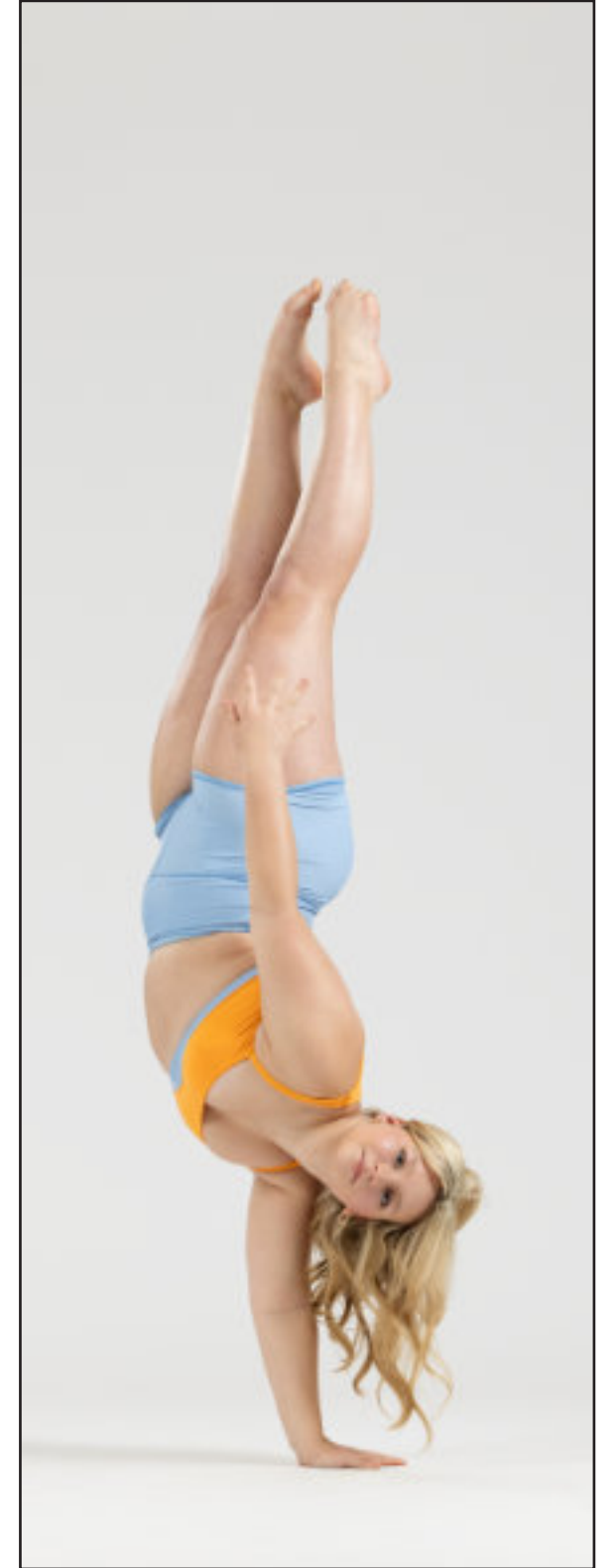
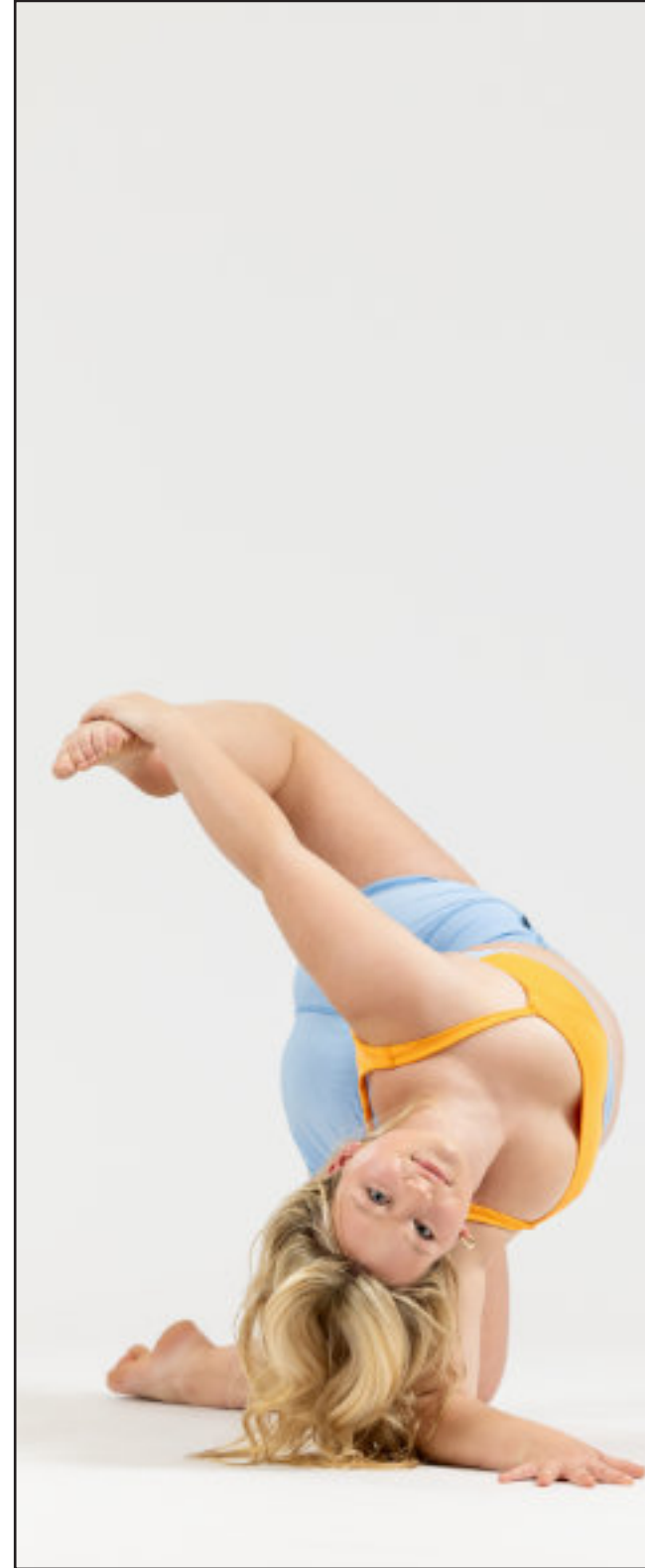
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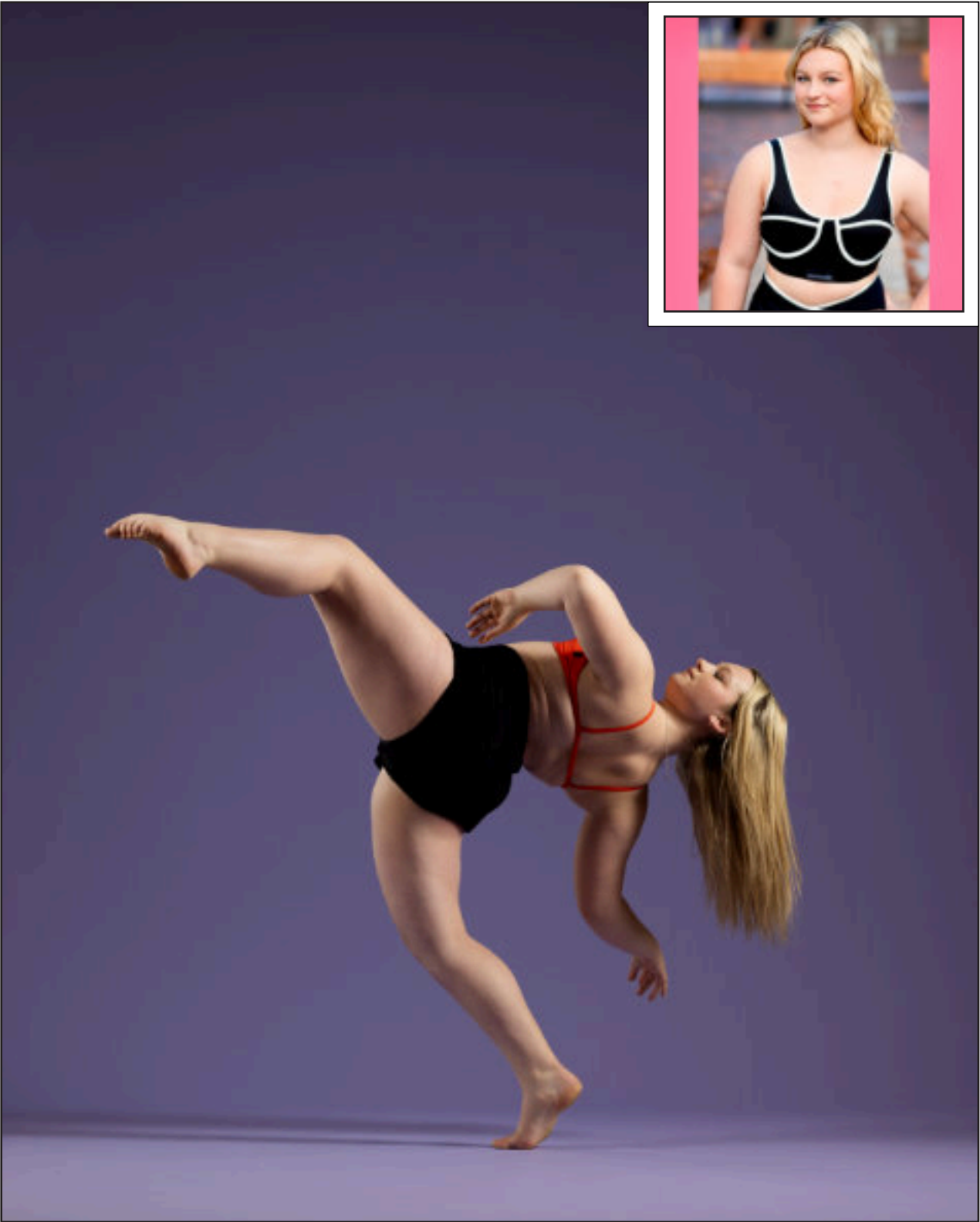
My goal is to be a better dancer and person than I was the day before. I train six days a week to become the best dancer I can be. I love being at my studio and with my team. I have learned so much through dance. Dance has taught me organization, self confidence, perseverance and strengthen- physically, emotionally and mentally. During this past year I have had the honor of being an ambassador for an amazing woman owned dance wear brand ElevateHer and have met some incredible dancers and

mentors. I have also had the opportunity to have my photos taken with photographers from the dance wear brand Tiger Friday. Both these opportunities have lead me to being published in three fashion magazines and an opportunity to walk in a fashion show at New York Fashion Week this coming September. I'm very excited to see where else this journey takes me and I hope to pursue a career in dance after high school.



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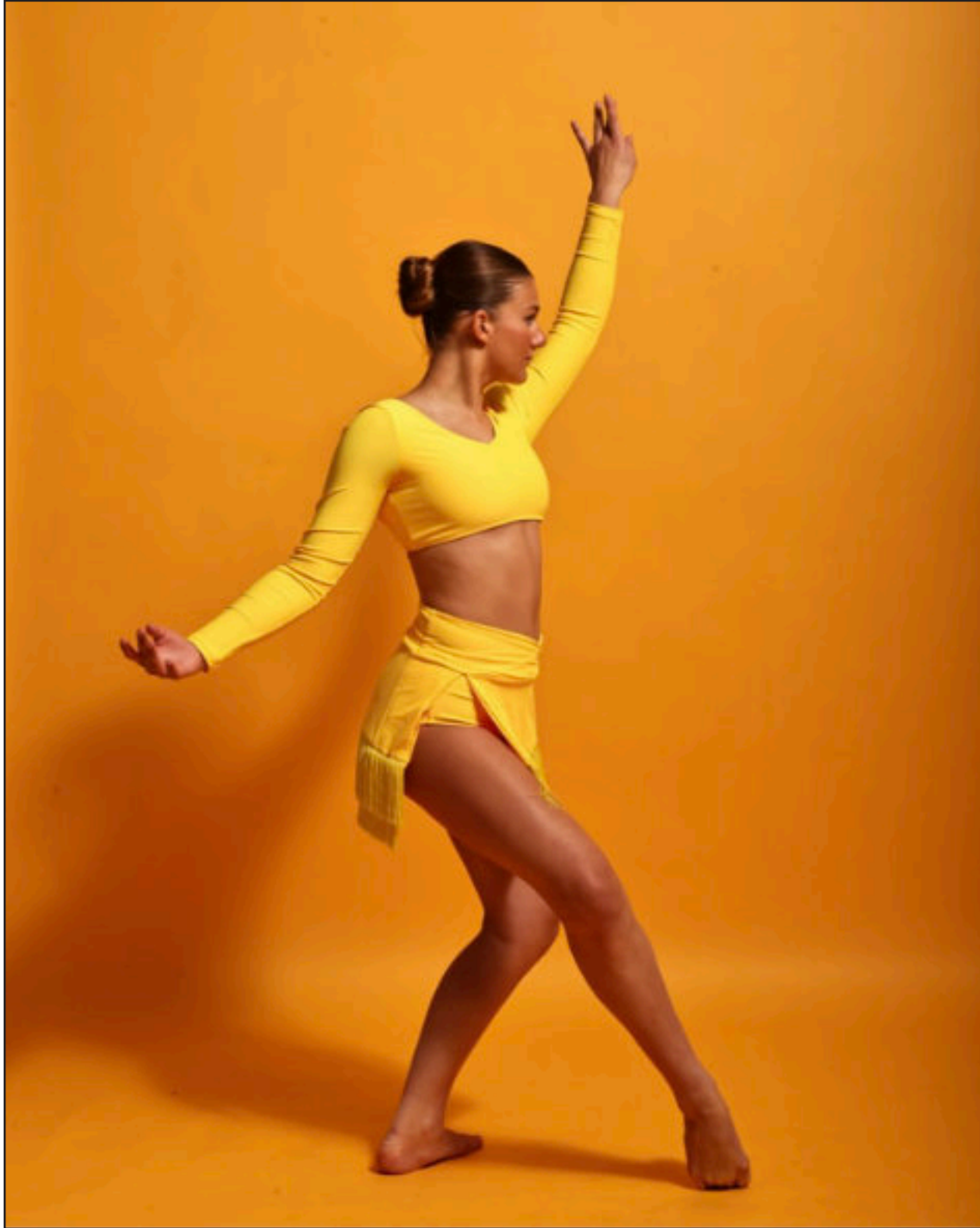


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My name is Zelfa Naddaf, and dance is my life. My dreams revolve around joining a college dance team and making an impact by showcasing the expressive power of dance.

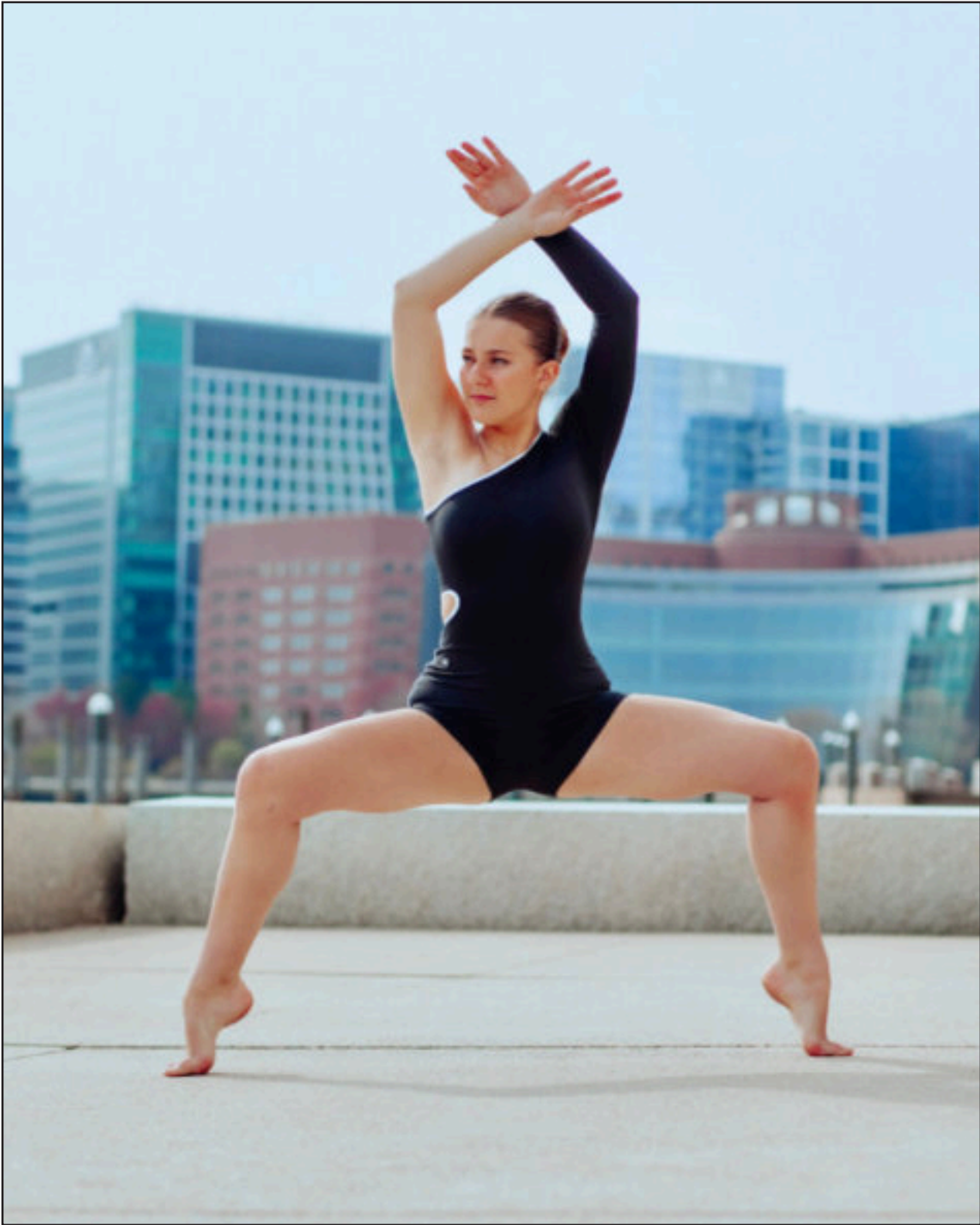
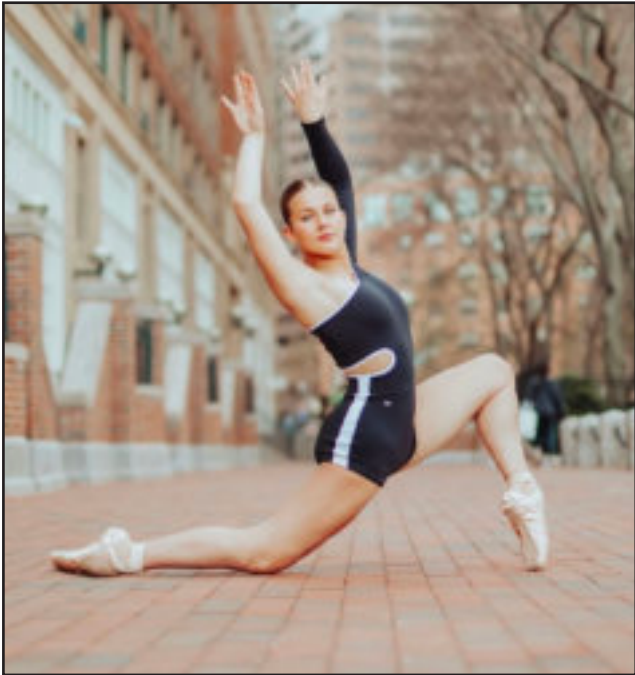
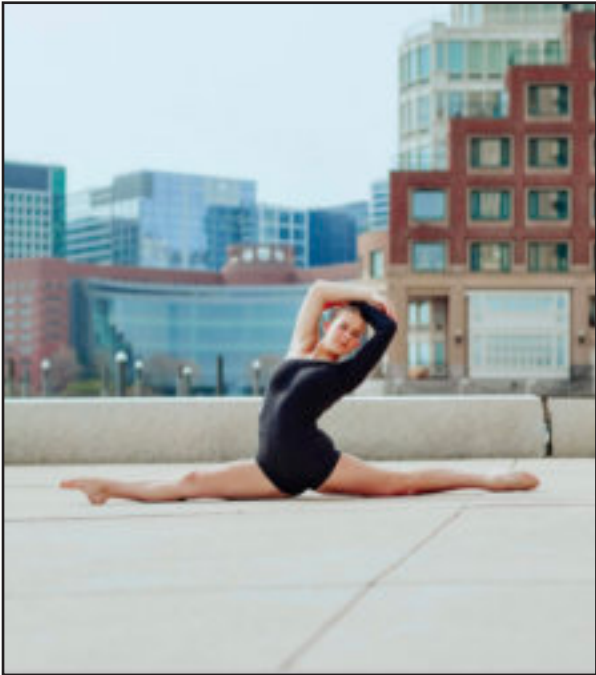
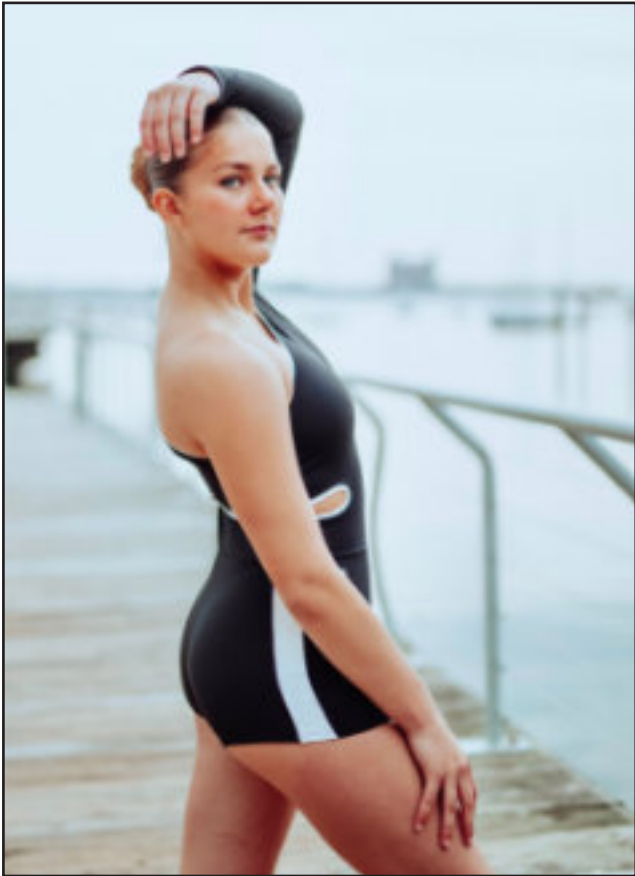
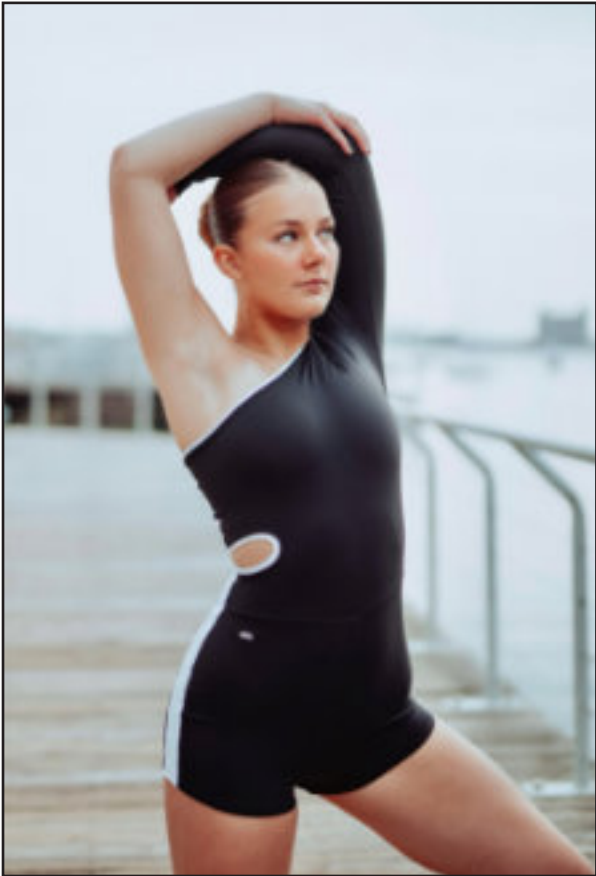
I've been dancing for nine years, and some of my proudest achievements include becoming a JD Dancewear Ambassador, an Elevate Her Active Ambassador, and a Tilt Pretty Ambassador. Dancing on pointe and attending numerous competitions and conventions have been incredible experiences.

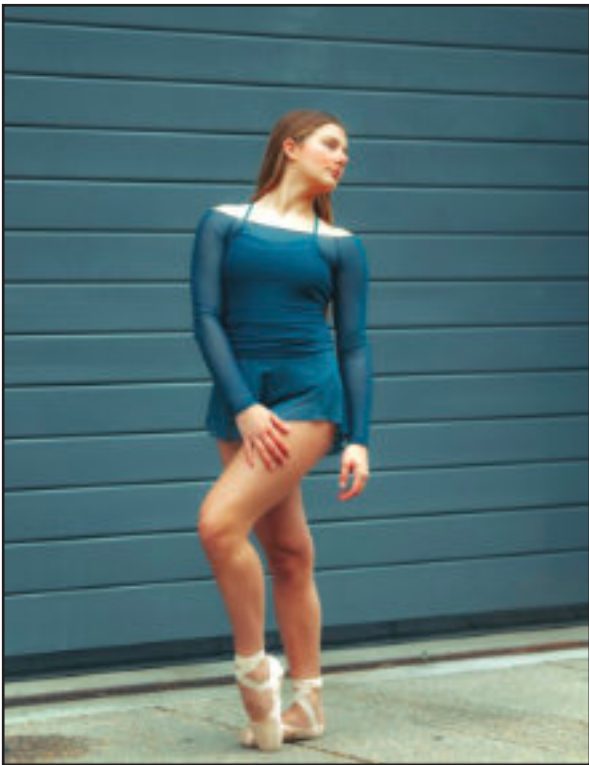
However, I've faced my share of challenges. This year, I had to have surgery for a torn meniscus in my right knee. Balancing dance with school, lacrosse, squash, and field hockey has also been tough, requiring me to manage a very busy schedule.

Looking ahead, I'm determined to overcome these obstacles and continue to grow as a dancer. My goal is to inspire others with my performances and show how dance can be a powerful form of expression and connection.

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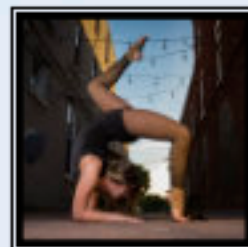


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