



Jessica Walz

Jazz Panel Director; UDA College Nationals

Jessica brings an extensive background with over 30 years of experience in performing, coaching, consulting, judging, and choreography. She received her B.A. in Dance from Point Park University. Jessica was the choreographer for Club Med Resorts and has presented shows on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines and at Walt Disney World. She was named one of the top dance coaches in the Dance Coach's Survival Guide. She has been a guest speaker at numerous State and International Coaches and Dance Conferences including TDEA, Aussie Gold (AUS), Dance Teachers Summit (NY), Varsity & USASF Conferences. She has been published in Inside Dance, Dance Spirit Magazine and Varsity.com. Jessica has received national titles with NDA College Nationals as well as receiving the Innovative Choreography Award. Jessica continues to choreograph, teach, and judge across the US and abroad, including international dance events.

Amy Vandergriff-Veldhaus

Ms. Amy Vandergriff-Veldhaus is the owner of Dance Collaborative Cincinnati. As a dancer Amy has been recognized for her talents on both a regional and national level. She has been awarded top honors in many of the countries leading dance circuits and has performed in professional productions and televised talent events. As a teacher and choreographer, Amy has been awarded for her work in many areas, including lyrical/jazz technique, lyrical/jazz choreography and overall entertainment value. She has also choreographed several routines which have been nominated for the 'Industry Dance Awards' Routine of the Year.



Mary Murtha

Mary is the founder of Wildfire Dance and operated the studio for 42 years. During that time, she choreographed hundreds of routines in the styles of pom, jazz, lyrical, kick, and musical theatre. Mary's teams, the Wildfire Juniors and Seniors, competed through SCAU for over 30 years, winning many medals and Grand Champion honors at both regional and National competitions. Since 2023, Mary has turned her focus to online choreography, launching dancebuilder.com and cheerbuilder.com to provide quality, affordable choreography to school cheer and dance programs throughout the world.



Katherine Joslin

Katherine is a graduate of the The Institute for American Musical Theatre in New York City. She performed in many productions including The Rocky Horror Picture Show and The Bound For Broadway Cabaret, while also diving into film acting. She is also a contributor and choreographer for Dance Builder



Isabella Golen

Isabella Golen is an accomplished dancer and instructor with 18 years of dance experience and four years of teaching. Trained in contemporary, jazz, kick, musical theater, hip hop, and pom, she refined her skills at Lake Erie College and through numerous industry intensives and workshops. She has trained from several notable instructors at Millennium Dance Complex, Mather Dance Studio,