# ABIGAYLE WOLSKI

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# Education

Rutgers University: Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ

Master's Degree in Dance Education

Anticipated Teacher of Dance, K-12 Certificate

Cumulative GPA: 4.0 Honors: Dean's List

Rutgers University: Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Dance Performance: Summa Cum Laude

Cumulative GPA: 3.87

Honors: Dean's List, National Honor Society for Dance Arts

Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School of the Arts: East Brunswick, NJ

**Concentration in Dance** 

Program directed by Cleo Mack

Honors: National Honor Society for Dance Arts

## Certifications

K-12 Dance Teaching Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing

New Jersey State Teaching License

**Animal Flow Certification** 

HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying) Certification

200hr Vinyasa Yoga Certification

**Health & Safety Certification** 

**Concussion Wise** 

# PK-12 Teaching Experience

Columbia High School: Maplewood, NJ

Full-time Clinical Teaching Internship (600+ hours)

- Frank Sanchez, Principal of Columbia High School
- Kandice Point-Du-Jour, Cooperating Teacher
- Responsibilities included: teaching all coursework, weekly faculty meetings, professional development workshops, creating all lesson plans and materials, assessing students, submitting grades on Canvas, sending announcements through canvas, emailing students, embedding assignments, and classroom tools on canvas

# Franklin Middle School Part-time Student Practicum (50+ hours)

Nicholas Solomon, Principal of Franklin Middle School

Anticipated May 2021

May 2020

May 2016

Anticipated July 2021

Anticipated May 2021

July 2020

July 2018

2016-Present

February-December 2020

September-December 2020

- Aaron Ramos, Cooperating Teacher
- Observed for the purpose of experiencing pedagogical methods in a middle school setting

# **Rutgers University Dance Works**

# **Touring Company Instructor**

Co-created a master class with other dance educators to teach vocational and public school across New Jersey

# Private Sector/ Recreational Teaching Experience

# Old Bridge School of Dance, Matawan, NJ

# **Dance Instructor**

- Teaching lyrical, jazz, and technique dance classes to students ages 9-16
- Teaches yoga warm-ups to ensure bodies are prepared for activity

#### **Washington Rock Dance**

#### **Substitute Teacher, Administration Assistance**

- A dance substitute teacher for students ages 5-7
- Front desk receptionist

#### **Dance Italia**

#### **Guest Yoga Instructor**

Taught a Vinyasa yoga class for a dance workshop located in Lucca, Italy

# **Ma Yong Performing Arts School**

#### **Substitute Dance Teacher**

Instructed a Jazz class for student ages 8-10

# **Old Bridge Recreation Center**

#### **Dance Instructor**

- Dance instructor for ages 5-16
- Taught Ballet, Jazz, Tap, and Hip Hop

#### **Icon Dance Complex**

#### **Dance Assistant**

Assisted an Acrobat class ages 9-12

# Choreographic Experience

#### antagonist, New Brunswick, NJ

Choreographer, Performer, & Costume Designer

BFA Senior Solo/Duet Concert, Loree Dance Theatre

#### Çfarë, New Brunswick, NJ

Choreographer, Costume, & Lightening Designer

BFA Spring Dance Concert, Loree Dance Theatre

# Select Performance Experience

Freedom of Information, New Brunswick, NJ

Choreographed by Bill T. Jones in collaboration with Arnie Zane

DancePlus Spring, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theatre

#### Stricken, Choreographed by Francisca Quintanilla

Senior Dance Concert, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ

February-March 2019

June 2020-Present

January 2019-September 2019

August 2018

December 2017

October 2015- June 2016

September-December 2012

November 2019

March 2019

April 2019

April 2019

DancePlus Fall, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ Fracture of Light, Choreographed by Yin Yue January-April 2018 University Dance Works, high schools in the tri-state area But the Sun is Eclipsed, Choreographed by Erin Ambry March 2018 Spring Dance Concert, Loree Dance Theatre New Brunswick, NJ March 2018 Milagros en la Vida, choreographed by Francisca Quintanilla The American College Dance Association, Montclair State University, NJ You may have the Temple, but just give Us back the ocean, choreographed by Jacqueline Priore August 2017 Baliar al Sol, House of Independence, Asbury Park 444, Choreographed by Randy James April 2017 DancePlus Spring, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theatre Moonlight Santa, Choreographed by Randy James December 2016 DancePlus Fall, Victoria J. Mastrobuono Theatre Production/Technical Experience Loree Theatre, New Brunswick, NJ, Spring Dance Concert, April 2019 Lightening Designer Joyce Dance Theatre, NY, Rutgers DancePlus Fall Concert December 2018 Assistance Costume designer to Cleo Mack June 2017 BAM Theatre, Brooklyn, NJ

# Professional Development/Memberships

Assistant for Production Manager 10Hairy Legs, Director: Randy James

National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) Dance NJ

# Service

# Volunteer at the New Jersey High School Dance Festival

• Virtual Experience through Rutgers University

# Volunteer and Performer at Pre-College Dance Experience

Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University

# The Dance Specific Fitness Test (DAFT)

Assisted License Athletic Trainer

 Assisted to develop and provide educational workshops for high school educators to increase knowledge and prevention in areas of warm up, cool down, nutrition, and stress management

Whats Mine is Yours, Even Though I Made It, Choreographed by Alexandra Beller

Where we have you been, Choreographed by Ani Javian

#### **Dance and Parkinson's Moving Forward**

Anticipated March 2021

Fall 2019-Fall 2020

November 2018

December 2018

#### **Dance Assistance**

- · Assisted a dance class that focused on people suffering from Parkinson's Disease
- Providing a comfortable and positive environment

# Honors/Awards

National Honor Society for Dance Arts Inductee

Fall 2019

# Performance-Based Training Workshops

Dance Italia, Lucca, Italy

July 2018

January-February 2015

- Attendee of 3-week movement workshop
  - Trained in Modern and Improvisation
  - Learned repertory pieces choreographed by Ohad Naharin & Crystal Pite

# New York University's Future Dancer and Dance Makers Program

- Attendee of 14-week workshop training at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts
- Training in Ballet, Modern, and Composition

# **Teaching Competencies**

- Modern
- Ballet
- Choreography
- Improvisation
- Contemporary
- Lyrical
- Jazz
- Hip-Hop

# References

# Arvin Arjona, BA, MA

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# Hollie Palmisano, MS, LAT, ATC,

Licensed Athletic Trainer/ Co-Adjutant instructor at Rutgers University

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