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MUNDELEIN DANCERS RECEIVE AWARDS AT NATIONAL COMPETITION

MUNDELEIN, IL — Two dancers of Mundelein Dance Company

(<https://www.mundeleinparks.org/programs/dance/>), the competitive team of the Park District's Mundelein School of Dance earned "National Champion" awards at the 2021 Hall of Fame (<https://www.halloffamedance.com/>) Nationals. Sophie Volk received Platinum, 1st Overall High Score, National Champion Senior Soloist in the Senior Lyrical Solo category and Kayla Baltazar and Sophie Volk received Platinum, 1st Overall High Score, National Champions Senior Duet/Trio in the Senior Jazz Duet category. The competition was held July 6-11 at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Dancers from 38 companies took part at Nationals.

Dancers competed at a regional level in April and progressed on to Nationals last week. Also awarded was Sarah Georgescu, Teen Musical Theater Solo: Judge's Showmanship Award, Platinum, 5th overall. Lily Lopez, Teen Jazz Funk Solo: Platinum. Kayla Baltazar, Senior Lyrical

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Solo: Platinum. Kendal Teper, Senior Lyrical Solo: High Gold. Lucy Heikes & Shannon Ouimet, Teen Jazz Duet: Platinum, 2nd Overall High Score, and Matilda Pimental, Junior Jazz Solo: Judge's Showmanship Award, Platinum.

"It's so amazing to see how much they (dancers) grow and improve over the year," said Heather Burnes, Mundelein School of Dance Coordinator. "I am so proud of all they have accomplished this past year especially. It was not always easy to keep dancing, but they did it! There is no better feeling than seeing these dancers on stage, doing what they love."

The Hall of Fame Nationals marks the end of the season for the competitive team this year. Mundelein School of Dance offers instruction in a wide range of dance styles from Jazz and Ballet to Hip Hop and Tap for ages from 1.5 to adult. The next dance session begins in early September and concludes with a spring recital. Both in-person and virtual class options will be available. For more information on classes, visit www.mundeleinparks.org/recreation/dance or contact Heather Burnes at hburnes@mundeleinparks.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Dancers Kayla Baltazar (left) and Sophie Volk (right) received Platinum, 1st Overall High Score, National Champions honors in the Senior Jazz Duet Category.

