



## Mundelein Park & Recreation District

<http://www.mundeleinparks.org>

---

# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE USE

May 15, 2023

### **MEDIA CONTACTS:**

Deb Engdahl, Marketing Coordinator, 847.388.5473, [dengdahl@mundeleinparks.org](mailto:dengdahl@mundeleinparks.org)

Stephanie Nece, Dance Lead, 847.566.0675, [dance@mundeleinparks.org](mailto:dance@mundeleinparks.org)

### **TALENTED MUNDELEIN DANCERS SHINE AT SPRING COMPETITIONS**

MUNDELEIN, IL — Dancers from the competitive team of Mundelein School of Dance (<https://www.mundeleinparks.org/programs/dance/>) recently showcased their impressive skills at two highly competitive dance competitions: Hall of Fame Dance Challenge Regionals (<https://www.halloffamedance.com/Regionals/>) at the Schaumburg Convention Center and Power of Dance (<https://www.thepowerofdance.net/>) at Trinity High School in River Forest. The dancers worked tirelessly to perfect their routines, and their hard work paid off with numerous awards and accolades.

Highlights from the Hall of Fame Regional competition (April 21-23) include:

- *Some Nights* - Senior Large Group Tap - High Gold - 1st Overall High Score
- *Sunglasses at Night* - Teen Large Group Jazz - High Gold - 3rd Overall High Score
- *Girl Party* - Future Hall of Famer Small Group Jazz - High Gold - 6th Overall High Score

-more-

Mundelein Dancers Shine  
Page two  
May 15, 2023

- *Starlight* - Future Hall of Famer Small Group Jazz - Future Stars Judge's Award - High Gold
- *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* - Teen Line Production - Judges Entertainment Award - Platinum
- *Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting* - Sarah Page - Senior Tap Solo - Platinum - Judge's Fantastic Feet Award - 1st Overall High Score
- *It's a Quarter Past Midnight* - Kayla Baltazar, Sarah Page - Senior Jazz Duet - Platinum - 1st Overall High Score

These 1st Place Regional Champion Awards qualify the Mundelein Dance Company to attend the Hall of Fame Nationals Competition July 8-13 at the Schaumburg Convention Center. The success continued at the Power of Dance Competition (April 28-30). Highlights include:

- *Night Train* - Junior Small Group Tap - Diamond - 2nd Overall High Score
- *I See Stars* - Shannon Ouimet - Senior Musical Theater Solo - Diamond - Power Dancer - 2nd Overall High Score
- *No Reason* - Sarah Georgescu, Sophie Volk - Senior Musical Theater Duet - Diamond - Judge's Character Award - Showmanship Award - 1st Overall High Score
- *It's a Quarter Past Midnight* - Kayla Baltazar, Sarah Page - Senior Jazz Duet - Diamond - Judge's Technique Award - 2nd Overall High Score
- *Hard Day's Night* - Mollie Pimentel, Carly Volk - Junior Jazz Duet - Diamond - Judge's Choreography Award - 3rd Overall High Score

Six dancers, Kayla Baltazar, Sarah Georgescu, Shannon Ouimet, Sarah Page, Matilda Pimentel, and Sophie Volk were awarded Power Dancers and qualified to perform in the opening number at the Power of Dance National Competition this summer. Sophie Volk and Sarah Georgescu

-more-

were also named Scholarship Recipients at the competition.

Stephanie Nece, Mundelein School of Dance's Dance Lead, expressed her pride in the dancers' performances, saying, "Our Company had a fantastic experience this competition season bringing all 50 of our dancers to the Hall of Fame Dance Challenge at the Schaumburg Convention Center. Our full company competed in a slumber party-themed production number, *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun* which scored Platinum and won the Judge's Entertainment Award." She added, "We are so proud of all our dancers and grateful we could provide them with this experience. I am thrilled with the success our dancers achieved at these competitions. They have worked so hard to perfect their routines, and their dedication has paid off. I am extremely proud of their achievements and can't wait to see what the future holds for them."

Mundelein School of Dance offers exceptional training in a wide range of dance styles, from Jazz and Ballet to Hip Hop and Tap, for ages 1.5 to adult. Dancers will conclude the season at the annual spring recital on May 27-28 at Mundelein High School's auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, please visit <https://www.mundeleinparks.org/programs/dance/>.

# # #



*Sophie Volk and Sarah Georgescu perform "No Reason" in the Senior Musical Theater Duet category at the Hall of Fame Dance Challenge*



*Dancers perform "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" in the Teen Line Production category (HOF)*



*Mollie Pimentel and Carly Volk perform "Hard Days Night" in the Junior Jazz Duet category (HOF)*



*Mundelein School of Dance performs "Thriller" in the Senior Large Group Jazz category (HOF)*



*Addison Ross and Matilda Pimentel perform "Purpose of a Party" in the Teen Tap Duet category (HOF)*