

CHIPPS CLASS OF 2020

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS



Samantha DeNaro is a senior at Methuen High School, heading to Syracuse University to study Graphic Design. Her favorite dance memory is going to the world tap championships in Germany, and she describes her CHIPPS experience as "amazing, life-changing & unforgettable." To the little CHIPPS she says, "remember to always appreciate the wonderful friendships you have made and the amazing opportunities you have been given to dance while you're a CHIPP, because the time really does go by as fast as everybody says. But also remember, once a CHIPP, always a CHIPP!"

SAMANTHA DENARO

Erin Green - competition team Captain - is graduating from North Andover High School, heading to Hofstra University to pursue a BFA in Dance Performance with a minor in Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy Studies. One of her favorite dance memories is the 40th anniversary recital, and she will miss being able to come to dance every day to see all the friends & teachers she's grown up with. Three words she uses to describe her CHIPPS experience are "dedication, family and perseverance." To the little CHIPPS, Erin says "never give up in anything you do — if you keep working at something that's hard for you, you'll be successful, because there is no failure except in no longer trying. Also, cherish every moment and seize as many opportunities as you can!"



ERIN GREEN



Kelsey Hanle - competition team Captain - is graduating from North Andover High School to head into Boston, where she'll study Bioengineering at Northeastern University. One of her favorite dance memories is Nationals at Mohegan Sun, and she describes her CHIPPS experience in three words as "growth, dedication & buffoonery." Kelsey will miss her friendships with classmates and teachers, and says she learned from *everyone*! Her advice to the little CHIPPS is about confidence, saying "never stop believing in yourself, because if you don't no one else will."

KELSEY HANLE

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Marissa Heinze is graduating from Tewksbury Memorial High School to move on to UMass Amherst, studying Business & Marketing. She will especially miss her amazing team, the wonderful parents, the best teachers & the sweetest students she got to teach. Her favorite dance memory is "when Senior Grey Jazz tried to make a circle on the floor and pull each other in, because we were trying to get ~creative~ with Karen." Marissa describes her CHIPPS experience as "life-altering, fundamental & remarkable," and to the little CHIPPS she says "do not take this time for granted...expect nothing but the best for yourself and never doubt your abilities. Work toward what you want and 'lean in'!"

MARISSA HEINZE

Madeleine Hines is graduating from North Andover High School to join the UMass Amherst Commonwealth Honors College, where she'll be studying Chemistry. Her favorite dance memory is meeting her first CHIPPS friend after joining the studio in 6th grade, and she describes her CHIPPS experience as "exhilarating, challenging & unforgettable." Madeleine will miss the consistency, the teachers, and the small things like eating goldfish in between dances at competitions with the best dance friends. To all the little CHIPPS, she says "perform every performance like it's your last! (This cliché became all too real for our class!)"



MADELEINE HINES



Isabel Guan is a senior at North Andover High School moving all the way to the University of Southern California to study Architecture. Her favorite dance memory is Miss Ellissa reading "Oh the Places You'll Go" at end of the year parties, and she will miss the positive atmosphere of the studio. Isabel describes her CHIPPS experience as "love, support & teamwork!" Her advice to the little CHIPPS is to "never give up on what YOU want to do!"

ISABEL GUAN

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AURORA LEVESQUE

Aurora Levesque will be graduating from Methuen High School and moving on to Rivier University to study Secondary Education for Social Studies. Three words she used to describe her time as a CHIPP are "rewarding, exciting and challenging!" Aurora's favorite memory is feeling the love & support from the crowd while competing at Nationals, and she will miss spending time with her dance friends in an environment "where you can truly be yourself and try new things without being judged." So, her advice to the little CHIPPS is "make sure after each class you've learned something new...it doesn't have to be a new step or combo, it can be about how confidence speaks volumes."

Gabby Riel is graduating from Georgetown High School and heading to James Madison University to study International Finance. She describes her CHIPPS experience as "fun, inspiring & family," and she'll always remember group talks with Miss Ellissa at the end of Hip Hop class. Gabby's advice to the little CHIPPS is "dance your heart out and have fun!" and she will miss all of the people and teachers she says have looked out for her over the years.



GABBY RIEL

Emily Pacula is graduating from Methuen High School and will be majoring in Early Childhood Education at Worcester State University. She describes her CHIPPS experience as "fun, motivating & unforgettable," and her favorite dance memory is Nationals in Disney in 2015. She will miss all of her dance friends & Miss Ellissa, and her advice to the little CHIPPS is: "Never give up on your goals - your hard work will pay off!"



EMILY PACULA

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Rosie Scott is a senior at Andover High School, moving on to Northeastern University, where she'll major in Music Industry. Some of Rosie's favorite dance memories revolve around recitals, and she describes her CHIPPS experience as "community, fun & improvement." She will miss seeing her studio friends and having dance as a fun break from school during the week. To the little CHIPPS, she says "always go to dance even if you don't feel like it on a certain day. It will always brighten your mood!"

ROSIE SCOTT

Colby Stack is graduating from Andover High School and heading to Ithaca College's BFA program. The three words he would use to describe his CHIPPS experience are "hard work wins"! Colby's favorite dance memory is winning Nationals with the guys' dance Suit & Tie. To the little CHIPPS, his advice is "when in doubt, tap it out!"



COLBY STACK



Haleigh St. Hilaire is a senior at Central Catholic High School and will be attending Simmons University in the fall, where she will be an exercise science major in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. Her favorite dance memory is Miss Ellissa reading "Oh, the Places You'll Go" at end of the year parties, and her three words to describe the CHIPPS experience are "family, dedication & pride." To the little CHIPPS, Haleigh says, "make the most of your time here, it ends way too soon."

HALEIGH ST. HILAIRE

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Aislynnne Torres is a senior at Central Catholic High School, heading to Wheaton College to major in Biology and minor in Dance & Sociology, while also playing lacrosse. Her favorite dance memories are the Sugar Bowl performance and winning her first national title in Disney, and she describes her CHIPPS experience as "memorable, motivational and life-changing." Aislynnne's advice to the little CHIPPS is to "cherish the 5-minute planks with Karen, 'jazzercise' with Kelli, tap combos with Krissy & life lessons with Nancy. Give everything 110% and know you can achieve anything you set your mind to & word hard for."

AISLYNNNE TORRES

Madi Trigilio - competition team Captain - is a senior at Central Catholic High School and will be moving on to Elon University to major in Dance Performance & Choreography. Her favorite dance memories are of recital weeks and Thursday nights before competition weekends and she will miss all of the people at CHIPPS the most. Madi describes her CHIPPS experience as "impactful, devotion & shenanigans." Her advice to the little CHIPPS is "don't take time for granted & appreciate what you have when you have it."



MADI TRIGILIO



Madeleine Vincent is graduating from Newburyport High School and will be heading to the University of Rhode Island in the fall. The 3 words she uses to describe her CHIPPS experience are "welcoming, inspiring & exciting," and she will miss dancing with her team and all the fun memories of competitions together. To the little CHIPPS Madeleine says, "keep on dancing and challenging yourself!"

MADELEINE VINCENT