

## Isabelle Mordecai Dance

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Isabelle is a Raleigh native, life-long dancer and lover of the arts. She is trained in ballet, modern, jazz and tap. She danced with the Radio City Rockettes in NYC as well as at the UNC School of the Arts for contemporary dance for her undergraduate degree before transferring to UNCW to receive her degree in teaching. At UNCSA, she was trained under Brenda Daniels, Sean Sullivan, and Frank Smith. While in Wilmington, she was a part of Forward Motion Dance Company and was able to choreograph and perform in downtown Wilmington. Isabelle is dual certified to teach K-12 Dance as well as K-12 Health and PE. Before LSA, she taught in the public school system. She also teaches dance at a private studio in Raleigh.

Isabelle's other hobbies include photography, writing, acting, traveling, and anything that involves the arts and adventure. She has a strong love and passion for working with and learning from children and adults with special needs, and is involved in Special Olympics, the Miracle League, and is a Habilitation Technician to an amazing young man named Mark through Maxim Healthcare.

In her high school years, her favorite part of every single school day was dance class, as it served as an art form and a sport, a creative outlet, a fun place with friends, and a place to grow as an individual, student, artist, and citizen. She is grateful for the opportunity to pay it forward and do her best to provide the same thing to her students every day. Isabelle's dance is inspired by the beauty and life all around us, and she is very excited to continue to share her love of life and passion for dance with her students at Longleaf!!