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### **DANCE COMPANY SCORES BIG AT PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION**

**MUNDELEIN, IL —Company Dancers of the Mundelein Park District Dance Program scored big at the Dupree Dance Convention and Competition (<http://dupreedance.com>) in Chicago over the weekend. Fifteen performances in a wide variety of dance categories received recognition and five Company members were awarded scholarships.**

Award winning performances included: Judges Connection Award, Platinum, 2nd Overall High Score for the Junior Duet Division Lyrical by Annalie Salski & Addison Salski; Gold for Junior Duet Division Lyrical by Samantha Petersen & Kendal Teper; Platinum, 4th Overall High Score for the Junior Trio Division Jazz by Sarah Page, Annalie Salski & Sophie Volk; Gold for the Junior Duo Division Contemporary by Stephanie Aquino & Kayla Baltazar; Platinum, 3rd Overall High Score for Teen Trio Division Lyrical by Beth Aquino, Lexi Kasamis & Dayna Teemer; Platinum, 5th Overall High Score for Teen Solo Division Tap by Derek Lee; Gold for Teen Solo Division Jazz by Emily Atkinson; Platinum for Teen Solo Musical Theatre by Addison Salski; Platinum for Teen Solo Division Tap by Ella Kasamis; Platinum for Teen Solo Division Lyrical by Beth Aquino; Judges Award for Great Duet Performance, Gold for Teen Duo Division Musical Theatre by Maddy Aquino & Mary McMurray; Platinum for Teen Solo Division Tap by Dayna

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Teemer; Judges Technique Award, Diamond, 1st Overall High Score for Senior Solo Division Ballet by Sabrina Lee; Platinum for Junior Group Division Musical Theatre by Maddy Aquino, Kayla Baltazar, Ella Kasamis, Samantha Petersen & Sophie Volk and Platinum, 3rd Overall High Score for Senior Solo Division Musical Theatre by Lexi Kasamis.

In addition to the award winning performances, Addison Salski, Stephanie Aquino, Sarah Page and Dayna Teemer won Dupree Dance Scholarships. Derek Lee won a scholarship for Rhythmic Souls Tap Company Summer Tap Intensive in Dallas, TX.

"I couldn't be prouder of our dancers! It's so amazing to watch them grow and improve with each year that passes," said Heather Burnes, Mundelein Dance Program Coordinator. "I love that I can help to offer the Mundelein community a dance program that allows them to experience dance studio level instruction and experiences without the stress and cost."

"The Mundelein Dance Company had an amazing start to their competition season," said Julie Salski, mother of performer. "They brought such energy to the stage. I can't wait to see what these performers look like at the spring recital!"

Dupree Dance conducts high-caliber dance conventions and competitions in cities throughout the United States. More than 300 dance routines were performed in last weekend's competition.

The Mundelein Dance Program is operated by Mundelein Park & Recreation District. It offers dance opportunities for all ages and skill levels for many styles of dance ranging from Tap and Ballet to Creative Dance and Hip Hop. For more information visit <https://mundeleinparks.org/recreation/dance/> or contact Myra at 847.388.5490.

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