

WHO IS *!ACCENT!* DANCERS & MELINDA (MS. MEL)

-THIS IS OUR 22ND SEASON!!!!

-BEEN TEACHING IN THE AREA SINCE 2001..... MELINDA STARTED *!ACCENT!* DANCERS AT THE DALE CITY REC CENTER OFF OF MINNIVILLE.

-OPENED THIS STUDIO IN OCT 2013 AFTER SHE RETIRED FROM THE AIR FORCE.

-SHE DID HAVE OTHER INSTRUCTORS AT THE START BUT THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW HER PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING DANCE FROM THE HEART AND NOT COMPETING. MELINDA BEGAN TEACHING BY HERSELF AGAIN IN 2016.

-IN 2016, MELINDA GOT CERTIFIED BY **DEL** AND BEGAN TAKING SOME OF HER DANCERS TO NY CITY FOR MODERN-BASED WORKSHOPS (**DEL -- DANCE EDUCATION LABORATORY**).

-MELINDA NOW TEACHES 10-12 DANCE CLASSES A WEEK, FROM AGES 2-66+

-SHE IS ALSO A MASTER FITNESS TRAINER WITH 6 DIFFERENT FITNESS CERTIFICATIONS (THROUGH ISSA):

--*PERSONAL TRAINER*

--*GROUP FITNESS TRAINER*

--*YOUTH FITNESS TRAINER*

--*SENIOR FITNESS TRAINER*

--*FITNESS NUTRITIONIST*

--*SPORTS & FITNESS NUTRITIONIST ... AND AS SUCH IS AN AUTHORIZED MAX MUSCLE RETAILER!!*

-ALONG WITH HER AA, BS, & MS IN BUSINESS, MELINDA IS 1 COURSE AWAY FROM COMPLETING HER AA IN EXERCISE SCIENCE [FROM LIONEL UNIVERSITY; PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS ISSA].

-SHE TEACHES 5 DIFFERENT FITNESS CLASSES A WEEK.

-MELINDA ALSO OFFERS:

--WEDDING DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

--SWEET 16/QUINCEANERA/BIRTHDAY CHOREOGRAPHY

--PRIVATE CLASSES

--EVENT APPEARANCES

-TO DATE, !ACCENT! DANCERS HAS HAD ANNUAL 20 RECITALS AND 18 WINTER RECITALS.

MELINDA, ON HER OWN, TEACHES A WELL-ROUNDED DANCE PROGRAM,
FOCUSING ON TECHNIQUE, HISTORY AND THE LOVE & PASSION OF
DANCE.

SHE DOES **NOT** SCREAM/YELL/THREATEN HER STUDENTS. SHE GOES BY THIS SAYING WHOLE-
HEARTEDLY:

“WHEN WORKING WITH KIDS...

-SAY WHAT YOU MEAN...

-MEAN WHAT YOU SAY...

-BUT DON'T SAY IT MEAN...”

A QUOTE THAT SHE BORROWED FROM HER MENTOR, WORLD-RENOWNED DANCE THERAPIST,
DR. DIANE DUGGAN, BASED OUT OF NYC, WHOM SHE MET FROM THE DANCE EDUCATION
LABORATORY (<https://www.92y.org/dance/dance-education-laboratory>)

