

WELCOME to another season at Fusion Dance-Carroll! We are off to a GREAT start! Check out our faculty!

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence!

Heather Boes: Heather Boes is owner and head instructor of Fusion Dance-Carroll. Heather grew up taking classes at Debera's School of Dance, now Fusion Dance, for 18 years. After high school she attended The University of Iowa and received her Bachelor of Arts in Dance. Also, she was a member and co-captain of The University of Iowa Dance Team where she cheered for Hawkeye football and basketball games. After college Heather moved back to her hometown of Carroll and began teaching dance for her mother, Deb, at Debera's School of Dance. Heather has also been coaching the Kuemper KIX Dance Team for the past 22 years, which she herself was a part of in high school. In 2010, Heather took ownership of the studio and the name was changed to Fusion Dance-Carroll. Heather's twin sister, Heidi, owns Fusion Dance-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska, and her brother Justin, owns Fusion Dance-Solana Beach in Solana Beach, California. Heather is certified under Dance Masters of America to teach. She is married to Eric and they have five children, Emma, Jadyn, John, Izabelle, and Mason. Heather loves her job and teaching the art of dance to others.

Makinze Nichols: Makinze is from Templeton, lowa and is in her fifth-year teaching with Fusion Dance. She began her training at Debera's School of Dance, now Fusion Dance, at the age of three. Makinze was an assistant instructor for Fusion Dance all through high school. She also spent her high school days on the Kuemper KIX Dance Team. After high school Makinze attended The University of lowa where she earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance and Minor in Business. After college, Makinze moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to pursue a career in dance. She interned with Zenon Dance Company and School, instructed ballet at Larkin Dance Studio and QC Dance, and was a company member with the Borealis Dance Company for two seasons performing throughout the Twin Cities and touring to Hibbing, MN. Makinze is married to Jeff and they have a two kids, Paxton and Isla. Makinze is thankful to be a part of the Fusion Family and to share her passion and love for dance with her students!

Morgan Axman: Morgan has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She took dance from Debra's School of Dance/Fusion Dance for 15 years, was an assistant teacher for 5 years, and a dance instructor for 2. Morgan was a member of the Kuemper KIX Dance Team throughout high school and captain her junior and senior year. After graduating, Morgan attended Allen College in Waterloo and receiver her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She has recently moved back to Carroll and is now an OB Nurse at St. Anthony's Hospital. Morgan is married to Josh Axman and they are expecting Baby Axman, February of 2021.

Dani Steinkamp: Dani has been dancing since she was 3 years old. She took classes from Debera's School of Dance/Fusion Dance for 15 years and was an assistant instructor for 2 years. While in high school, Dani auditioned for a spot on Dance Caravan. She then traveled with Dance Caravan to four cities where she performed and helped teach dance to children at clinics. Dani was also a member of the Kuemper KIX Dance Team all throughout high school. After graduating, Dani attended The University of lowa where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She is now the General Manager of Queen Beans. Dani is married to Ryan and they have two sons, Lincoln and Rowen.

Office Staff: Sara Beiter and Nancy Diercksen

A Note from Heather:

Now that we've gotten started with classes, we've had some time to reflect over the many changes we've implemented and what the future might hold.

It's been wonderful to be back at Fusion Dance with our Fusion Family! Hearing the kids laugh and seeing their smiles has warmed our hearts and brought so much life back to the studio.

There are so many emotions that come to mind as we are living in this new normal, but most of all, we are so proud of where we stand now. Together as a studio and community, we are proving that it is possible to gradually, cautiously, and safely dance in-person again.

We've become tech-enabled, making it possible for our students who want (or need) to continue learning from home to do so in a streamlined way.

We've required masks in our lobby, following our Studio Guidelines and doing our part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

We've made changes to our curriculum across genres and levels to ensure positive and safe, social distancing as much as possible.

We've updated our facility to set up a traffic flow conducive to social distancing, and we've made changes to how our lobby is being utilized.

We've kept our employees working. Their work has, perhaps, more meaning than ever nowadays.

We've adapted our way of thinking. We know, for example, that we'll provide meaningful performance experiences this year, no matter what the future holds.

We are Stronger Together! Heather

A Few Helpful Hints:

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- Be sure your dancers are looking like dancers when coming to class.
 - Girls hair pulled back, leotard, fitted shorts or leggings, tights, and proper shoes
 - o Boys t-shirt, shorts, and proper shoes
- Be sure that everyone has elastic on their ballet shoes and buttons on their tap shoes. If you need buttons for your tap shoes, they are available at the front desk for \$2.00 + tax.
- Also make sure your name is in your dance shoes.
- NO PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED AT FUSION DANCE DUE TO A PEANUT ALLERGY!
- We will not be handing out any paper newsletters so please watch your emails for future newsletters and other updates.
 - o Check out our website: www.fusiondance-carroll.com



Tuition:

Tuition is due the first lesson of each month. Automatic withdrawal is available – if you would like to enroll a form can be filled out at the front desk. Amounts are withdrawn from your account on the 10th of each month through May 2021.

A drop-off box for all payments is located at the front desk.

Effective October 1, 2020, a \$10 late fee will be automatically charged to your account if your monthly tuition is NOT paid by the 10th of each month.

Costume Deposit:

The costume deposit is due by Monday, November 2nd for all students.

Anyone who is signed up for automatic withdrawal with us, we will be taking out your costume deposit automatically from the bank account you provided on <u>Friday</u>, <u>November 13th</u>. If there is an issue with this, please notify the front desk by Thursday, October 15th.

Mommy & Me - \$55.00	Pointe is an additional \$55.00
45 minute class - \$55.00	Hip Hop is an additional \$55.00
60 minute class - \$55.00	Pom/Dance Team is and additional \$55.00
75 minute class - \$55.00	Boys Hip Hop - \$55.00
90 minute class - \$110.00	

Watch Week:

Due to COVID we will not be holding a November Watch Week this year. Hopefully we can resume with Watch Week again in March.

Serendipity Acting & Fusion Dance Present..... DESCENDANTS:

Practice Schedule:

- Preschool-Kindergarten (Good is The New Bad):
 - Sunday's 3:30-4:15 at Fusion Dance
 - October 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
- 1st-2nd Grade (Be Our Guest):
 - Sunday's 1:15-2:00 at Fusion Dance
 - October 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
- 3rd-4th Grade (Rotten to the Core):
 - Sunday's 4:15-5:00 at Fusion Dance
 - October 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
- 5th_7th (If Only):
 - Sunday's 2:00-2:45 at Fusion Dance
 - October 25th, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd

Week of Show:

- Sunday, November 29th:
 - Practice for ALL DANCES at the Carroll Rec Center from 3:00-4:30pm.
- Dress Rehearsal:

- Monday, November 30th at the Carroll Rec Center
- Thursday, December 3rd at the Carroll Rec Center
- Time TBD
- Performances:
 - Friday, December 4th
 - Saturday, December 5th
 - Sunday, December 6th
 - Time TBD

Cost:

- This is a FREE performance opportunity! All rehearsals and performances are FREE for the dancers to participate.
- There is a REQUIRED \$20.00 t-shirt. Each dancer will need this for the finale and cast photo. Order information will come at a later time.
- Costumes: TBD. In the past we have put together costumes we already have. We do our best to keep these costs MINIMAL and to reuse items from the past.



Pick up & turn in your color page at our front desk!

Parking Lot Traffic:

Friendly reminder!

Now that dance has started for the year we please ask that everyone be respectful of Olsen Muhlbauer and the Radio Station's business hours and not park in their parking lot when dropping off or picking up from dance.

Also, we had new parking lines and arrows painted in our own parking lot. We ask that everyone please follow the arrows to create a better traffic flow and make everyone's experience a better one when picking up or dropping off their dancer.

Important Dates:

October 15th: Deadline to notify the front desk to NOT have costume deposits automatically withdrawn

October 29th: Costume Deposits DUE

November 13th: Costume Deposits will be taken out of ACH Accounts (unless notified otherwise)

November 25th-29th: NO Dance (Thanksgiving Break)

November 29th, 30th and December 3rd: Rehearsal for Serendipity/Fusion Dance Performance

December 4th - 6th: Serendipity/Fusion Dance Performance at the Rec Center

December 23rd – January 3rd: NO Dance (Christmas Break)

February 21st: Fusion Dance Competition Team Showcase

February 26th – 28th: Talent on Parade Dance Competition (Competition Team ONLY)

March 1st - 11th: Watch Week & MANDATORY Parent Meeting

March 12th - 14th: Celebrity Dance Competition (Competition Team ONLY)

March 15th - 21st: Practice at the Rec Center

March 25th - 28th: Bravo Dance Competition (Competition Team ONLY)

April 4th: No Dance (Easter)

April 11th - 14th: Pictures with Fiscus Photography/Practice at the Rec Center

April 18th – 22nd: Double Class Week

April 25th – 29th: Practice at the Rec Center

April 25th: Finale Practice at 7:30pm at the Rec Center (all 75 and 90 minute combo classes)

May 3rd - 4th: Dress Rehearsal at the Rec Center

May 5th: NO Dance

May 6th - 9th: Recital at the Rec Center