



KLEIN OAK

WHAT MOVES YOU

DANCE CONCERT 2019

Good evening and welcome. We are thankful to have you here in support of the dancers and the arts. Tonight, we are taking the opportunity to save a few trees by not printing our extensive show program but hope that you will join us instead at kodance.info to view the valuable information online now by clicking on the button that says, "An Evening of Dance @ Oak". There will be a 15-minute intermission where we hope you will join us in the lobby to purchase concert t-shirts, concessions, "break a leg" gifts and other items to support KODance and the Klein Oak Dance Guild.

Just a reminder to all French Dance Club parents that your dancers will be released after "All's Well That Ends" and will be available for pick up right outside the theater lobby doors, in the courtyard.

Please take a moment to silence all devices, refrain from food or drinks in the theater as well as any distractions, as it is a safety concern for the dancers onstage. Thanks again for supporting Klein Oak Dance. Now please sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.



ACT I

“I AM HERE”

Entire Cast

Music by PINK

Choreography by KODC Alumni Mackenzie Bingham and Aubrey Turner

“FINESSE” – Friday Only

French Elementary Dance Club

Music by Bruno Mars / Kidz Bop Version

Choreography by Mrs. Curry

“HAPPY DANCE”

Partners in Dance

Music by MercyMe

Choreography by Mrs. Curry

“ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS”

Advanced 4th Period

Music by Rainbow Kitten Surprise

Choreography by KODC Alexis Brady

*****French Elementary Dance Club Dismissed*****

“LET GO”

KODC Variations on Variation – “Romeo and Juliet”

Music by Dean Lewis

Choreography by Tahtiana Santiago Sanchez, Lily Tungol,

Kaitlin Shek, Cameron Hammer, Erik Gordillo

“DJ TURN IT UP”

Dance Two

Music by Yellow Claw

Choreography by Desiree LaNiece

“LOLA”

Klein Oak Dance Company

Music by Canelita

Choreography by Maria Fernanda Urbaez

“RUN AWAY WITH ME”

Tim Thomas, Klein Oak Choir
Music by Lowdermilk and Kerrigan

“SOLLADI SWAMIMALAI”

IB World Dance Studies
Music by K Hariprasad
Choreography by Lavanya Rajagopalan

“GIRLS THAT DANCE”

Oak Break Krew
Music by Masego x Medasin
Choreography by KODC/OBK Alum Erin Peyrani

“NIGHT SKY”

KODC Nature Exploration – “Space”
Music by Tracey Chattaway
Choreography by Mary Beth Shore and Hannah Lawson

“BENIGNE FAC DOMINE”

Music by Sacchini
Klein Oak Orchestra Members Damyan Pavlovic,
Archeesha Chakraborty, Edwin Lopera, Curtis Jackson, Josh Tran

“THE WAY OF 1000 AND ONE COMET”

Klein Oak Dance Company
Music by Ezio Bosso
Accompanied by Klein Oak Orchestra Members Damyan Pavlovic,
Archeesha Chakraborty, Edwin Lopera, Curtis Jackson, Josh Tran
Choreography by Kelly Ann Vitacca

***** **INTERMISSION** *****

ACT II

“UNTER DONNER UND BLITZ”

Klein Oak Dance Company
Music by Strauss
Choreography by Ben Delony

“GRAVITY”

Ava Bryant, KOHS Choir
Music by Sara Bareilles

“TEARDROPS IN A HURRICANE”

Advanced 3rd Period
Music by Jordan Mackampa
Choreography by KODC Alum Aubrey Turner

“THAT’S WHAT I LIKE”

Men of Klein Oak Dance
Music by Bruno Mars
Choreography by Jael Cadiang, OBK Alum

“RIPPLES”

KODC Nature Exploration – “Human Nature”
Music by Lewis Capaldi
Choreography by Daniela Osorio, Kayla Smith, Hannah Moore

“GUILLOTINE”

Christian Canto, Alexis Brady, Kyrsten Murray,
Presley Turner, Collin Baca, Sam Salazar, Christian Kiblinger,
Bruno Fajnerman, Igbel Ramirez, Eliya Cajiles, Erik Gordillo
Music by Jon Bellion
Choreography by Erik Gordillo and Sam Salazar

“SUE ME”

Music by Sabrina Carpenter
Choreographed and Danced by KODC Principal Emily Lapaglia

“H2 STATE OF MIND”

Combined Advanced Classes with Guest Tatyana Ranson
Music by Terror Squad Feat. Fat Joe & Remy, Bad Bunny, Missy Elliott
Choreography by Erick Yanez

“LE JAZZ HOT”

KODC Historical – “1930’s”

Music by Henry Mancini

Choreography by Emma Moore, Shelby Peimbert, Ashlyn Schultz, Presley Turner

“ROUTINE ROUTINE”

Oak Break Krew

Music by Funkie Boogie Brothers, DJ Lean Rock, Magnificent Freedom

Choreographed by Oak Break Krew

“CRY PRETTY”

Music by Carrie Underwood

Choreographed and Danced by KODC Principal Alexis Brady

“FALLING APART”

KODC Variations on a Variation – “Swan Lake”

Music by Youngblood Hawke

Choreography by Kyrsten Murray, Abigail Reed, Bruno Fajnerman, Sam Salazar

“LOVE SO SOFT”

Music by Kelly Clarkson

Choreography by KODC Alexis Brady and Emily Lapaglia

“BARBARA ANN” – Friday Only

Tonality – Klein Oak Choir

Music by Beach Boys

Adonijah Mpinga, Joshua Gunasekera, Davin Hill, Cam Barton

“TAYLOR THE LATTE BOY” – Saturday Only

Sydney Shell – Klein Oak Choir

Music by Heisler and Goldrich

**KLEIN OAK DANCE PROGRAM SENIOR &
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS RECOGNITION**

“PIANOMAN”

Klein Oak Dance Company
Music by Billy Joel
Choreography by Travis Prokop

“HIGH HOPES”

Entire Cast
Music by Panic! At the Disco

Thank you to...

- Makenna Hamm – Stage Manager
- Ashley Ryland and Cassidy Stanley – our amazing tech crew!
- Mr. Domuret, Mrs. Garza and Mr. Garrett (KOHS Theatre)
- Mrs. Schiebel (KOHS Visual Art)
- Mr. Kritikos, Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Leal (KOHS Choir)
- Mr. Ledford and Ms. Thwing (KOHS Orchestra)
- Mackenzie Bingham and Victor Tran (Alumni) for coming to my rescue to work backstage
- Mr. Rodrigo Torres (OBK Alum) for videography
- KOHS and KISD Fine Arts Administration
- The first-ever Dance Guild Board: Kathy Hammer, Cathy Lapaglia, Fawn Brady and Carmen Peimbert plus the one who made it happen, Patti Moore!
- The AMAZING dance parents who helped backstage, in the lobby and behind the scenes daily with their support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 23	OBK Auditions @ Studio 414 – www.tinyurl.com/obk-auditions
May 24	KODC Auditions @ Studio 414 – www.tinyurl.com/kodc-auditions
May 25	KODC Auditions @ Studio 414 – www.tinyurl.com/kodc-auditions
May 30	KODC End of the Year Dinner @ Hasta La Pasta (5:30pm)

MAGIC MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Technique Classes for all Klein Oak Dance & Strutters
Monday nights this summer - Hosted at Krimmel Intermediate
www.tinyurl.com/kosummerdance

CELEBRATING OUR KLEIN OAK
DANCE PROGRAM SENIORS

- Insha Ali
- Collin Baca-Castillo
- Alexis Brady
- Steven Bui
- Eliya Cajiles
- Luis Cruz
- Gabby DeLaRosa
- Brianna Elizondo
- Adonai Fierro
- Esperanza Delgado
- Adriana DeLosSantos
- Jose Ferrufino
- Ronald Gardner
- Caleb Gomez
- Jasmine Gonzalez
- Chelsea Johnson
- Emily Lapaglia
- Angela Leninger
- Selena Menchaca
- James Nowak
- Tatyana Ranson
- Martina Rubi-Hernandez
- Kristin Scruggins
- Tim Thomas
- Destiny Vines
- Ellie Webb
- Sarah Yohana

WE LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR
HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE WITH US! BEST WISHES!
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO STUDIO 414!



PARTNERS IN DANCE PROGRAM is a peer to peer program, pairing developmental students with general education students in the studio setting. We were invited to participate in the Houston Art Partners conference in September as participants in a master class with blind choreographer and former dancer with the Martha Graham Company, Mana Hashimoto. The dancers were also invited to perform at the Young Audiences of Houston Annual Gala in downtown Houston in April.



BRIGHT STARTS OF BETHLEHEM members taught traditional Palestinian dance to both the advanced dance classes and dance company as well as joining us for a fun, culture sharing lunch in October.

13 KLEIN OAK DANCE COMPANY members traveled to New York City in March. We attended master classes with Tyler Roberts (Ensemble - Current Broadway cast of Aladdin, the musical), Briana Reed (former member of Alvin Ailey Dance Company) and various classes at Broadway Dance Center along with seeing both Aladdin and Anastasia live onstage! We also enjoyed our dinner cruise and some shopping opportunities plus getting to see our alumna Mackenzie Bingham (c/o 2017 – currently studying dance at SUNY Purchase).



KLEIN OAK DANCE COMPANY BIOS

COLLIN BACA-CASTILLO is a senior and has been dancing for 2 years. This is his third year with OBK (Oak Break Krew) and his first year in Klein Oak Dance Company. He is also the president and main choreographer of KO's Bailando Club.

ALEXIS BRADY is a Senior and has been dancing since the age of 3. This is her fourth year with Klein Oak Dance Company, where she is one of the Principal dancers. Her favorite styles of dance are jazz and contemporary. Alexis has also performed in the last three musicals with Klein Oak: *Curtains* as dancer, *Big Fish* as Jenny Hill/choreographer, and *Bright Star* as dancer/choreographer. She is grateful for such supportive friends and family who continue to be by her side through this next chapter of her life. She has been afforded the opportunity to dance with her best friend and college roommate, Emily Lapaglia, for the last four years. She is excited to be attending Texas State University in the fall, where she will further her academic knowledge to help others.

STEVEN BUI is 18, a Senior and in his second year with KODC and fourth year in OBK (Oak Break Krew). He was first introduced to dance during his 9th grade year by a friend. With little knowledge and experience, he was nervous and afraid to share new ideas or express himself. He has found the confidence to never give up through his family, inside and outside the studio. Without their help, he wouldn't become the person he is today and for that, he is forever thankful. He believes he will continue dance for the rest of his life and develop his abilities in other styles.

ELIYA CAJILES is 18 years old and a senior. This year she is in both KODC (second year) and Advanced. She started dancing as a freshman in high school in Dance 1, where she discovered her love for dance and has since worked hard to further her development in the art. Eliya also participates in the French Elementary Dance Club where she helps Mrs. Curry and her peers teach elementary schoolers the art of dance. Outside of dance, Eliya plays the viola – as she has for eight years – and is in the Chamber Orchestra here at Klein Oak; she was also in the pit orchestra for this year's musical *Bright Star*. Though she will be leaving for college, she would like to continue learning and improving in both dance and music in the future. Eliya would like to thank her parents, Mrs. Curry, her orchestra directors and friends for giving her many opportunities, memories, and support throughout high school.

GABBY DE LA ROSA is 18 years old and a senior. This was her first year on the Klein Oak Dance Company and her fourth year in dance. Ever since she was 5, Gabby was on and off with dance. She previously competed and trained with the Klein Oak Strutters for 2 and a half years. Gabby will be attending Sam Houston State University to pursue a career in forensic chemistry. Although she will not be continuing dance, it will always have a special place in her heart.

BRIANNA ELIZONDO is 17 years old and a senior. This was her first year in Dance Company and her fourth year in dance. Brianna has been dancing since the age of 5 starting off in a Ballet Folklórico de México dance group learning and finding her passion in Latin/Spanish styles of dancing. She ventured in to other dance styles once she started high school such as ballet, jazz, and contemporary. She continues to keep Latin dancing in her heart as she's president of Bailando Club where she teaches styles such as Bachata, Salsa, and Cumbia. Brianna wishes to travel and continue learning and exploring different cultures of dancing while making lifelong friends. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her and Mrs. Curry for giving her the opportunity to do what she loves every day and to be able to make the amazing friends she's made here in dance.

BRUNO FAJNERMAN is a junior. He started dancing in 8th grade when his brother and his cousin introduced it to him. He is currently in his third year in Oak Break Crew (Co-captain) and his second year in Klein Oak Dance Company. Break Dancing is his main focus, but he also wants to improve in other aspects of dance such as ballet, contemporary, jazz and hip hop, and even hopes to learn how to trick. Bruno has met many people in dance and had amazing experiences who shaped him into becoming the person that he is today. Bruno would like to thank his family and friends for support and Mrs. Curry for putting up with him every day, and he is sorry about the basketball hoop incident.

ADONAI FIERRO is 17 and a Senior. She is so grateful to have spent the last four years growing as a dancer and person in Klein Oak Dance. She is thankful to her family and friends. She is so excited for the next chapter in her life.

ERIK GORDILLO is 16 and a junior at Klein Oak. He has been dancing for about 3 years. Along with being in the Klein Oak Dance Company, Erik is also the Co-Captain of the Oak Break Krew. He is a part of Klein Oak Theatre and was in this year's musical Bright Star as well as last year's Big Fish. He enjoys all styles of dance, and has training in ones such as ballet, contemporary, jazz, and hip hop. Being a part of Mrs. Curry's dance program has been one of the greatest opportunities he's ever had, and he wouldn't be the same without it. To him, Studio 414 is a second home.

CAMERON HAMMER is a junior. He has been dancing for 3 years, and this is his third year in Klein Oak Dance Company. Outside of school, he dances at Progressions Performing Arts, and is in the company at Leon. His favorite style of dance is tap.

EMILY LAPAGLIA is 18 years old and a senior. She has been dancing for 8 years and was on Progressions Performing Arts' competitive team for 5 years. She has been in countless performances and has been blessed with the opportunity to work with so many amazing choreographers and instructors. This is her 4th year in KODC and is one of the Principal dancers. She has been so grateful to be able to teach and learn from her peers for the past 4 years. Emily will be attending Texas State University in the fall with her bestie, Alexis Brady, where she will be majoring in Elementary Education and plans to become a Kindergarten teacher after college. Emily would love to thank her wonderful family, friends, and teachers for all their love and support!

HANNAH LAWSON is 14 years old and is a freshman. She has been dancing since she was 3 years old, and she currently trains at Texas Academy of Dance Arts. She dances every day outside of school at her studio, where she is a part of their competitive team and their pre-professional Youth Ballet Company. She trains in all styles of dance, but she especially has a passion for contemporary and ballet. Hannah would like to thank all her family members, teachers, and friends for their love and support, especially when it gets hard for her to balance school with her busy life outside of it. Also, Hannah really enjoys being on KODC because she gets to do what she loves every single day, not only through her studio, but through school as well. She hopes to be a part of KODC all throughout high school, and she absolutely cannot wait to find out what her next year of high school will bring.

EMMA MOORE is 16 years old and is a sophomore. She has been dancing for 14 years and used to dance competitively at Progressions Performing Arts. Emma has competed with Progressions Elite in many competitions and conventions such as 24 Seven, LA Dance Magic, NUVO, Showstopper, and countless others. Emma also attended the Ballet Austin summer intensive which is one of her most memorable dance experiences. Her favorite styles of dance are tap and musical theater. Emma also has a passion for singing and has been in choir for 6 years. She is currently a part of Amabile in Klein Oak Choir. This year, she was also a part of Klein Oak's production of Bright Star where she was a dancer as well as part of the ensemble. Getting to go on the KODC New York City trip with her best friend Shelby and sister Hannah has been the highlight of Emma's year in KODC. Emma would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her in everything she does.

HANNAH MOORE is a Freshman and has really enjoyed her first year in KODC. She has been dancing since she was 8 and was inspired to start dancing by her sister Emma Moore. Hannah was involved in Progressions Elite for 5 years and went to numerous dance competitions and conventions. Her favorite style is tap and Musical Theatre Jazz. She also loves acting and dancing and was involved in Bright Star this year playing in the Ensemble as a dancer. She loved being a part of the brilliant cast and loved getting the experience. She can't wait until next year. Hannah also enjoys playing the Violin. She has played the violin for 5 years and is a part of Klein Oak Orchestra. Hannah loves KODC and all her fellow members and wants to thank her directors, family, friends, and dog for the continuous support and inspiration. She is excited for what the next 3 years bring and hopes that she will be a part of KODC all 4 years of high school.

KYRSTEN MURRAY is a junior and possesses a strong passion for dance. She began dancing at Koenig. In 2007, she moved to Progressions Performing Arts (PPA) to improve her training. For three years, Kyrsten has competed with PPA at the Youth America Grand Prix ballet and studied at Houston Ballet. She has grown in experience in every dance category by attending LADM and taking summer intensives at LEON and PPA. She is currently taking classes with Priscilla Nathan-Murphy from Houston Ballet. She enjoys all styles of movement and strives to create a future through dance. This is her third year in KODC, and she appreciates the opportunities here such as, taking classes with guest teachers, creating unique choreography, and performing at concerts. She is grateful to work with Mrs. Curry and the other dance company members.

DANIELA OSORIO is 15 years old and a freshman. She has been training since the age of 6 and was inspired by her mother who was a dancer as well. She currently trains at Texas Academy of Dance Arts and has attended several dance conventions and competitions. She enjoys going to conventions to take class from different choreographers and teachers like Mia Michaels, Will "WillDaBeast" Adams, and Brian Friedman. Her favorite dance styles are contemporary and hip-hop. She hopes to continue to be a part of Klein Oak Dance Company for the rest of high school. She would like to thank her parents for their endless support in her endeavors and Mrs. Curry for constantly pushing her to improve.

SHELBY PEIMBERT is sophomore. She has been dancing since she was 4 years old. She first started dancing at the Dance factory in El Paso, TX. She also enjoyed performing in musicals in elementary, like the Music Man. After she moved here to Houston, TX, she continued to dance at Boni's Dance and Performing Arts studio. She also has been a part of the Nutcracker at Boni's. Her favorite style of dance is jazz and ballet. Shelby is also very thankful and excited for the years to come in company. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and for everything that Ms. Curry does for her.

ABIGAIL REED is a junior. She loves music with all her heart and has been dancing to it probably her whole life, but specifically since first grade on youth drill team. She danced on the Wildkats for six years, and then volunteered as an assistant coach on the team the team for four more. She was a cheerleader at Krimmel Intermediate and has taken various other dance classes throughout her life. She joined the advanced dance class at Oak last year as a sophomore and was so excited about discovering the technique and styles of dance beyond the eight-counts of high-V's and high-V's she has always known, (though they still have a special place in her heart.) This year she is SO BLESSED to be in dance company, because she is surrounded by so many talented, hardworking people and gets to strive to train with them every day. She is thankful to God, and all the lovely people he put in her life.

SAM SALAZAR is 17 years old and a junior. This is his second year in Oak Break Krew and his first year in Klein Oak Dance Company. He started dancing halfway throughout his sophomore year and fell in love with the art. His focus is Break Dancing, but he would like to improve in other styles such as Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, and Hip Hop. He played football for 5 years but gave that life up because

he truly believes that he has gained confidence as a dancer and will continue to dance for the rest of his life. He would like to thank everyone who has given him support and cannot wait to see what the future holds for him. That's about it :).

TAHTIANA SANTIAGO is currently a junior in high school. She enjoys her extra-curricular time training at C-Squared and volunteering at Woodsedge Community Church. Due to harsh circumstances in Puerto Rico where she was born and raised, her family and her moved to Spring, Texas, over a year ago. She began dancing when she was 12 years old and as her training has developed, she has focused on ballet, contemporary, and jazz. In the past she has had the opportunity to take classes with Stephanie Hall from Ad Deum, Sol Maisonet from Ballet Magnificat, Freddie Moore and Sean Carmen from Alvin Ailey, among others. She has also participated of various summer intensives, master classes and recitals. In the future she strives to continue dancing and pursue a career in biomedicine and genetics in TCU or Baylor University. Tahtiana has no words to describe how thankful she is to God, her parents, and teachers for their guidance and the opportunities they have given her throughout the years.

ASHLYN SCHULTZ is 16 years old and is a sophomore. She has been dancing for 12 years. Outside of KODC, she trains at Dancin' Bluebonnets in the Woodlands since the age 3. Her main directors are Pam Reich, Sarah Garcia, and Angela Kohn. She trains in most styles but favors contemporary and jazz. She has taken from many choreographers including Terrill Mitchell, Keri Lagrand, Clayton Cross and many more. She has won many solo titles from NDA, MA Dance, Showtime, and Crowd Pleasers. Her competitive dance team travels to the Worlds Dance competition in Orlando and currently holds the World Champion title for Open Jazz, and second place title for Senior lyrical, senior jazz and will soon be traveling again. Ashlyn gives thanks to her wonderful teachers Mrs. Ang, Mrs. Sarah, Mrs. Curry and her parents.

KAITLIN SHEK is 16 years old and a junior. She has been dancing since the age of three at Mitsi Dancing School. She has trained in drill team styles with Wild Kats at the age of 5 but decided to pursue in ballet and Chinese dance. She has competed in many dance competitions since the age of eight. She is also a part of Dance of Asian America, a dance company that trains and performs traditional Chinese dance. She has trained locally with Yifan Zheng, Jun Shuang Huang, and Yanni Sui. She has been taught by Dominic Walsh, Amy Fote, Li Jun Zhou, Judith Grywalski, Xinyi Zhang, Sheri Glendon and many more. She has been training with Dance of Asian America and Huang Dance Studio this past year.

MARYBETH SHORE is a freshman at Klein Oak and is so excited to be a part of KODC. She has been dancing since she was 3 and is a part of the Progressions Elite Dance Company outside of school. Marybeth trains daily and takes part in competitions and conventions outside of school. Marybeth has won the award of Magic Performer of the Weekend in Austin, TX at the LA Dance Magic Convention and will compete for Magic Performer of the Year this summer. Marybeth's favorite styles of dance include jazz and musical theater. Her dream is to be on Broadway one day. She has a love and passion for performing and can't wait to see what the future has in store. KODC has given her many opportunities to meet new people and travel to New, York which she says was the most inspiring week of her life. Marybeth is proud to represent KODC and is looking forward to the rest of high school with this amazing company.

KAYLA SMITH Is 14, a Freshman and has been dancing since the age of 2. This is her first year with KODC. Outside of school, she trains and competes on the Dance Dynamics competitive dance team. Kayla enjoys learning all styles of dance and is appreciative of the exposure and opportunities KODC has provided.

LILY TUNGOL is a seventeen-year-old junior and has been dancing since she was three. Lily enjoys all styles of dance but loves contemporary and musical theatre the most. She has always enjoyed being in musicals and loved being a part of Klein Oak's Curtains, Big Fish, and most recently: Bright Star. She is enthusiastic about the arts. In addition to being a KODC member, she is active in Klein Oak Theatre. Lily plans to be a member of Dance Company throughout the rest of high school. KODC has helped immensely in improving her technique as well as passion for dance. Lily would like to thank Mrs. Curry and all her other teachers, directors, family, and friends for all their love and support.

PRESLEY TURNER is currently a Sophomore and is enjoying her second year at Klein Oak Dance Company. She primarily dances with Leon Dance Arts outside of school. She trains over the weekends in several styles such as, Modern, Jazz, Contemporary, and Hip-hop. In the summer, Presley enjoys going to Dance Conventions such as 24 Seven and Jump to expand her view on dance, as well as dance intensives in the throughout the year. Going to different studios has made her more open by introducing her to new people that she would have not met otherwise. Presley is also currently in the IB program and enjoys being a gamer girl and taking her dog Dudley on long walks after school. Though she has just entered high school, Presley is looking forward to possibly Majoring in Dance and working as a Dance Teacher in the Houston area. Presley is thankful to her family, and her mom specifically, for taking her to dance when she was little, though she didn't enjoy it at first, dance has impacted her character for the better to be overall more self-confident.



MRS. CURRY (Director / Educator) was born in Houston, Texas and began her adventures in the world of dance at the age of 5. She received both her B.A. and M. Ed. in Dance Education with certification from Sam Houston State University and was on faculty with the Sam Houston State University Dance Program, teaching Dance Pedagogy. She is a certified Rhythm Works Integrative Dance Instructor as well as Progressing Ballet Technique. She is currently working on her *International Dance Studies* certification through Rutgers University and aspires to attain her EdD or PhD soon. Mrs. Curry directs the Klein Oak Dance Company and Oak Break Krew while teaching all levels of dance, Dance Composition, Partners in Dance as well as International Baccalaureate World Dance Studies. She is celebrating her 14th year at KOHS and 22nd year in Public School Dance Education! Throughout her career, Mrs. Curry has presented numerous workshops across the state of Texas regarding choreography, technology integration, curriculum development, program evaluation, and dance certification. She has served the Texas Dance Educators Association in many capacities, culminating with the position of President in 2004-05. She was on the State Committee on Revising Dance Education Certification Standards (new TExES for Dance) and a member of the CEDFA Training Cadre, served as on the Board of Directors for CEDFA (Center for Educator Development in the Fine Arts). She was recently involved in two projects for the Texas Education Agency for statewide dance curriculum and online teacher professional development. She has been nominated for multiple Tommy Tune Awards for her choreographic collaboration with the KOHS Musical Theater program. She has received Klein Education Foundation Grants for innovative programs, collaborating with Houston Ballet, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Pearl Fincher Museum as well as the Partners in Dance program. Mrs. Curry also received the Walter Kase Teaching Excellence Award for her Partners in Dance program as well as Klein Oak HS Teacher of the Year. She is married to fellow educator, canoe race enthusiast, and amazing husband Tim as well as the proud mom of future panthers: Colleen (14) and Clare (11).

MS. LAROE (Strutters Asst Director / Educator) is a graduate from Spring High School where she was a member of the Spring High School Starlettes Dance Team and was the head officer her senior year. After graduating from Texas A&M University, she returned to Spring High School to be the assistant and later the Head director of the Starlettes where they won countless awards for choreography, technique, best in class and Grand Champions. This is Ms. LaRoe's 5th year teaching Dance 1 & 2 along with being the Assistant Director of the amazingly talented Klein Oak High School Strutters. Ms. LaRoe also works with other dance teams as the Leadership Curriculum Director and choreographer for TrendSetters Dance. She is the mom to an awesome son who is 8 years old.

**KLEIN OAK
DANCE COMPANY ***

Baca Castillo, Collin
Brady, Alexis
Bui, Steven
Cajiles, Eliya
DeLaRosa, Gabrielle
Elizondo, Brianna
Fajnerman, Bruno
Fierro, Adonai
Gordillo, Erik
Hammer, Cameron
Lapaglia, Emily
Lawson, Hannah
Moore, Emma
Moore, Hannah
Murray, Kyrsten
Osorio, Daniela
Peimbert, Shelby
Reed, Abigail
Salazar, Sam
Santiago Sanchez, Tahtiana
Schultz, Ashlyn
Shek, Kaitlin
Shore, Marybeth
Smith, Kayla
Tungol, Lily
Turner, Presley

**IB WORLD
DANCE STUDIES ***

Hammer, Cameron
Mohammad, Hajar
Momin, Armin
Ranson, Tatyana
Wang, Kimberly

OAK BREAK KREW *

Baca Castillo, Collin
Bellorin, Kenneth
Bui, Steven
Canto, Christian
Delgado, Esperanza
Depner, Nils
Fajnerman, Bruno
Gonzales, Mary
Gordillo, Erik
Jezek, Shae
Kiblinger, Christian
Mason, Nicholas
Melgar, Cesar

Nguyen, Ricky
Ramirez, Juan
Ramirez, Igbel
Reed, Julia
Rosilez, Jade
Salazar, Sammuel
Sanchez, Anthony
Womack, Ashlyn

ADVANCED DANCE *

Aguirre, Emily
Ali, Insha
Baca-Castillo, Natalie
Blackman, Kyla
Cajiles, Eliya
Cooper, Lizzy
Delgado, Esperanza
Fierro, Adonai
Gornick, Emma
Guajardo, Alexis
Gudek, Tiffany
Jackson, Avery
Johnson, Chelsea
Lujan, Madison
Maredian, Riya
Martinez, Sara
Matla-Vazquez, America
Mejia, Monica
Menchaca, Selena
Mitchum, Kamryn
Napolillo, Sydney
Ramirez, Giselle
Ramirez, Igbel
Reed, Julia
Rodriguez, Gypsey
Rosilez, Jade
Rubi-Hernandez, Martina
Scruggins, Kristin
Shepard, Alynna
Soltero Hernandez, Donneth
Staacke, Ashlyn
Thomas, Timothy
Vines, Destiny
Ward, Alyssa
Webb, Eleanor

DANCE 2 **

Bermudez, Ally
Charlot, Skyler
Clark, Anyla
Flores, Felicity

Guerrero, Arianna
Hawkins, Alaysia
Hemphill, Avery
Jones, Iranesha
Laverde, Bailey
Lucas, Kianna
Mohammad, Zeinab
Nguyen, Yen Nhi
Orellana, Jafit
Porras-Carrizales, Greidcy
Reed, Taylor
Romero, Raquel
Sanchez-Alberto, Jacqueline
Strother, K'oni
Tinder, Brenna
Townes, Genesis

PARTNERS IN DANCE*

Ash, William
Baca Castillo, Collin
Berg, Olivia
Cruz, Luis
Diefalla, Sara
DosSantosFlamenco, Adriana
Edmonds, Katelyn
Ferrufino, Jose
Forge, Kylie
Gardner, Ronald
Gomez, Caleb
Gonzalez, Jasmine
Gonzalez, Julia
Guidry, Delainey.
Gust, Riley
Huff, Mikayla
Ilesanmi, John
Jenkins, Asia
Leininger, Angela
LeMaire, Avery
McRae, Alexis
Nowak, James
Siddiqui, Mohmmmed
Yohana, Sarah

KO DANCE FACULTY

Mrs. Curry *
Ms. LaRoe **
Mrs. Polansky

KLEIN OAK DANCE GUILD

Klein Oak Dance Guild is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and expertise towards various fund-raising events, which in turn, provide social and financial support for the Klein Oak High School Dance program (Dance Company, Oak Break Krew, IB World Dance Studies, Partners in Dance and more).

Our efforts help to:

- Reinforcing the daily education of the students through guest artists
- Providing financial/volunteer support for performance opportunities
- Funding studio equipment/supplies as needed throughout the year to enhance the entire experience of each dance student
- Providing costumes for performances
- Providing assistance with travel

Please visit our table in the lobby or contact one of us at kodanceguild@gmail.com. Membership is open to parents / guardians and community members.

President – Kathy Hammer
Vice President – Cathy Lapaglia
Secretary – Fawn Brady

Treasurer – Carmen Peimbert
Fund Raising – Patti Moore



**DANCE GUILD
SPIRIT NIGHT
AT MARBLE SLAB**



FRENCH ELEMENTARY DANCE CLUB

KLEIN OAK DANCE I.B. ASSISTANTS: Eliya Cajiles, Tatyana Ranson, Adele Dirringer, Navid Hasan, Fidel Otero, Divay Khanna

DANCERS: Alaina, Alessandra, Alexandra, Alexis, Amanda, Analisa, Anna, Avleen, Blake, Carly, Cerys, Chloe, Colt, Dylan, Edith, Elena, Ellie, Emily, Emma, Emmry, Ethan F, Ethan S, Hunter, Ilina, Isabela, Kaitlyn, Keerthi, Kelia, Kennedy, Khloe, Madison B, Madison D, McKenna, McKenzie, Meté, Neelesh, Pierina, Porter, Praneel, Priscilla, Rebeca, Sophia D, Suzanne, Trey, Violet, Zerik



To Our Beautiful Daughter **Adonai**,



You have demonstrated what true beauty looks like from the inside out in the loving, compassionate and caring person that you are. It has been so amazing to walk alongside you in your daily journey and see you blossom into the incredible young lady that God is shaping you to be. Your strength and perseverance has surpassed any challenges or obstacles that you may have faced along the way and it has also helped form you into the talented performer that you are today. WE are better because of you and we are excited to see your next chapter unfold as you pursue your goal of joining the United States Air Force and entering into the healthcare field. Keep dancing through this life with your head held high, stand strong on God's promises and be ready to fulfill your amazing purpose!

Commit to the Lord whatever you do and your plans will be achieved.
Proverbs 16:3

Love,
Mom, Justin and Josiah

To Mrs. Curry,
We cannot ever say it enough;
we could not have done it
without your involvement!
You have been a Godsend
and we appreciate all your
support throughout the years.
Thank you so much for taking
your position to another level!
The students are so lucky to
have you in their lives.

