



Marsinah Brooks Vaughn

Biography

A product of the Prince George's County Public School System, Marsinah began dancing at the age of 9 at the Suto Dance Studio in Rockville. She graduated from Parkdale High School, and continued her studies at the University of Maryland-College Park, obtaining her B.A in Dance and a concentration in Spanish Language and literature. While completing her M.S in Education from Walden University, she decided to begin her teaching career in the school system and began teaching at Andrew Jackson Academy in PG County. She is currently the dance director at Potomac High school, and has served in many roles within her school community, including department chair, class sponsor, co-sponsor of the arts council, and Artist director of the Potomac High Golden Pixies. Marsinah hopes that her students recognize their potential, find their voice, and gain a better understanding of self through dance. When she is not sharing her love and passion for dance with her students, Marsinah enjoys swimming and playing video games with her son.

Statement of interest and intent - *Secretary Understudy*

I love learning. I feel that you are not growing if you are not learning. I love being a part of MDEA. I love what it does for the dance community with the state of Maryland and how it helps continue to help the Educators connect and remain connected and relevant within these ever changing times. I believe that becoming secretary will help me continue to learn and to grow with my craft of teaching. How can one be an effective teacher if they do not continue to grow and step outside of their comfort. If selected to become Secretary understudy I hope to aid in strengthening the connection between the Educator and resources with the school systems, and make sure that new members and new teachers have the support they need to flourish and thrive. I love reaching out to new teachers and supporting them and making sure they have the guidance and help they need to establish and maintain dance with our school systems.