



## **Stephanie Crockett**

### **Biography**

Stephanie Crockett started her dance training at the Baltimore County Youth Ballet, Baltimore School for the Arts, and the Dance Theater of Harlem Residency Program. Stephanie has received numerous scholarships to train over the summer at Ballet Austin, Dance Theater of Harlem, Dallas Black Dance Theater, and Alonzo Kings Lines Ballet. Stephanie was honored to be nominated as the Undergraduate speaker for the College of Fine Arts and Communication upon graduating from Towson University. Stephanie is currently teaching dance at Pikesville Middle School. Her students have been members of the Baltimore County Honors Dance Ensemble and she is a proud mentor of the Lady Pythons girls mentoring program. She has assisted choreography with many musicals such as The Wiz, Annie Jr, and Seussical the Musical, and she has worked with the Century High School Marching Band. Stephanie is proud to be the new director of Baltimore County Youth Ballet.

### **Statement of interest and intent**

I am interested in serving on the MDEA Board of Directors because I believe I will be able to provide concrete feedback to help support the development of dance in the school systems. I have already seen the growth as it relates to providing a more equitable and diverse curriculum for our students but I believe there is still more work to be done. As I am working on my masters in Dance Education, I want to advocate for an even more diverse curriculum that emphasizes the connections and roots to dance for the African American and Latino population. I believe serving on the board as a K-12 representative will help push the narrative for equity in all school systems. I believe not a single student regardless of ethnicity or culture should be left out in finding connections to different dance genres. Finally, serving on the MDEA Board of Directors would be an honor in itself that I would not take for granted because having that platform I would hope to inspire my students and fellow colleagues.