



Marsinah 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 - K-12 Public School Understudy

When the time came to graduate from college, I was faced with the decision of what I was going to do with my dance degree. For me it was an easy decision. I was going to teach. I have been teaching since I was 15 and there was nothing that gave me greater joy. When I discovered that the public school system that molded me had begun to offer dance as a part of the daily curriculum, I was overjoyed and could not think of another place I wanted to begin my Career. With over 20 years of service in the Public education system, I feel that I could use experience to help continue to grow the dance community in Maryland public schools. I can also continue to grow in my craft as I learn from others through this experience. I feel that you are not growing if you are not learning. I believe that becoming K-12 Public (understudy) will help me continue to learn and to grow with my craft of teaching.