Christina Collins

Biography

For the past fourteen years, Christina Collins has been fostering the ambitions of young dancers in public school education. As a native of Freehold, New Jersey, Christina moved to Maryland to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Dance Education from Goucher College. She has since worked as a teacher at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. While not in the classroom, Christina has worked as a curriculum writer for Baltimore County Public Schools and as a teacher at the Maryland Academy of Dance studio. In 2015, Christina started the dance program at Owings Mills High School (BCPS). In six years, she has tripled the dance courses offered, boosted enrollment to accommodate a second dance teacher, and started a National Honor Dance Arts Society chapter. She was nominated for “BCPS Teacher of the Year” and “MDEA Dance Educator of the Year K-12.”

Statement of interest and intent

I am beyond honored by the opportunity to serve on the Maryland Dance Education Association Board. When I started the dance program at Owings Mills High School (BCPS), MDEA provided me with a wealth of resources and communal performance opportunities that aided in the success of the program. I have been an instructor in private studios for almost twenty years and public schools for fourteen. I am excited to be a part of an organization that supports dance teachers in multiple facets and supplies them with the tools to better support their dancers.

The National Honor Society for Dance Arts has been a thrilling addition to my dance program at Owings Mills High School. It has allowed students the opportunity to be honored and recognized for their outstanding contributions in dance. I look forward to sharing that excitement with other dance programs in Maryland.