Eliana Slaney

Biography

Eliana Slaney is a Senior at Towson University pursuing a B.F.A. in Dance Performance and Choreography with a Pre-K-12 Certification. Eliana danced in the Annapolis area from age 2 through 18 before she began her collegiate education at Towson. Eliana has performed in many concerts and festivals with Towson University Department of Dance including the Dance Majors Performance Project, Inertia, Modern Reparatory, ACDA Gala Concert, and Project Moshsen’s Artistry Unfolded. In addition to performing, Eliana has taught creative movement, ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop for students ages 2-18 with Coppermine Fieldhouse Dance, KC Dance and Fitness, Athletic Arts Dance Company, AACPS Summer Dance Intensive, and she served as a long-term substitute PVA dance teacher at Wiley H. Bates Middle School. Eliana serves the Towson community as a leader in her sorority and as the Internal Director for TigerTHON, a dance marathon organization supporting Johns Hopkins Children’s Center.

Statement of interest and intent

By serving as the undergraduate student on the MDEA Board of Directors, I intend to share, learn and unite. As artistic educators, sharing experiences is one of the greatest ways that we can prepare, plan, and open our eyes to the new and unique possibilities of teaching. Social changes and movements, evolving technology, and our time in the virtual learning environment has pushed us to think outside of the box for ourselves and our students. As dancers and dance educators, we are lucky to interchangeably be in the position of student and teacher. I am looking forward to sharing my experiences as well as learning from the experiences of our colleagues. Lastly, I plan to continue evolving the unity among our dance educators and students from Pre-K-12 and collegiate institutions, and private dance sectors. We have so much to learn from each other and I would love to bring us further together whether it be through a discussion, professional development workshops, or live classes dancing together!