

Introducing the  
Grandview Dance  
Academy  
at  
Grandview Preparatory  
School



Katie Petronio, Director

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to another exciting year at Grandview Preparatory School! I am writing to introduce myself as the Director of the Grandview Dance Academy. While at Grandview, students of all ages have the opportunity to experience dance. Pre-kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have dance as a part of their curriculum, while 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students may elect to take dance. Additionally, students who wish to further their training may also choose to participate in the Private Lesson Program or the Grandview Dance Company. Parents and members of the community are also able to take dance classes through the Grandview Community Dance program.

Prior to founding the Grandview Dance Academy, I lived in New York City, where I was a working dancer, musical theatre performer, choreographer, and dance educator. While living in New York City, I performed in regional musical theatre productions, most notable as Francisca in *West Side Story*. I also performed in many dance productions, including a modern piece choreographed by Andrew Palermo, the co-artistic director of dre.dance with Taye Diggs, and modeled for the Capezio dance catalog.

I am a graduate of Walnut Hill School, a performing arts boarding high school in Massachusetts, and I currently sit on one of the school's boards. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree from Ithaca College, and my Master of Arts degree in Dance and Dance Education with K-12 certification from New York University. Finally, I received my professional certification from the post baccalaureate business program at Columbia University. I am also a member of the National Dance Education Organization and have presented at two of their national conferences, along with the Florida Dance Education Association and Kappa Delta Pi honor society. Moreover, I serve as the Grandview Dance Academy chapter sponsor for both the National Junior Honor Society for Dance Arts and National Honor Society for Dance Arts.

Over the past decade, I have had the privilege of working with students in pre-kindergarten through higher education within the private schools, public schools, university, and private studio settings. I look forward to working with your child, and hope to continually inspire them to use the knowledge learned from dance in whatever career path they choose in the future.

Sincerely,

*Katie Petronio*