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**Miss Chantel Martin  
Head Choreographer and Dance Coordinator  
YMCA Dance Academy**

Miss Chantel's passion for dance began at the age of four where she studied at the CT Academy of Ballet and Performing Arts. She has over nineteen years of dance experience and ten years of teaching experience. This is her third year as the Head Choreographer and Dance Coordinator of the YMCA Dance Academy. Miss Chantel's proudest achievement is expanding and enhancing the YMCA Dance Academy. The dance program began with approximately 30 dancers and 3 styles of dance, and under Miss Chantel's direction has evolved into a dance academy with over 150 dancers offering many styles of dance.



Miss Chantel shares her love of dance by teaching all ages from age two years old to adults. She teaches various styles of dance including Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Contemporary/Lyrical, Lifts/partner dancing, Hip Hop, and Acro. She has choreographed over 100 musical productions and currently choreographs for Meriden Youth Theatre, Musical Theatre Camp at Mountain Mist Day Camp, Lincoln and Washington Middle Schools, and the White Rabbit Theatre.

Miss Chantel has participated in numerous NADAA workshops and dance competitions in Connecticut, Boston, and New York. Each year she enriches her dance education by attending seminars and workshops such as The Pulse and Broadway Dance Center's Teacher Intensive Workshop in New York. Miss Chantel looks forward to advancing her dance studies in Ballroom, Zumba, and more.

The YMCA Dance Academy competed at the Nexstar National Talent Competition for the first time last year. All four routines that competed won 1st place in their division and both Hip Hop routines won 4th overall. Miss Chantel received two choreography awards for her Hip Hop and Contemporary routines and she cannot wait for her dancers to compete again.

Miss Chantel is a devoted teacher whose greatest joy is sharing her passion for the art of dance and inspiring her students to reach their full potential. Miss Chantel is looking forward to another successful dance season with the YMCA Dance Academy!

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