

Hello! My name is Noelle Starnes. You can find me around the studio teaching Tap and Creative movement. I have been dancing here at Dance Gallery my entire life, and throughout all the years and all the classes, Tap has always been my favorite! I mean, who wouldn't love creating fun sounds with their feet?

A little bit about me... I am currently a student at Augustana University studying Media Studies and Communications. Other than at this lovely studio, I can be found with the Augustana Choir, or off somewhere sipping coffee and enjoying the outdoors.

In class, there are three major disciplines that I find important to your child's success:

Listening... Wearing tap shoes comes with a lot of self control- loud feet can be quite a distraction- so I ask that we practice listening at all times. This means keeping your feet still and quiet whenever I or another student have a question or a suggestion to share. If keeping your feet quiet becomes a struggle, I like to try "silent feet" where students remove their shoes and continue the class practicing the movements without shoes. If it is a talking issue, it may result in a few minutes of "time out".

Patience... I know exactly how exciting it can be to be free with the rhythm in your feet, but we must take it one step at a time. We are all here to learn and become aware of ourselves and our abilities to grow and flourish. Success to me means that we are all patient with ourselves and our friends next to us. Take your time working on our movements and stretch everyday to meet your goals. Never be afraid to ask for help, and offer help to others!

Fun... We are all here to have fun and explore our abilities! I am here teaching and learning with you because I love what I do and I love to help others find success with what they love, as well. So let's go into this year with excitement, because we will have fun every single day.

For your information during the upcoming year, I am very fortunate to have an internship with *The Price is Right* during Augustana's Interim during the month of January. With that being said, I will be gone for the first **three** weeks coming back from winter break. I will be back and ready for our costume fitting during the week of January 29th. But don't worry! We have wonderful subs here who will help teach your children for the three classes while I am gone!

If you need to contact me, please email the office at info@dancegallerysd.com and they will forward your message to me, or if you are in need of contacting me sooner, talk to the office and they will give you my phone number!

I am very excited for this upcoming year with your child, we will have a wonderful time dancing, learning, and having FUN!

Thank you,
Noelle Starnes

Bio:

Noelle is very excited to be back at Dance Gallery teaching Tap and Creative Movement. She has been dancing here her entire life, but has always found Tap to be her favorite class. She is currently a Junior at Augustana University pursuing degrees in in Media Studies and Communications. Other than Dance Gallery, Noelle works at Scooter's Coffeehouse and with the Augustana Office of Admissions. At school, she is involved in the Augustana Choir and several on-campus clubs. She is looking forward to working with young dancers and help them explore their abilities and find success and enjoyment here at Dance Gallery.