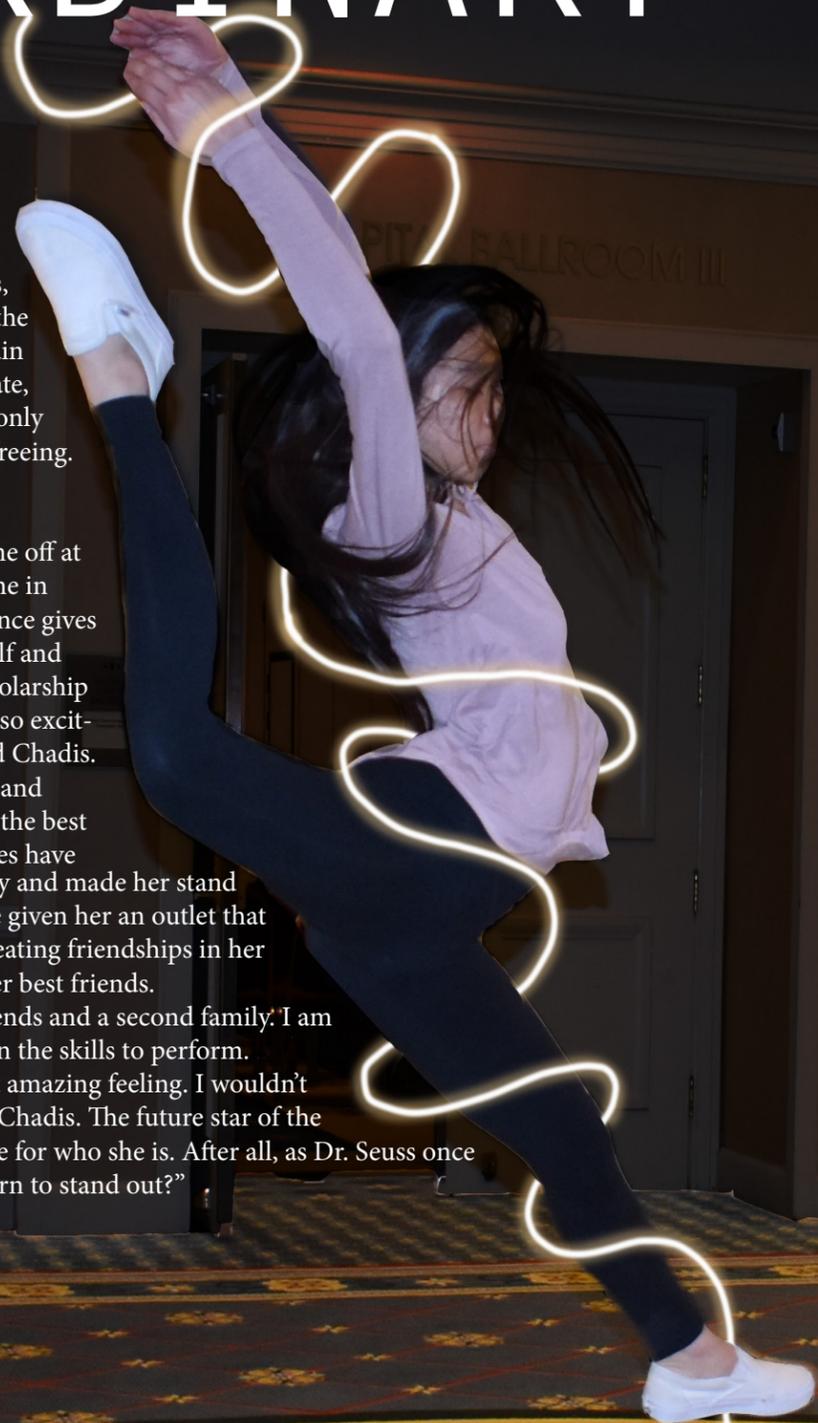


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In a world of ordinary, a junior at SIPA High School, Caroline Chadis, has a mom who introduced her to the world of dance. Dance takes a certain type of person; one who is passionate, dedicated, and expressive. It is not only great physically, but also mentally freeing. With this freedom, one has the opportunity to be extraordinary.

"My mom did not want to drop me off at daycare, so she kind of just threw me in dance and I am so glad she did. Dance gives me an opportunity to express myself and be artistic. I even got a fine arts scholarship back in Florida for dance and I am so excited to be able to do what I love," said Chadis. Chadis practices daily on her skills and technique and one day hopes to be the best that she can possibly be. Her abilities have taken her out of a "blend-in" society and made her stand out above all others. Her skills have given her an outlet that keeps her happy and healthy. By creating friendships in her classes, she has also met some of her best friends.

"Dancing has brought me joy, friends and a second family. I am so beyond thankful that I was given the skills to perform. Showcasing my abilities is the most amazing feeling. I wouldn't give it up for the world," explained Chadis. The future star of the dance industry gives credit to dance for who she is. After all, as Dr. Seuss once said, "Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"



AUTUMN DISKIN, 11, strikes a pose. "Dance has influenced my life in various ways. I know I'm not the smallest person, so it has taught me to adapt to my environment, and feel accepted despite what everyone else is telling me," expressed Diskin.

JAMES BRAY, 11, executes a backflip. "On my first day in class I learned how to do a back tuck on the ground. By being in a class of girls it made me feel extraordinary because I could do things that other guys couldn't," Bray exclaimed.

CAROLINE NEWSOME, 12, puts her leg behind her head. "I grew up participating in tumbling and gymnastics, which has enabled me to have a talent that not everyone has," Newsome stated.

GEORGIA BLUE SIMMONS, 11, practices her headstand. "Dance and gymnastics has always been somewhere I can go and be vulnerable. When competing you have to have trust in yourself and own it on the stage," declared Simmons.