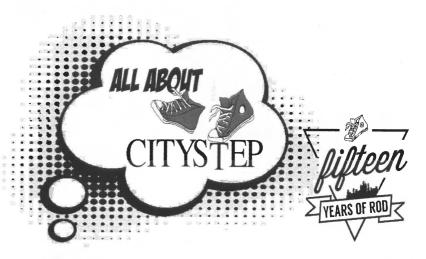
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CITYSTEP IS A DANCE AND SERVICE ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, RUN COMPLETELY BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, THAT AIMS TO PROMOTE CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING BY BRINGING ARTS PROGRAMMING TO CLASSROOMS IN PARTNER SCHOOLS IN PHILLY.

CITYSTEP WAS FOUNDED OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO AND WAS STARTED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY BY SABRINA PECK ('84), WHO WANTED TO HELP YOUNG STUDENTS EXPERIENCE FOR THEMSELVES THE POWER OF DANCE TO EXPRESS EMOTIONS AND IDEAS. IN 2004, LAURA WEIDMAN ('04), A VETERAN OF THE HARVARD PROGRAM, TEAMED UP WITH TWO PENN UNDERGRADUATES, ALICIA MARINI ('06) AND MARTHA MIJES ('06), TO ESTABUSH CITYSTEP PENN.

15 YEARS LATER, CITYSTEP CONTINUES TO THRIVE AND GROW AT PENN. CITYSTEP IS GRATEFUL TO PARTNER WITH FOUR INCREDIBLE SCHOOLS IN SOUTH AND WEST PHILLY AND TO HAVE OVER 150 PASSIONATE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TWICE WEEKLY PROGRAMMING.

CITYSTEP PRESENTS WINDOWSILLS AND SIDEWALKS.

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT. PHILADELPHIA'S USUAL BUSTLING CITY SOUNDS HAD BEEN REPLACED BY RAIN DROPS SPLASHING ONTO

THUNDER ROARED FROM EAST TO WEST: LIGHTNING PIERCED THE SKY. THE CITYSTEPPERS FROM JACKSON, SLACS AFTERSCHOOL, KIPP, SLACS BOYS, SLACS GIRLS, AND COMEGYS WATCHED THE CITY TURN GREY.

THE STUDENTS OF THESE SIX CLASSROOMS HADN'T SEEN THEIR HOME THIS WAY IN A LONG TIME — NOT SINCE THEY BANISHED SUPERVILLIAN ROKI. ROKI WAS NO ORDINARY SUPERVILLIAN. HE WALKED THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA, FREEZING ANYONE WHO DARED TO DANCE.

AFTER MONTHS OF MAYHEM, THE CITYSTEPPERS TOOK A STAND. THEY CHALLENGED ROKI TO A DANCE BATTLE. WINNER TAKES ALL... THE LOSER MUST LEAVE THE CITY AND NEVER RETURN. THE STUDENTS KNOW A BATTLE IS ON THE HORIZON. LUCKY FOR US, THE CITYSTEPPERS ARE RARING TO GO. THEY HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR MONTHS - PRACTICING THEIR MOVES, RALLYING THE TROOPS, FINE-TUNING THEIR FORMATIONS. ROKI DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE - IF HE LOSES, MAYBE HE'LL EVEN PAY PILOTS!

TOGETHER. THROUGH THE POWER OF DANCE, OUR AMAZING CITYSTEPPERS ARE READY TO EMBODY THE ACRONYM "HERO" THROUGH HISTORICAL FIGURES LIKE ROSA PARKS AND ANGELA DAVIS. EVERYDAY HEROES LIKE FIREMEN AND DOCTORS, RENOWNED ICONS LIKE BARACK OBAMA AND LIN MANUEL MIRANDA, AND OUT-OF-THIS WORLD CHARACTERS LIKE WONDER WOMAN AND BLACK PANTHER! SIT BACK, RELAX, AND ENJOY THE SHOW!

SHOW ORDER

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JACKSON

JACKSON TEACHERS

YOSSI, BEUGG, FINTAN, LIZ, HANNAH R., HANNAH S., TANDRA THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: MUHAMMAD ALL EVERYDAY: DOCTORS RENOWNED: LIN MANUEL MIRANDA . OUT OF THIS WORLD: CAPTAIN MARVEL



OUR STORYUNE WITH A GIANT SMOG CLOUD RAPIDLY

APPROACHING, THE JACKSON 7TH GRADERS KNOW IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE ACTION AND SAVE THEIR COMMUNITY. THEY ONLY HAVE ONE SHOT TO COMBAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES OF BIG INDUSTRY AND SAVE THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

"I ABSOLUTELY LOVE CITYSTEP. IT IS MY FAVORITE PART OF THE DAY AND LETS ME DO WHAT I REALLY LOVE! " - AMAYA, 7TH GRADE

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR YEAR AT JACKSON HAS BEEN ACTION-PACKED AND FUN-FILLED! WE HAVE WATCHED OUR STUDENTS BECOME MORE CONFIDENT, CREATIVE, AND EMPATHETIC WITH EACH CLASSROOM, BEING A PART OF THEIR ARTISTIC JOURNEY HAS MEANT SO MUCH TO ALL OF US. AFTER DANCING, ACTING, MAKING MUSIC, AND FIELD-TRIPPING WITH OUR STUDENTS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED SUCH STRONG BONDS WITH OUR STUDENTS THAT WE HOPE TO CARRY ON IN THE FUTURE!

- JACKSON CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM

JACKSON STUDENTS

TAFFIEK ALI . CYNTHIA BONES . AYLA BROOKMAN JASON CHEN • DEMITRI DELUCA-LYONS . KASHYNE FRAZIER . JAZAEL GARCIA · NAHYAHA HASSAN · BRIAN HERNANDEZ . BREYON KEITT . CHELSEA LIU . SHAHIR MANLEY . CIDONEY-ERYN MARTINEZ . JONATHAN MARTINEZ-ALLENDE . AMAYA MCQUEEN-SANTIAGO • DANIEL MEGLIO . MAIKOL MINCHALA . GABRIEL NEGRON . DANTE NORI . ASIA OATES . DIANA PEREZ • WENDY PEREZ-TLATENCO . STEVEN RAO . JACQUELINE RODRIGUEZ . ANIYA WATTS . JAHREEK WELTON



COMEGYS

COMEGYS TEACHERS

CAROLINE, AVA. AVNA. GRACE, MILES. NAVPREET RACHEL

OUR STORYLINE IN WEST PHILADELPHIA BORN AND RAISED, MR. ADAMS' CLASS IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A NORMAL DAY AT COMEGYS. ALL OF A SUDDEN. THE ROOM GOES DARK AND EVERYTHING TURNS TO CHAOS! AN EVIL VILLAIN HAS TURNED THE POWER OUT AND FLED INTO SPACE, MR. ADAMS' CLASS HAS TO CHASE DOWN THE VILLAIN AND TURN THE SCHOOL'S ELECTRICITY BACK ON, BUT FIRST, THEY'LL NEED TO ASK SOME FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR HELP!

"WHAT I LIKE ABOUT CITYSTEP IS THAT IT ENCOURAGES YOU TO DANCE AND TO SHARE YOUR FLAWS. IF YOU MESS UP IT'S OKAY...AND YOU GET BETTER AS YOU MAKE MISTAKES!" - SAVANNAH, 5TH GRADE

"I LIKE CITYSTEP BECAUSE YOU CAN GO ON TRIPS, YOU CAN PRACTICE DANCING, SEE PENN AND YOU GET TO TAKE PICTURES AT STATUES, YOU GET TO HAVE FUN, AND IT'S GOOD EXERCISE." - DOMINIQUE, 5TH GRADE

THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: KATHERINE JOHNSON EVERYDAY: GUARDIANS RENOWNED: SERENA WILLIAMS OUT OF THIS WORLD: BLACK PANTHER



COMEGYS STUDENTS

MIONI BROASTER . DAYON CRAWFORD · ABBY CRUZ · NYSEEM DICKENS · DOMINIQUE DILLARD . STAR GOLDMAN · SAVANNAH GRAVES · MIANNI HANIBLE

• DAQUAN JONES • NYONNA JORDAN • MARIAM NIARE . JABRIL PARHAM-MASON • KAHMIR ROBERTS • WARAQAH

RUSSELL . NEVAEH SMITH . KAYLYN SPELLER . LONDON SWIFT . GLORIA WARREN-PINDER . BASIR WEAVER . KAMILLE WERNER . TYSHEER

WOODLYN .

KAMIYA WOODS . NAHIAYAH WOODSON-HINSON .



"I LIKE CITYSTEP BECAUSE WE HAVE THE CHANCE TO CREATE OUR OWN DANCES AND DO THEM ALL TOGETHER. WE DON'T JUST DANCE, WE CAN ALSO DRAW AND PLAY GAMES." - KAMYA, 5TH GRADE

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW | COMEGYS HAD AN AMAZING YEAR WITH CITYSTEP. WE STARTED OUT THE YEAR LEARNING THE SIGNATURE AND EXPLORING OUR SHOW THEME OF "HEROES." IN THE SPRING, WE INTRODUCED TWO NEW TEACHERS, MILES AND NAV, WHO WENT RIGHT TO WORK HELPING US LEARN NEW CHOREOGRAPHY. IN MARCH, WE VISITED PENN FOR OUR SECOND DANCESHOP WHERE WE PERFECTED OUR DANCES AND TOURED THE CAMPUS, INCLUDING THE FAMOUS ENIAC COMPUTER. WE ARE SO EXCITED

TO SHOWCASE THE CLASS AND OUR HEROES -PARENTS/GUARDIANS, KATHERINE JOHNSON, SERENA WILLIAMS AND BLACK PANTHER-AT THE FINAL SHOW!

- COMEGYS CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM

KIPP WEST

KTPP TEACHERS

ANDREW, JAKE, JENNY, JEN, SUZY

THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: ROSA PARKS RENOWNED:

MICHELLE OBAMA

OUT OF THIS WORLD: FLASH



OUR STORYLINE

THE KIPP STUDENTS WERE FEELING A LITTLE DOWN,
UNTIL THEY WERE INFUSED WITH THE SUPERPOWER OF ENERGY. SOON
THEY WERE FEELING AS COOL, FAST, AND ENERGETIC AS FLASH,
AND PREPARED TO FIGHT OFF THE VILLAINS WITH SOME KILLER
MOVES. ONCE VICTORIOUS, OUR CITYSTEPPERS FELT STRONGER
THAN EVER, AND UNDERSTOOD THAT WE ALL HAVE A SUPERHERO
WITHIN US. MAKE SURE TO LISTEN FOR THEIR ORIGINAL CONTENT
BETWEEN SONGS, AS WELL AS STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHED
SOLOS DURING THE SECOND NUMBER!



"I LOVED OUR KIPP CITYSTEP CLASS BECAUSE WE GOT TO DANCE EVERYDAY AND ALSO LEARN VALUABLE LIFE LESSONS IN CLASSROOM" - KEVIN, 5TH GRADE



KIPP STUDENTS

DESTINEE LOONEY • FAITH
SLAFFEY • JA'EL RUTLING •
KEVIN LOONEY • LAILA IRVIN •
NEVAEH IRVIN • MAHOGANY
BRUCE • MARKAII HEGGS •
MICHAEL HEGGS • MILAYAH
FARRIOR • TORY NELSON

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

HAVING ONLY 12 STUDENTS IN OUR CLASSROOM, KIPP CITYSTEP HAD AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP STRONG CONNECTIONS AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. WITH THIS CLASS COMPOSITION, WE HAD A BLAST EXPANDING OUR CLASSROOM AGENDA TO TOUCH ON OTHER MUSICAL ART FORMS, SUCH AS MUSIC PRODUCTION, DJ-ING AND CREATIVE SONG WRITING. THE CITYSTEPPERS TRULY TOOK OUR SUPERHERO THEME TO HEART AS THEY BROUGHT 110% ENERGY EVERYDAY. US TEACHERS ARE TRULY THANKFUL FOR THEIR PASSION AND EFFORT AND ARE CONFIDENT THEY'LL CONTINUE TO DISPLAY THE SAME COMMITMENT TO OTHER UFE ENDEAVORS. - KIPP CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM



SLACS GIRLS

SLACS GIRLS TEACHERS

ANNIE, ALLY, NICOLE, PRABHNOOF PRATEEK, AND SUNNY THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: IDA B. WEUS EVERYDAY: TEACHERS RENOWNED: OPRAH OUT OF THIS WORLD: WONDER WOMAN



OUR STORYLINE SLACS GIRLS IS FINISHING
THE YEAR WITH SO MUCH ENERGY AND EXCITEMENT
THAT THEY FORGOT THEY ARE GOING TO BE
ENTERING MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR! AS THEY
TALK ABOUT THE NEXT YEAR TO COME, THEY START
HAVING SOME WORRIES ABOUT WHAT IT WILL BE LIKE,
SO THEY START PUTTING THEIR MINDS TOGETHER TO
COME UP WITH WAYS THAT THEY CAN BE BEST
PREPARED FOR THE YEAR TO COME! THOUGH INITIALLY
WORRIED ABOUT ACADEMICS, AFTER THINKING MORE,
THEY REALIZE THAT INTELLIGENCE ISN'T JUST ABOUT
GRADES, BUT ALSO RELATES TO OTHER PARTS OF THEIR
LIFE. SUCH AS IN SELF-ESTEEM AND SELF-AWARENESS.

"I LIKE CITYSTEP BECAUSE I LIKE TO DANCE AND IT'S REALLY GOOD LEADERSHIP. MY FAVORITE PART OF CITY STEP IS WHEN WE ARE DANCING. I LIKE WHEN WE HAVE TO DO THE HARD PARTS OF DANCE LIKE THE STEP." - KADIATOU MAIGA. 5TH GRADE

SLACS GIRLS STUDENTS

SANIYA BENSON • SANIYAH HAINEY • AMIRA
BLAKE • KADIATOU MAIGA • SKYLAR HAYNES •
LYNETTE COPELAND • KALEY LEWIS • JANIYA
RUSS • MAKAYLA WILLIAMS • AMINA RUCKER
• LANA MAXFIELD • TYLIANA THOMPSON •
ALIYAH HAINES • ZAINABU SHERIFF •
MIHANNA HINDSMAN • HAWA KENNEH •
CLAYJLAH YOULO • FATOUMATA CAMARA
MAKAYLA MILLS • ZEINAB DOUMBIA •
KADIJA DIALLO •

JENIAH DEAL •
FANTA BILTY •
YAEL FORD, •

REECE JACKSON-

ROANE •

VALENCIA LARBIE LUARAH MILLSIP



THE LAST YEAR AT SLACS HAS BEEN AMAZING AND THE GIRLS HAVE NOT ONLY MASTERED THEIR DANCES, BUT ALSO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BROADEN THEIR DEFINITION OF INTELLIGENCE TO ENCOMPASS EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE AS WELL AS ACADEMICS. ADDITIONALLY, ALTHOUGH INITIALLY THINKING HEROES WERE PURELY SUPERHEROES, OUR CLASSROOM WAS ABLE TO OPEN UP AND SEE THAT HEROES COULD BE THEIR PARENTS, THEIR TEACHERS, HISTORICAL FIGURES, AND OTHER ROLE MODELS THEY MAY HAVE IN THEIR LIVES. WHEN FIRST ARRIVING IN CLASSROOM, SLACS GIRLS PICKED UP SIGNATURE WITH INCREDIBLE EASE AND ALSO WERE ABLE TO CREATE THEIR OWN DANCE STYLE BY PLAYING COUNTLESS ROUNDS OF BOOM BOOM CHANG AND CREATING UNIQUE CHOREOGRAPHY. THE GIRLS THEN WERE ABLE TO MASTER CHOREO FROM DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES, INCLUDING LEARNING A STEP ROUTINE! ASIDE FROM DANCING AND CHOREOGRAPHING THE GIRLS EXPRESSED THEMSELVES THROUGH DRAWING, FASHION SHOWS, AND CREATING CHOREOGRAPHY. WE LOVED THIS YEAR! — SLACS GIRLS CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM

SLACS AFTERSCHOOL



AFTER A LONG WEEK IN SCHOOL, THE STUDENTS IN SLACS AFTER SCHOOL WERE TIRED. SLACS AFTER SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE EXTREMELY BUSY. WITH HOMEWORK, CLUBS, AND SPORTS, IT'S HARD TO FIND TIME TO ALL COME TOGETHER. THIS MEANT THAT SOME STUDENTS LEARNED DANCES ON DAY ONE HAD TO HELP THEIR FRIENDS LEARN IT ON DAY TWO. WITH KIDS SO BRILLIANT AND EAGER TO DO MORE, SLOWING DOWN TO GO OVER PREVIOUSLY LEARNED TASKS SEEMED TEDIOUS; HOWEVER WITH INSPIRATION FROM THEIR HEROES THEY LEARNED THAT BEING SUPERHERO REQUIRES MORE THAN JUST DOING THINGS FOR YOURSELF. LET'S SEE IF SLACS

STUDENTS COULD PUT THEMSELVES IN THEIR FRIENDS

SHOES AND WALK ON THE JOURNEY
TOWARDS SELFLESSNESS.

SLACS

AFTERSCHOOL IS
CITYSTEP PENN'S FIRST YEAR 2
PROGRAM FOR RETURNING CITYSTEPPERS!

THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: ANGELA DAVIS EVERYDAY: FIREFIGHTERS RENOWNED: CHANCE THE RAPPER • OUT OF THIS WORLD: SPIDERMAN



SLACS AFTERSCHOOL STUDENTS

DARLENA HARPER • ALEXANDER
(ALEX) SUAH • ANTHONY (AJ)
DAVID • SALIMATOU DIALLO •
EYUEL ENGDIA •
DA'SHAY SHEPPARD •

NAMORY MEITE •
MARIAMA DURU
• ZOWAH

WOINEWALA

TESHIYAH WATTS



"MS. DUNN SAW THAT I HAD SO
MUCH ENERGY AND SAID THAT I
WAS 'ALWAYS MOVING' SO I
JOINED. I UKE CITYSTEP BECAUSE
WE HAVE FUN AND THE TEACHERS
ARE COOL." - NAMORY METE

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

IN ITS INAUGURAL YEAR OF PROGRAMMING POST-SCHOOL DAY, SLACS
AFTER-SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS CELEBRATED GROWTH
ON EVERY LEVEL. A COHORT OF DANCERS BECAME A COMMUNITY OF
FRIENDS AS STUDENTS DEVELOPED THEIR TECHNICAL DANCE SKILLS
AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. WITH MANY OF THE STUDENTS
RETURNING FOR A SECOND YEAR OF CITYSTEP, EACH STUDENT TOOK
ON MORE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND FURTHERED THEIR OWN
FAMILIARITY WITH CITYSTEP VALUES AND TRADITIONS. BALANCING HARD WORK
WITH FUN ACTIVITIES TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE GREW TO
LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW AS A GROUP. — SLACS AS CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM

CITYSTEP TEACHERS

WHAT DO CITYSTEP TEACHERS DO?

CITYSTEP TEACHERS ARE DIFFERENT IN MANY WAYS.
FROM OUR BACKGROUNDS, TO OUR HOMETOWNS TO
OUR MAJORS, INTERESTS, AND GOALS, WE ARE A
DIVERSE GROUP. HOWEVER, WE ALL HAVE ONE KEY
THING IN COMMON: WE ARE ALL UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA WHO
ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH ARTS MENTORSHIP! ALL
CITYSTEP TEACHERS VOLUNTEER IN PARTNER SCHOOLS
IN WEST AND SOUTH PHILLY TWICE A WEEK FOR AN
ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR. WE LOVE THE WORK WE DO
AND THE STUDENTS WE GET TO WORK WITH — SEEING
THEM GROW OVER THE COURSE OF A YEAR IS TRULY
EXCITING AND INSPIRING.

"BEING A TEACHER MEANS I GET TO DO TWO OF MY FAVORITE THINGS: DANCE AND TEACH. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT MEANS THAT I GET TO BE A MENTOR AND AT TIMES BE MENTORED BY THE MOST BRILLIANT AND ENERGETIC KIDS. WHEN I HEAR THAT CITYSTEP IS THE KID'S FAVORITE PART OF SCHOOL, I BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND THE WEIGHT OF WHAT WE ARE DOING AND THE ROLE THAT WE PLAY IN THEIR LIVES, AND I AM JUST HAPPY AND HUMBLED TO BE A PART OF THEIR JOURNEYS AND GRATEFUL TO BE A PART

WORK". - ACE (C'21)

"AS A CITYSTEP TEACHER, I HAVE GOTTEN
THE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BE
AROUND AN AMAZING GROUP OF STUDENTS.

OF A GROUP THAT DOES SUCH IMPORTANT

THEIR UNIQUE ENERGIES AND PERSONALITIES HAVE ANIMATED MY
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AND MADE THIS YEAR ALL THE
BETTER. JOINING CITYSTEP IS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS I'VE MADE
AND BEING A PART OF THE KIPP CLASSROOM HAS ONLY ADDED TO
ALL THE GREATNESS!" - SUZY (C'ZI)

TEACHER PIECE STORYLINE

EVERYONE GETS LOST SOMETIMES: HEROES ARE NO EXCEPTION, AND NEITHER ARE TEACHERS! SOMETIMES. GETTING CAUGHT UP IN TEACHING CLASSES LEADS US TO FORGET THAT WE LEARN JUST AS MUCH FROM OUR CITYSTEPPERS AS THEY LEARN FROM US. IF NOT MORE! THE LEARNING PROCESS ISN'T ALWAYS EASY, AND SOMETIMES WE LOSE OUR WAY, BUT THE JOY AND PRIDE WE RECEIVE FROM SEEING OUR CITYSTEPPERS SUCCEED HELPS US TO KEEP OUR GOALS IN SIGHT, TEACHER PIECE IS HERE TO REMIND US THAT OUR CITYSTEPPERS KEEP US MOVING FORWARD LIKE THE HEROES THEY ARE!

"BEING A CITYSTEP TEACHER HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING AND MEANINGFUL THINGS I'VE GOTTEN TO DO WHILE AT PENN. EVERY WEEK I GET TO GET TO KNOW MY STUDENTS AND OTHER TEACHERS ON A DEEPER LEVEL, ALL WHILE DANCING AND HAVING A BLAST. I LOVE GETTING TO SEE OUR

STUDENTS GROW
IN THEIR
CONFIDENCE,
MATURITY, AND
UNIQUE
PERSONALITIES,
ESPECIALLY WHEN
I GET TO BE
EVEN A SMALL
PART OF THAT
PROCESS. MY

EXPERIENCE WITH CITYSTEP WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY HEART"

- CAROLINE (C'19)

SLACS BOYS

SLACS BOYS TEACHERS

MEENA, DALLAS, JESS, MATT, RAKESH, STEPHEN

OUR STORYUNE THE FIFTH GRADE BOYS OF SLACS ARE IN A DEBACLE. THEIR CLASSROOM HAS TRANSFORMED INTO A DYSTOPIA OF CHAOS AND DYSFUNCTION! DETERMINED TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE, THEY SET FORTH ON A MISSION TO FIND A HERO WITH THE MOST HERO-LIKE QUALITY OF THEM ALL, DEPENDABILITY! BUT OF ALL THE HEROES IN THE WORLD, WHO CAN THEY COUNT ON THE MOST? WATCH AS GROOVE THEIR WAY THROUGH THIS QUEST!!

"I UKE HOW WE'RE GOING TO DANCE TO SHOW THE AUDIENCE EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE." — SAMAJ, 5TH GRADE

"MY FAVORITE PART ABOUT CITYSTEP IS, WELL, THEY GIVE YOU TRIPS,THEY TAKE THEIR TIME OFF TO COME AND TEACH US HOW TO DANCE." - LAMNE; 5TH GRADE

"THE BEST PART IS WHEN THEY COME FROM SCHOOL TO TEACH US AND MAKE US LEARN DANCES. I LOVE THE DANCES." — VASETHOU, 5TH GRADE

THE HEROES THAT INSPIRED OUR DANCES

HISTORICAL: HARRET TUBMAN EVERYDAY: YOURSELF RENOWNED: BARACK OBAMA OUT OF THIS WORLD: NARUTO



SLACS BOYS STUDENTS

HUMAI ABBAS-LAMINU . CHRISTOPHER BUSH . JAY BUSH • **JEREMIAH** CHARLESETTA • VASTHOU CAMARA · ALPHA DIALLO · ISHMAEL EADDY . HAUM FORD . MAKAI GREGG-CARRINGTON . JAMIER JAMES • JASEEM JONES AUMAMY KAMARA . CHARNOR KEITA • ISRAEL LEWIS • ELIJAH LLOYD . VAUGHN LUCAS . IBRAHIM MAHMOUD . KAFEE MCCALOP • JEREMIAH NATTEE • SAMAJ PEACE-WALKER •

LAMINE SOUMAHORO

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

THIS YEAR, THE SLACS BOYS TEAM, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE,
LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF PATIENCE AND CONFIDENCE. TOWARDS
THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, OUR BOYS LOVED TO DANCE, BUT
WEREN'T QUITE AS KEEN ON LEARNING HOW TO DANCE AS
A GROUP TO CHOREOGRAPHED AND SOMETIMES

CHALLENGING MOVES. CURRENTLY, HOWEVER, THESE YOUNG SCHOLARS NOT ONLY NAIL THEIR CHOREO WITH BOISTEROUS PRECISION, BUT HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH CREATING AND TEACHING CHOREO OF THEIR OWN!!

- SLACS BOYS CITYSTEP TEACHING TEAM





DEAR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CITYSTEP.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING OUT TO CITYSTEP PRESENTS: HEROES! THIS YEAR, OUR GOAL WAS TO ENCOURAGE CITYSTEPPERS TO GET INSPIRED BY LEARNING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD. WE HOPE THAT BY EXPLORING THIS THEME, CITYSTEPPERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE SUPERHERO WITHIN THEMSELVES. IT HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY MAGICAL TO SEE OUR SIX CLASSROOMS GROW THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. FROM THEIR CLASSROOM LESSONS, TO THEIR DANCE WORKSHOPS, TO THEIR FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL, THEY HAVE BLOWN US AWAY WITH THEIR HARD WORK, KILLER MOVES, AND INFECTIOUS ENERGY.

THE TWO OF US HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS INCREDIBLE ORGANIZATION FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. WE HAVE SEEN IT CHANGE A LOT, FROM ADDING NEW PARTNER SCHOOLS, TO BUILDING OUT TRAINING FOR TEACHERS, TO STRENGTHENING OUR BEST PRACTICES. WE ARE SO HAPPY TO SEE HOW FAR CITYSTEP HAS COME AND EVEN MORE EXCITED TO SEE WHERE IT WILL GO.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED CITYSTEP OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR, AND WE WANT TO GIVE A MAJOR SHOUT-OUT TO EACH AND EVERY CITYSTEPPER AND TEACHER BACKSTAGE FOR THEIR TIRELESS COMMITMENT TO THIS SHOW! IT TAKES AN ENTIRE YEAR TO PREPARE FOR THIS SHOW, BUT THE MEMORIES AND LESSONS LEARNED ALONG THE WAY WILL TRULY LAST A UFETIME.

WITH LOVE. JESS LIM AND DEBBIE RABINOVICH

TEACHER TRAINING AT THE NATIONAL DANCE INSTITUTE

THIS PAST SEPTEMBER. THE COMPANY HAD THE HONOR OF TRAVELING TO NEW YORK CITY TO MEET UP WITH CITYSTEP YALE AND CITYSTEP HARVARD'S LEADERSHIP TEAMS FOR WEEKEND-LONG RETREAT AT THE NATIONAL DANCE INSTITUTE (NDI) IN HARLEM. THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND WE ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS LED BY NDI AS WELL AS OUR HEROINE FOUNDER, SABRINA PECK AND CITYSTEP PENN'S VERY OWN MATTHEW DUDA (2014-2015 CO-EVENTS CHAIR).

NDI TEACHES DANCE IN 41 PUBLIC SCHOOLS EACH WEEK AND WORKS WITH OVER 6,500 NYC STUDENTS. SINCE OUR FIRST WORKSHOP WITH NDI IN 2012, WE HAVE BEEN SO INSPIRED BY THEIR WORK AND THEIR UNIQUE TEACHING METHODS. AT NOI, WE WATCHED THE MASTER TEACHERS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS WORK WITH THEIR CELEBRATION TEAM STUDENTS AND THEN JOINED IN FOR A CHOREOGRAPHY SESSION WITH THE STUDENTS. WE FOLLOWED THIS UP WITH A PRIVATE TEACHING WORKSHOP WITH THE STAFF, WHERE OUR COMPANY WAS ABLE TO ASK CLARIFYING QUESTIONS AND SOLIDIFY OUR UNDERSTANDING OF NOT'S TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

AMONGST CITYSTEP COMPANIES. WE HAD MULTIPLE BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS TO SHARE AND CONSOLIDATE OUR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON HOW WE APPROACH MENTORING OUR STUDENTS THROUGH CREATIVE EXPRESSION. AS CITYSTEP TEACHERS, WE REGULARLY AND JOYFULLY INCORPORATE THE TEACHING TECHNIQUES OF NDI., SABRINA PECK, AND MATT DUDA INTO OUR CLASSROOMS BOTH WHEN TEACHING CHOREOGRAPHY AND ENGAGING WITH OUR CITYSTEPPERS

ON ONE-ON-ONE BASES. OUR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THESE NDI RETREATS REPRESENTS OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL AS A COMPANY: TO BE THE BEST POSSIBLE TEACHERS, MENTORS, AND EXAMPLES TO AND FOR OUR CITYSTEPPERS





'CITYSTEP STUDENTS FROM SLACS, KIPP, COMEGYS, AND JACKSON GATHERED ON PENN'S CAMPUS IN NOVEMBER FOR OUR FIRST DANCE WORKSHOP (DANCESHOP) OF THE YEAR. STUDENTS ACROSS FOUR SCHOOLS AND SIX CLASSROOMS WERE ABLE TO MEET EACH OTHER AND THE OTHER CITYSTEP TEACHERS. AFTER SOME LIGHT SNACKS AND INTRODUCTIONS, THE CITYSTEPPERS JUMPED RIGHT INTO REHEARSAL, CLEANING UP AND PUTTING TOGETHER THEIR FIRST FULL DANCE OF THE YEAR.

AFTER A MORNING FULL OF CHOREOGRAPHY, CITYSTEPPERS WERE READY TO FEAST ON THE VARIETY OF SANDWICHES THE TEACHERS HAD MADE FOR THEM. TURKEY AND CHEESE WAS A CROWD FAVORITE! WE THEN MOVED TO A STAGE WHERE EACH CLASSROOM WAS ABLE TO PERFORM FOR EACH OTHER. DANCES WERE IMAGINATIVE AND FULLY EMBODIED OUR THEME OF HEROES! WITH ONE DANCE DOWN AND A GREATER SENSE OF THE CITYSTEP COMMUNITY, CITYSTEPPERS WERE NOW READY TO TAKE OF A YEAR FULL OF SELF-EXPRESSIVE MOVIN' AND GROOVIN'.

BASKETBALL FIELDTRIP









THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME WE TOOK OUR CITYSTEPPERS TO A PENN BASKETBALL GAME AGAINST HARVARD. THIS GAVE OUR CITYSTEPPERS A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE COLLEGE AND HOPEFULLY TO ENJOY A GREAT GAME OF BASKETBALL. EVEN THOUGH PENN SUFFERED A DEFEAT EVERYONE STILL ENJOYED PIZZA AND DANCING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRETY OF THE GAME. OUR CITYSTEP FAM TOOK UP A WHOLE CORNER OF THE PALESTRA AND WE EVEN GOT TO SEE OUR NAME COME UP ON THE BIG SCREEN! SPECIAL SHOUTOUTS TO SLACS GIRLS FOR BEING THE BEST CHEERLEADERS IN THE STADIUM THAT NIGHT AND OUR COMEGYS GIRLS FOR BEING SO HEAVILY INVESTED! OUR CITYSTEPPERS MET THE PENN QUAKER MASCOT AND ENJOYED ASKING LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT PENN AND COLLEGE ITSELF!

MLK DAY OF SERVICE

AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE CITYSTEP
JOINED GLOBAL CITIZEN 365 IN CELEBRATION OF YEAR-ROUND VOLUNTEER
SERVICE AND CNIC ENGAGEMENT. THE GREATER PHILADELPHIA MARTIN LUTHER
KING DAY OF SERVICE IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST KING DAY OF SERVICE
EVENT IN THE COUNTRY. CITYSTEP ENGAGED IN A RENOVATION PROJECT OF
THE LAURA SIMS SKATING RINK BUILT IN 1985, IT WAS THE FIRST ICE SKATING
RINK BUILT PRIVATELY IN AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND DESIGNED BY
AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARCHITECT THEODORE R. CAPERS. THIS
ESTABLISHMENT IS A CORNERSTONE OF THE COBBS CREEK COMMUNITY AND
CITYSTEP ENGAGED IN CLEANING THE FACILITIES AND HELPING TO CLEAN-UP
THE RINK. THE 2019 MLK DAY OF SERVICE WAS A SUCCESS AS ALWAYS, AND
WE WERE SO EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO SHARE CITYSTEP WITH THE
PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY.







DANCESHOP 2 WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. IT WAS SO EXCITING TO HAVE ALL OF OUR CITYSTEPPERS IN ONE PLACE AND TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF WORK THEY HAVE DONE SINCE THE FALL SEMESTER COME TO UFE. WE STARTED THE DAY PRACTICING CHOREOGRAPHY FOR THE SHOW IN CLASSROOMS, AND IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE ALL OF THE INDIVIDUAL PIECES COMING TOGETHER.

THEN WE HAD TIME TO SPUT IN TO SMALL GROUPS AND TAKE OUR STUDENTS ON INFORMAL TOURS AROUND PENN'S CAMPUS TO SHOW THEM WHAT WE DO EVERY DAY AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THEY HAD ABOUT COLLEGE!

AFTERWARDS, EACH CLASSROOM HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM FOR THE REST OF CITYSTEP, AND WATCHING EACH CLASSROOM SUPPORT AND CHEER FOR EACH OTHER GOT US EVEN MORE EXCITED FOR THE SHOW. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY ALL OF THE HARD WORK WE PUT IN TO MAKING THIS MOMENT HAPPEN!

COMPANY UPDATES

OUR YEAR AS A COMPANY HAS BEEN INCREDIBLE! AROUND ONE YEAR AGO, OUR CURRENT BOARD WAS ELECTED. WE HAD TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO PLAN FOR THE YEAR: AT A CITYSTEPORG CURRICULUM ENCAMPMENT WITH OUR AMAZING FOUNDER SABRINA PECK, AND AT OUR LEADERSHIP RETREAT DURING NSO.



HOMECOMING

WE WERE REALLY EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK SOME FAMILIAR FACES FOR OUR ANNUAL HOMECOMING GATHERING. ONCE A CITYSTEPPER, ALWAYS A CITYSTEPPER!



INTRODUCING BOARD 2019-2020

HEAD CHOREOGRAPHER: AVNA HURVITZ

WE'RE THRILLED TO HAVE JUST ELECTED A NEW BOARD, WE ARE SURE THEY WILL DO A TERRIFIC JOB NEXT YEAR!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS: GRACE WU+SUNNY REARDON
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: SKAI KONYHA+ TANDRA MITCHELL
EDUCATION CHAIRS: ADRIAN C EVANS IV+RACHEL FROMER
EVENTS COORDINATORS: MILES MELINE+PRATEEK AGARWAL
MARKETING CHAIRS: MATT CROSS+NICOLE KIM
SHOW CHAIR: ALLY MARGOLIS

FALL AND SPRING NEWBIES!

WE WERE REALLY EXCITED TO EXPAND OUR COMPANY BY TAKING NOT ONE, BUT TWO, CLASSES OF NEW TEACHERS! THOUGH THE VETS REMAINED THE REIGNING BOTD CHAMPS, NEWBIES IMPRESSED US IN EVERY OTHER WAY IMAGINABLE.

FALL NEWBIES

ADRIAN EVANS, ALLY MARGOLIS, AVA
PERRY, FINTAN O'TOOLE, HANNAH
ROGERS, JEN GOMEZ, JOE BRAU,
PRABHNOOR KAUR, PRATEEK AGARWAL,
RAKESH RAVI, STEPHEN TANNENBAUM,
SUSSET TAMAYO

SPRING NEWBIES

DALLAS TAYLOR, JAYLEN DAVIS, LIZ KIM, MILES MELINE, NAVPREET REEHAL, NICOLE KIM

GRADUATING SENIORS

WE CANNOT BELIEVE IT, BUT THE TIME HAS ALMOST COME TO SAY GOODBYE TO OUR SENIORS. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE FOR THIS COMPANY AND FOR OUR STUDENTS!

CLASS OF 2019

ANDREW STACHEL, CAROLINE SCOWN, DEBBIE RABINOVICH, JENNY LANGER, JESS LIM, JOE BRAU, MEENA DUNCAN, YOSSI SACHI





CAROLINE IS SUCH A CARO-FINE DANCER! YOUR ROOMMATES ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

HEY CITYSTEP!!! (YA) I LOVE YALL WITH MY WHOLE HEART, AND AM HEART-BROKEN THAT I CAN'T BE THERE TO CELEBRATE THE SHOW WITH YOU. GOOD LUCK!!! @CITYSTEPPERS, YOU GOT THIS! I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR ALL ABOUT HOW YOU SHINE ON STAGE. SO MUCH CITYLOVE (AND PRETZEL CRUMBS + PIZZA CRUST), NICOLE/FRAZ

SHOUTS TO THE BIG BADDY ZADDY SREARDON FOR BEING THE REALIST HOME FROM THE CLOSET OF COXE 303 TO THE FIELDS OF MOUNT AIRY. THAT'S MY WIFE. - CHRISTINA PIASECKI

SHOUT OUT TO OUR INCREDIBLE NEWBIES! WE ARE OBSESSED WITH YOU AND WE LOVE YOU. — JESS N DEBS

Congratulations to all members of CityStep -teachers and kids!

What a wonderful program! And congratulations to

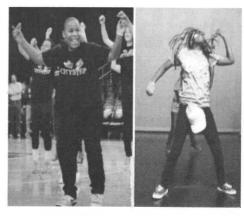
Aviva Hurvitz. We are so very proud of you. Explode Baby!!



Love,



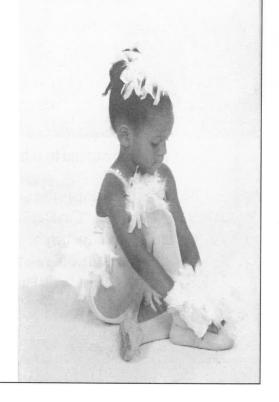
Grandma, Mommy, Auntie, Daleee, Aunt Evie, Uncle David, Asher, and Gessica



Congratulations to all the incredible CityStep Penn TEACHERS and STUDENTS! CityStep hugs, Sabrina, Luana and CityStep.org!

Meena Duncan: Steppin since 1997. Break a leg Citysteppers!

Love. Mummy and Daddy



Go SLACS!!!



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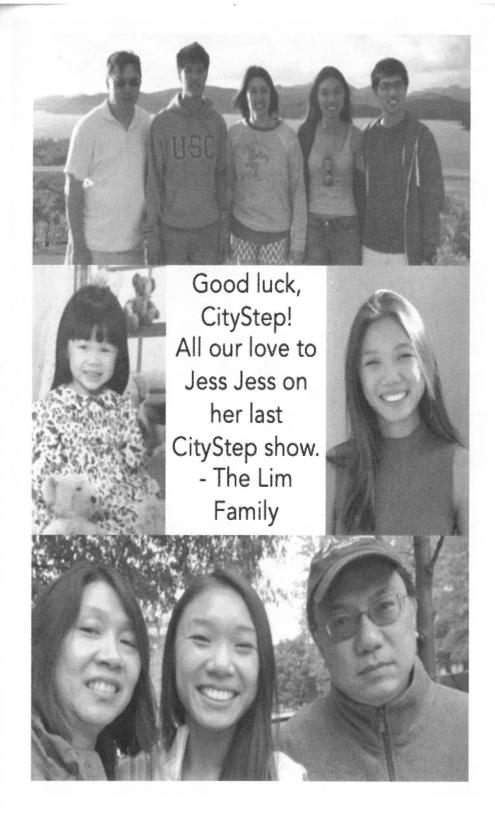
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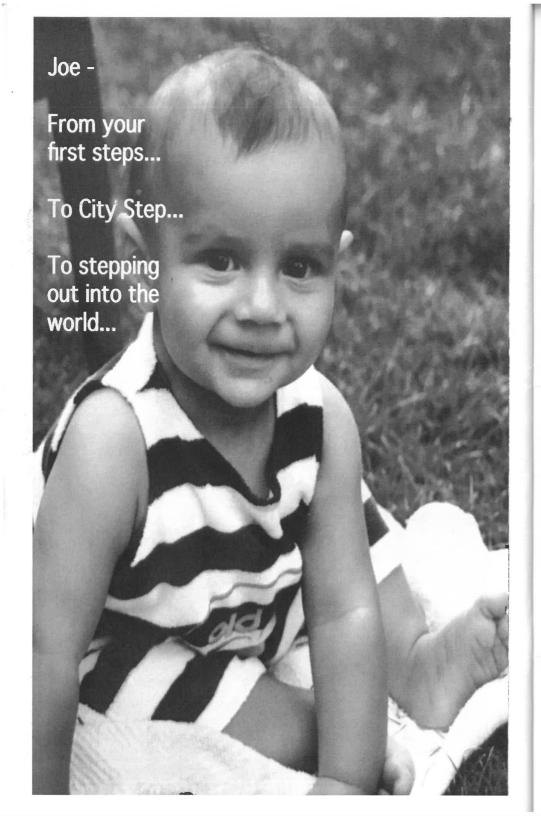
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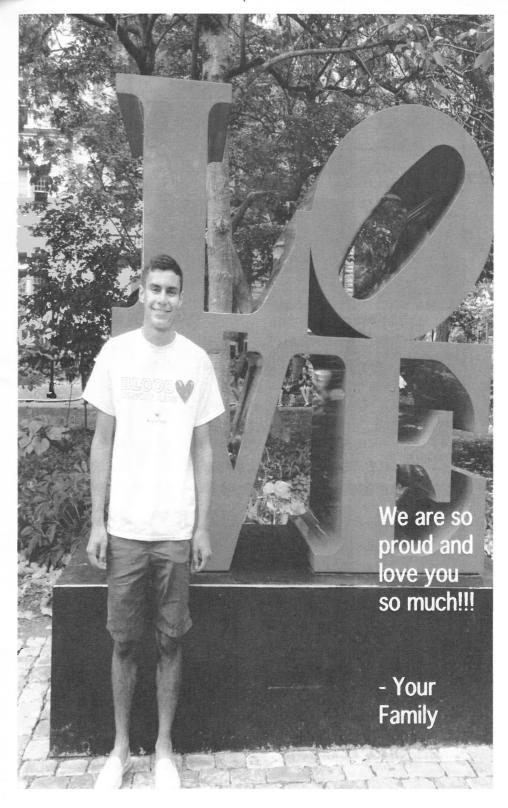
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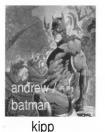
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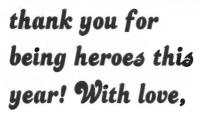








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TO OUR WONDERFUL PARTNER SCHOOLS: SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL, ANDREW JACKSON SCHOOL, BB COMEGYS SCHOOL AND KIPP WEST PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

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TO SABRINA PECK, LUANA DE BORST, AND OUR VERY OWN FRAZ FOR YOUR ENDLESS LOVE, BRILLIANCE, AND DEDICATION. WE APPRECIATE CITYSTEP.ORG SO VERY MUCH!

TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS' FAMILIES AND FRIENDS AND TO YOU FOR COMING TO OUR SHOW!

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