

September 2009 School News

The Sacramento Ballet's Dance Education Training Program (DETP) is pleased to announce its 2009-2010 scholarship recipients

- **Thomas E. McCauley Scholarship** was awarded to Alex Stewart
- **Eileen McCauley and Dennis Main Scholarship** was awarded to MacKenzie Quinn and Solana Tanabe
- **The Dance Education Training Program Scholarship** was awarded to Pilar Malim

Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients!

Seventeen year old **Alex Stewart** is a senior at Natomas Charter School. As a youngster, he appeared as Fritz in *The Nutcracker* and continues to enjoy performing a variety of roles in the holiday classic. He has just returned from spending his 2nd summer at the Boston Ballet's Summer Intensive Program. **MacKenzie Quinn**, already a nine year veteran of *The Nutcracker*, is a 14 year old sophomore at Horizon Charter School. She attended the Intensive Summer Program at the Houston Ballet this summer, as did **Solana Tanabe**, a 14 year old freshman at Rio American High School. MacKenzie also participated in the legendary Suzanne Farrell's Exploring Ballet Program in Washington. Both girls have performed many children's roles with the Sacramento Ballet and will dance *Waltz of the Flowers* in *The Nutcracker* again this season. **Pilar Malim** is an 18 year old sophomore at Sierra College and was one of the Dance Education Training Program's very first students. She has appeared in *The Sleeping Beauty* and a number of roles in *The Nutcracker*. Last year she traveled and performed in China with the Long Beach Ballet's Summer Program.

Where are they now?

Aaron Bahadursingh, the first **Thomas E. McCauley Scholarship** recipient has been accepted to the prestigious School of American Ballet in NYC. Bravo Aaron! Our first **Eileen McCauley and Dennis Main Scholarship** recipient, **Jessica Lawrence**, will dance as an apprentice with Suzanne Farrell for eight weeks and then return home to become an apprentice with the Sacramento Ballet. Congratulations Jessica! **Ellee Gee**, our first **Dance Education Training Program Scholarship** recipient is headed for NYC to continue her studies with the Joffrey Ballet Trainee Program. Good Luck Ellee!

Guess what three of our graduating seniors have chosen as majors in college? Dance, of course! **Megan Ragland** will be attending UC Santa Barbara, **Rachel Proud** will be at UC Irvine, and **Jacqueline Wedick** is headed to the University of Utah. We will miss you all!

Roseville Press Tribune link for an article about MacKenzie Quinn:

http://rosevillept.com/detail/128809.html?content_source=&category_id=&search_filter=&user_id=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&event_ts_to=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=1&sub_type=&town_id

Roseville Press Tribune link for an article about Jessica Lawrence:

http://rosevillept.com/detail/128125.html?content_source=&category_id=&search_filter=suzanne+farrell&user_id=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&event_ts_to=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=1&sub_type=&town_id