

Alyssa Casamassa

Dance Educator & Choreographer

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As a passionate dance educator with extensive training and experience in various dance forms, I am dedicated to inspiring and educating students of all ages, backgrounds, and levels. My teaching, performing, and choreographing expertise spans different forms of dance, which allows me to provide an enriching and holistic learning experience to my students. I am also an accomplished choreographer known for creating innovative and engaging pieces. When working with children, I combine patience, creativity, and enthusiasm to connect and motivate students!

EDUCATION

Hofstra University | School of Humanities, Fine and Performing Arts Hempstead, NY

Sep 2021 - May 2026

Bachelor of Science | Major: Dance Education | Major GPA: 3.40

Pending NYS K-12 Certification | Minors in Criminology and Sociology

Awards: Dean's List (Spring '24, Fall '25) | Cumulative GPA: 3.0

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Royal Dance Center

Babylon Village, NY *Dance Teacher & Choreographer*

Aug 2019 - Present

- Instruct foundational and advanced technique across multiple styles including ballet, contemporary, lyrical, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, and musical theatre, adapting instruction to varied age levels and abilities
- Choreographed 45+ pieces over the years for competition team and recreational classes, including solos, duos/trios, small and large groups, productions, and more. Demonstrating versatility, creative leadership, and strong rehearsal direction

Walt Whitman High School | Dance Program

Huntington Station, NY *Student Teacher* | Cooperating Teacher: Dr. Susan Radin

Jan 2026 - Mar 2026

- Re-staged and choreographed piece "Sonder" originally performed for Hofstra University, on Modern II students for the May Dance Concert at the request of the cooperating teacher, changing/refining spacing, timing, and performance quality
- Assumed full teaching responsibilities during student teaching, planning and delivering sequential dance instruction while assessing student growth and adapting to varied learning needs

PS 21Q The Edward Hart School | Dance Program

Flushing, NY *Student Teacher* | Cooperating Teacher: Mrs. Valerie Ramsey

Mar 2026 - May 2026

- Assumed full teaching responsibilities teaching two units for K-2 and 3-5. Curated lesson plans based on level, grade, and age
- Taught over 800 students, with a variety of backgrounds, certain needs, and various languages

DISTINGUISHED CHOREOGRAPHY

Danceworks

Hofstra University | Hempstead, NY *Choreographer*

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

- "FUEGO" Choreographed for the club that has over 150 members, selected through an audition process for the show
- Cast and directed 21 college dancers in a hip hop piece inspired by Spanish cultural influences, managing large-group rehearsals and partnering with lighting design to enhance stage impact

Student Rep Show

Hofstra University | Hempstead, NY *Choreographer*

Sep 2025 - Dec 2025

- "Sonder" Selected through a competitive audition process to present original choreography in the Student Rep performance
- Cast and directed 7 dance majors, leading weekly rehearsals and collaborating with lighting design to execute a cohesive artistic vision

SKILLS

Show Caller

Hofstra University | Hempstead, NY *Show Caller*

Feb 2025 - May 2025

- Memorized and managed detailed cue sheets while communicating clearly with backstage crew and technical staff under live-performance pressure, called and executed performance cues for lighting and sound, ensuring seamless flow and timing