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1. Carolyn Mallon & Eric Reingold ................. Hustle
2. Heather Wilding & Keith Wilding ............... Tango
3. Kaleena Guzman & Chad Johnson ............... Salsa, Country Two-Step
4. Kristin Clark & Anthony Poore ................. Musical Theatre
5. Tammy Amnott & Shawn Buck ..................... Jazz Piece

Brief Intermission

6. Kathy Mathis & Jeff Mathis ....................... Paso Doble
7. Suzi Pegg & Keith Nyhan .......................... Disco
8. Emily Ricard & Sam Durfee ....................... QuickStep
9. Karen Welch & Tom Raffio ....................... Rock & Roll
10. Amanda Orlowskyj & Craig Thibaudeau ...... Street Jazz

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Welcome to the 10th Annual Winter Fling at NHTI!

This fundraising event has been held for an entire decade to the joy and delight of the Concord community. So much so, that in all of my external community meetings, everyone either knew a dancer, was a dancer or attended the annual extravaganza! To celebrate this year, we wanted to create something extra special and memorable by bringing back our incredible past dancers!

As we applaud and admire their dances this evening, I want to express my immense gratitude and appreciation for your continued support of our students and the college. We could not host such a magnificent event without the generous support and hard work of our dancers, our community and our sponsors who have helped to grow the President’s Fund for Excellence. This $400,000 fund has transformed students’ lives through the scholarships we are able to provide, to the emergency funds which ease students’ financial burden, to the innovative programs we offer. We witness the power of student support each and every day and thanks to you, our fund is growing!

Thank you especially to our presenting sponsor Merrimack County Savings Bank, and to all of the vote buying and tables that were purchased. And, of course, thank you to the Concord Dance Academy and Let’s Dance Studio who cajoled and encouraged our dancers to try out new dances and coached them to the excellence you will see this evening!

Dance transforms moods and is defined as the hidden language of the soul—I am certain that you will enjoy your magical evening tonight at NHTI, Concord’s Community College!

Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki
NHTI President
The President’s Fund for Excellence

Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki, President of NHTI, Concord’s Community College, is pleased to award the following fifteen students a scholarship of $500 from The President’s Fund for Excellence for the spring 2020 semester. Each of these students have a 3.1 or greater grade point average and have financial need.

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Benjamin Dery  Education
Elysia Desjardins  Architectural Engineering Technology
Jennifer Evans  Criminal Justice
Brycen Hill  Criminal Justice
McKaylee Loomis  Early Childhood Education
Angelo Papadopoul  Criminal Justice
Connor Skane  Electronic Engineering Technology
Connor Trask  Criminal Justice
Matthew Wardwell  Architectural Engineering Technology

Student Support

Dr. Mullin-Sawicki has recognized that many of our students struggle to pay for college and all the other costs associated with higher education. Therefore, she has allocated $1,500 to help students that cannot afford books for the Spring 2020 semester out of The President’s Fund for Excellence. These books will be on loan to the student for the semester, with the eventual return and re-sale of the books continuing to support this effort.

Academic Excellence

$1,000 was recently allocated out of The President’s Fund for Excellence to help support the 2nd Annual Exhibition of Student Work, scheduled for April 30th, 5-7pm. This event showcases student work across disciplines and allows the college community to celebrate student ingenuity, creativity and deep thinking. This event is open to the public and you are all invited to attend.
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Carolyn Mallon is a 2012 graduate of NHTI’s nursing program, having personally benefitted from a scholarship from tonight’s cause: NHTI’s President’s Fund for Nursing Excellence. Applying NHTI’s motto, “Start Here, Go Anywhere,” Carolyn completed her Bachelor’s in Nursing at SNHU and is now enrolled in a Doctorate in Nursing Practice program at Rush University, studying to be a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. With a passion for community service and mental health, Carolyn has volunteered with the Crisis Center of Central NH, Beacon Hospice, HOPE for NH Recovery, and as an English tutor at Second Start in Concord.

Carolyn’s road to New Hampshire took her from military bases in California, Japan, and England... and finally to Concord in 2009. The community here has been welcoming and full of opportunity, and Carolyn is now very proud to call Concord home. Carolyn is mother to two wonderful children, Amelia and Henry, and to a pug named Sigmund. In her spare time, Carolyn enjoys film photography, genealogy, and quilting.

Carolyn is very excited to dance for the benefit of NHTI, the school that got her started. She would like to thank her dance partner, Eric, for being game to dance again after a seven-year break. Thanks also to their wonderful choreographer, Roman, at Let’s Dance Studio. Finally, thanks to her fiancé, Simon, for his good humor, support, and help with the kids through many hours of rehearsal.

Eric Reingold grew up in Concord and, after traveling the world, decided to settle down where he grew up and take over Endicott Furniture, his family business located in downtown Concord. Avid musician, businessman, rock climber, and general man-about-town, he is admittedly NOT a dancer. He agreed to dance because he is apparently a glutton for humiliation and has remained friends with his original dance partner from many years ago, Carolyn Mallon.
A Celebration of the Centennial of Women's Suffrage: 1920 - 2020

The Chorale presents a full program of female composers, commemorating the Suffrage movement, including works by Gwyneth Walker, Bernice Johnson Reagon, Andrea Ramsey, Sarah Quartel and Lisa Young.

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The team of Heather and Keith Wilding was first introduced to ballroom dancing during the 12th grade when their entire class took dance lessons in preparation for the senior prom. Eight years later they again dipped their toes into the ballroom dancing pool in preparation for their wedding. Two decades after their first dance as “Mr. and Mrs. Wilding” Heather and Keith jumped at the chance to compete in the 2018 Dancing with the Concord Stars where they won “Most Theatrical” & “Best Overall.” The Wildings are now excited to be back, defending their titles, with the 2020 Dancing with the Concord “All Stars!”

Heather Wilding is a Global Business Analyst at Clarks in Waltham, MA. Heather is also the family-CFO and Lead Educational Overseer for the couple’s two teens. In her infrequent spare time, Heather enjoys hiking, downhill skiing, and refereeing professional underwater hockey. Heather is excited to showcase both her Argentinian and British bloodlines with a sensuously stiff-upper-lipped rendition of the tango!

Keith “DH” Wilding is the Department Chair for the Paramedic Emergency Medicine program at NHTI – Concord’s Community College. Keith’s background includes four years as a public school science teacher before becoming a paramedic in 2000. Keith came on board with the NHTI paramedic program in 2010 as an Adjunct Professor before moving to the full-time position of Lead Instructor in 2013, and finally to his current role in 2016. On the weekends, when not working as a paramedic or driving the dad-taxi, Keith spends his time in the mountains – either skiing or hiking. Keith (still) wishes his dance costume had a sword.

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Dance Team #3
Kaleena Guzman & Chad Johnson
Dance: Salsa, Country Two-step
Dance Instructors: Jennifer Gordon & Roman Sirotin

Kaleena Guzman Hrycuna is a wearer of many hats, to say the least! She is an NHTI alumni and she works full-time as the Program Coordinator for the Concord Regional Technical Center. She also owns KAGEM Chic Designs Wedding & Event planning, assists her husband with his business AK Plumbing & Heating, and is the Executive Director of Opera NH! Oh and as if that’s all not enough, she’s a mom to five year old Johnny and currently 6 months pregnant with baby Theo, due in May! Kaleena is an all around people person and loves to make people smile, she has an eye for design and is always willing to lend a helping hand.

Chad Johnson “In west Philadelphia born and raised, on the playground was where I spent most of my days. One day I was chilling out maxing relaxing all cool and all shooting some b-ball outside of the school, when a couple of guys who were up to no good started making trouble in my neighborhood. I got in one little fight and my mom got scared so she said you’re moving with your auntie and uncle in New Hampshire.”

When not reciting 1980’s lyrics, Chad is a professor at NHTI in the Information Technology (IT) Program. He is a 2000 graduate of Concord High School and 2013 graduate of NHTI.

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Upcoming NHTI Events

**4th Down and 4 (Miles) road race** February 2nd, 11am at Northeast Delta Dental (fundraiser for NHTI Cross Country team)

**Innovation Lab Community Meeting** March 6th, noon-2pm in the NHTI Learning Commons Innovation Lab/Living Room. Come and learn about our new initiative to partner businesses with our students in manufacturing, IT, hospitality, business, and animation/graphic design

**14th Annual Spring Ahead 5k** March 7th, 11am (fundraiser for NHTI Cross Country team)

**20th Annual Multicultural Day** March 31, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

**Wellness Fair** April 7th, 11am – 2pm

**16th Annual NHTI Northeast Delta Dental 5K Road Race** April 17th, 6pm (fundraiser for Jen Kemp Scholarship Fund)

**2nd Annual Exhibition of Student Work** April 30th, 5-7pm
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Kristin Clark is the Business Banking Development Officer with “Merrimack County Savings Bank”. She has been in the banking industry for nearly 30 years and has served on a number of boards and committees over the years. She really enjoys being able to assist and/or participate in the many different events in Concord as well as in the surrounding areas. Kristin has been a lifelong resident of Laconia, NH, where she raised 2 wonderful children, Kyle and Jessica. She now has the pleasure of basking in the blessings of being a Grandmother. Among the many hobbies, Dancing and Singing has always been a great passion for her, so this was right up her alley. Kristin is known for her positive outlook, an abundance of energy, and a get it done attitude. Her favorite season is the “NO MORE SNOW” season. You will often find her entrenched in a building project that started off as just a visit to Lowes for some flowers and turned into a truck load of lumber with a vision of shoot for the stars. As well, Kristin is a motorcycle enthusiast, and would love to one day travel across country (as she remembers doing several times with her family as a child) but with a greater appreciation for its beauty as an adult.

Anthony Poore joined NH Humanities as Executive Director in 2018 having worked 25 years as a practitioner, policy analyst, researcher and executive addressing the community, economic, cultural and social needs of the Granite State. Anthony currently serves on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Community Loan Fund, New Hampshire Endowment for Health, Manchester Community College and NH Listens Advisory Boards. Anthony resides in Manchester with his dog Mohamed Ali and is the father of two amazing teenage daughters, Mariana and Danyela Poore.

We would both like to extend a huge round of applause to Maria Iozza-Taylor of the Concord Dance Academy for her time and dedication in the development of our routine as well as the personal hours of instruction. What a wonderful Dance Teacher!
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Tammy Amnott is a Realtor with Farms & Barns RE, LLC, a real estate company that specializes in farm, equine, agricultural, and rural properties. She has been traipsing around NH for the past 14 years selling farms and loving it. Prior to Farms & Barns, she taught middle & elementary school for 13 years in Massachusetts & New Hampshire. Tammy resides on a hobby farm with her husband, Glenn, teenage son, Gabriel, three Carolina Dogs, a couple of cats, a small flock of chickens, a sassy miniature horse, named Penelope and her best friend, Tucker, an Irish Sport Horse.....living her dream!

When she is not visiting farms, she is a loud Bishop Brady Giants fan who enjoys watching Gabriel play basketball. She is an avid horseback rider, loves foxhunting, relaxing at the lake, and aspires to event and compete again someday as an equestrian.

HUGE shout out to Karin Lewis for all the wonderful lessons, supportive pep talks, and great laughs. This will be a memory that won’t be forgotten. Shawn and I hope to take you back to a different era and are eager to entertain you to an oldie but goodie that we hope you will be singing for the rest of the weekend. GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Shawn Buck is the director of the NH State Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen. In 2008, he retired as an Army officer after assignments leading artillery soldiers in Korea, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Georgia and Hawaii. He taught future Army leaders at West Point and UCLA. He also worked to recruit America’s Army at Fort Knox, KY. He is a graduate of the West Point class of 1987 and the Northwestern University-Kellogg School of Management class of 1997. He is proud to be Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger qualified.

A native of Chicago, Shawn and his family moved to New Hampshire where he worked as a Director of Operations and Planning, Director of Supply Chain, and Vice President of Operations for two private companies. He still passionately cheers for Chicago sports teams! He served on the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Concord. He also serves as an Admissions Liaison for the US Military Academy.

He would like to thank Karin Lewis and all the folks at Concord Dance Academy for their time, talent and encouragement. Thanks to his new partner, Tammy – who kept up the positive energy and motivated a sometimes reluctant partner. Finally, most thanks to his wife Diana and their three grown children for being positive, supportive, and...well, tolerant of ridiculous dancing at weddings and a second DWTCS!
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Dance Team #6  
Kathy & Jeff Mathis  
Dance: Paso Doble  
Dance Instructors: Roman and Jennifer of Let’s Dance Studio

Kathy Mathis - Kathy Smith married Jeff Mathis at the ripe age of 58. Marathons, bike crashes, old movies, and Bad Girl parties were nothing compared to the excitement of wearing a cathedral gown in a tiny venue. Seven years later, Kathy and Jeff are living in Concord with two cats and a giant mythical dog. Kathy was blessed also to inherit three daughters. They are all here tonight.

Kathy was Program Director at the NH Humanities Council from 1988 to 2018. Before that she was a journalist, and has been a poet and freelance writer for most of her life. She particularly enjoyed her series of profiles on Master Innkeepers of New England. They paid her for eating gourmet food, sleeping in princess beds (no peas ever), and getting to know the most hospitable people on the planet. Recently she co-authored a book on the Dunfey family legacy with Eleanor, the youngest of the original tribe.

Life is good: body whole, family tolerant, and friends galore. Her motto: Do it ‘til it hurts.

Jeffrey Dean Mathis is an environmental, safety and health manager for BAE Systems, New Hampshire’s largest manufacturing employer. Born in Texas, raised in Oklahoma, as a 35-year NH resident, Jeff appreciates the climate and the people. In Oklahoma, April Showers Brings May Flower” has no meaning.

Jeff’s dancing experience includes a performance in first grade, and a brief but memorable performance as a song-and-dance robot in 4th grade. Jeff’s current dancing is limited to performing for the expert choreographers and dance instructors, Roman and Jennifer, at Let’s Dance Studio on Main Street in Concord. Jeff is hoping that all audience eyes will be on Kathy during the performance so that his mistakes will be overlooked.

Jeff and Kathy have three grown daughters, Lori, Leanne and Kennedy. Kennedy, formerly a student of NHTI, is currently attending graduate school at Simons in Boston with double major of Library Science and History. Kennedy’s experience at NHTI proves the importance of a community college educational option.
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Suzi Pegg is the Economic Development Director for the City of Concord, attracting new business investment to the City. Born in Sheffield, UK which explains her distinct accent! She became a US Citizen 4 years ago and is a relatively new resident to NH compared to everyone else in Concord. She loves the City with a passion and has quickly found her groove here including dancing with her adult tap dancing crew at CDA. She has a great respect for her dance partner, Keith, whose dancing skills have blossomed over their dancing partnership and she is very proud of the work he puts into it all. Both of them aim to knock the ball out of the court on their dance this year. ‘Memorable’ and ‘breathtaking’ are what they are looking for. Many thanks to Ally from CDA for her guidance and instruction for this year’s dance. So let’s get the disco ball rolling. It’s time to get your groove thing on!

Keith Nyhan was recently elected to his eighth term on Concord’s City Council and serves the residents of New Hampshire as the Director of Consumer Services at the State Insurance Department. A former U.S. Army linguist (Arabic) and graduate of the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA), where he majored in Russian, Keith is most proud of his three “brilliant and talented children” - Joe (20), a concert violinist and Physics major at Holy Cross; Meaghan (17), a national dance champion and senior at Concord High School; and Beth (11), a competitive gymnast and Flutist at Rundlett Middle School.

When asked about his motivation for competing in DWTS, Keith writes “I continue to be inspired by my oldest daughter, Meaghan, who has danced at Concord Dance Academy for 14 years. I see how much joy dancing brings to her life. Her passion for dance, love for her teammates and commitment to self-improvement are immeasurable. DWTS allows me the opportunity to share those experiences with her on a more personal level.”

Special thanks to my wonderful wife, Sarah (27 years), dance partner, Suzi Pegg, and instructor, Ally Thorpe. Your collective patience, sense of humor, and words of encouragement have propelled me forward.
NHTI Dental Programs Lauded

Dental Assisting Ranked in Top 10 Nationally
Washington Monthly magazine, known for its annual College Rankings first published in 2006, ranked NHTI’s Dental Assisting Professional Certificate program seventh in the nation in its August 2018 study, “America’s Best and Worst Colleges for Vocational Certificates.”

The magazine’s 2018 College Rankings included its first effort – and the first such effort anywhere, it claims – to rank certificate programs as opposed to degree programs. Using data from the U.S. Department of Education’s “gainful employment” database, the Monthly looked at the twelve most commonly-offered certificates. It compared the median earnings of graduates of the schools offering these certificates, three years after graduation.

NHTI’s Dental Assisting program ranked seventh in the nation among schools whose graduates had the highest median incomes. NHTI was the only New England school to appear in the Top 10

Dental Hygiene Makes New England's Top 8
NHTI’s Dental Hygiene Associate Degree program was listed among the top dental programs in New England in a report released in January 2019 by Dental SEO Marketing, a Massachusetts-based online marketing company that exclusively serves dental practices.

The firm reviewed hundreds of dental programs in New England, arriving at a list of eight “top” programs based on course offerings, tuition, aid, student happiness, and graduation rates. NHTI was the only New Hampshire school to make the cut.
Emily Ricard, a New Hampshire native, serves as a Treasury Sales Officer for Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. She works with businesses in New Hampshire & Vermont to assist with growth, organization and profitability.

Emily is an NHTI Alumni who is currently residing in Sunapee, New Hampshire. Although recently taking the leap to move closer to the mountains, Emily keeps her Concord connections strong. She shares her love for community and leadership by helping to cultivate a local young professional group in the Lake Sunapee area (LSRYPN). Emily is a Leadership Greater Concord Alumni (2018 – Best Class Ever!) and currently is an active steering board member for the Capital Area Student Leaders. In her spare time Emily actively participates as a Wish Grantor for Make-A-Wish New Hampshire.

Emily would like to extend a large thank you to both her dance partner Sam and her dance instructor Jennifer for the endless laughter and encouragement.

Sam Durfee works as Senior Planner for the City of Concord. He also plays for New Hampshire Wolves, the Concord-based, championship-caliber hurling team (YouTube it).

Sam moved to NH to attend Plymouth State University and has stayed in NH to enjoy the mountains and other outdoor recreation opportunities the state has to offer. He is an avid mountain biker and hiker, and has more hobbies than time allows.

Sam would like to thank his partner Emily and their instructor Jennifer for putting up with his painfully persistent provision of puns.
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Karen Welch is an Implementation Project Manager for SAP Concur. She is a 1987 Graduate of NHTI with an Associates in Accounting. Karen has been very involved with the Alumni at NHTI. She is a current member on the NHTI Advisory Board. In her free time, she loves camping with her family and vacations to Arizona and Florida for Spring Training Baseball.

Tom Raffio is president & CEO of Northeast Delta Dental, the Concord-based dental insurance company that administers dental benefits for nearly 927,000 people in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Tom is a graduate of Harvard University, has an MBA from Babson College, and is a Fellow of the Life Management Institute.

Since moving to New Hampshire in 1995, Tom has been an engaged civic leader. His current community involvement includes but is not limited to: Chair of the New Hampshire Coalition for Business and Education; Chairman of the Bow Schools Foundation; Board member and former Chairman of the Board, Early Learning New Hampshire; Board member of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats Foundation. He is also a member of the NH Scholars Leadership Board where he also serves as a Champion. Tom serves on the NH Historical Society’s Democracy Project Committee as well.

When not dancing the night away, Tom co-authors books. In 2018, Tom co-authored *Mindfulness: A Better Me; A Better You; A Better World*, and in 2013, Tom co-authored *There Are No Do-Overs: The Big Red Factors for Sustaining a Business Long Term*. 

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Amanda Orlowskyj has served as makeup artist for the Winter Fling for the past 5 years, Amanda is a big supporter of the NHTI annual event. Amanda works as an Esthetician and Assistant Salon Director at Salon K in downtown Concord. In her time at the salon she has also become a member of Aveda’s North American Artistic Team for Spa and you can find her travelling to teach and create new curriculum. Her work ranges from makeup and eyelash extensions to IPL treatments and facials. Her true career passion is connecting with guests and providing an elevated relaxing experience.

When not in the spa, Amanda loves spending time with her husband, family, friends, and dog Molly. A lover of community service, environmentalism, travel, dance, and amazing food she loves living in New Hampshire for all it has to offer. Originally from Colebrook, and having taken a brief NH hiatus to work on cruise ships, she dragged her husband from the UK and settled at their home in Northfield.

Other than her previous Winter Fling dance experience, Amanda had tap and ballet lessons when she was little, but feels so happy to have the opportunity as an adult. She is so thankful for her incredibly talented partner, Craig, for his kindness, understanding, and lifting abilities. And to their choreographer, Maria; her attention to detail, dedication, and ability to make every rehearsal fun has been so appreciated! A huge thank you to everyone at Stockwell Physical Therapy, especially Tracey, none of this would have been possible without you guys!” Preparation for this All-Star competition has been nothing shy of difficult and eventful, but so rewarding and she feels so blessed to be a part of it again!

Craig Thibaudeau is owner of Impact Gymnastics Academy in Bow. Impact opened its’ doors in May 2018 which fulfilled a lifelong dream for Craig. At Impact, Craig spends his time coaching the boy’s Junior Olympic team, organizing and managing camps and helping to make sure everyone has an incredible experience. Craig also consults to New Hampshire School Districts as a clinical psychologist. After receiving his doctorate in 2007, he has been finding much joy working with students, teachers and administrators to improve their quality of school life. Though he does not have a lot of free time, dancing of any form is a release for Craig. He is excited about getting on the Winter Fling dance floor one more time, and is grateful to his partner Amanda!
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Cindy Flanagan is the Founder and Director of Concord Dance Academy. She has been teaching dance to students of all ages and of all abilities for close to 40 years and has won many choreography awards at regional and national events. Cindy was recognized with the NH Governor’s Declaration for her contribution to the arts in NH and to the citizens of the state, as she is responsible for teaching many thousands of individuals how to enjoy dancing, and also for giving countless hours of volunteer time through the arts to the broader NH community. Cindy also was awarded the Pinnacle award from the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding Business Leader of the Year. Best wishes to all of the fabulous dancers...You are all stars!

Maria Iozza-Taylor is the one and only dance instructor who has participated in all ten Winter Fling events. For this, NHTI is eternally grateful! Maria has taken on talented dancers (and sometimes more “challenged” dancers), but in the end has made them all Concord Stars. Maria has been the Hip Hop instructor at Concord Dance Academy for over 10 years, teaching boys and girls of all ages. She always brings a mix of dance to the Winter Fling stage, from Hip Hop, to Contemporary, Open, Jazz or Musical Theatre ... whatever works for her Stars! Maria is a Mom to three amazing children, and has the Most Entertaining 2017 Winter Fling dancer, Joe Messineo, as her fiancé. Best of luck to all the dancers! No matter what, just for getting out there YOU ARE A STAR!

Karin Lewis is a math teacher at Merrimack Valley High School by day, but has danced her way through every phase of her life. She trained for 13 years at the Studio of Dance Arts in Methuen, MA, earning her dance teaching certificate from the Dance Teachers Club of Boston. Karin went on to earn a minor in dance from the University of New Hampshire, attending math and education classes in dance clothes as she was always on the run to dance class or rehearsal. After college, Karin taught at City Dance in Manchester, NH, until her daughters were born and their dance schedules pre-empted her own. Karin has performed in Boston, New York, and Disney World, choreographed six musicals for Merrimack Valley High School, coached the MV Color Guard, and now enjoys watching her two talented daughters grow and thrive in the dance world. Best wishes to all of tonight's stars. Dance like no one is watching and all the world is your stage!
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Allyson Thorpe was born and raised in the Capital City where her love of dance flourished with the instruction and guidance of Cindy Flanagan at Concord Dance Academy. Upon graduation, Ally attended Plymouth State University where she graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Theatre and a minor in Dance Performance. She then accepted an invitation to study as one of four acting apprentices at the prestigious Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia. While in Philly, Ally performed in many Main Stage Productions and earned her Actor’s Equity Card. In the years that followed, Ally could be seen gracing stages all over North America with back to back national tours of Sesame Street Live! and My Little Pony Live – both produced by VEE Corporation and Hasbro Corporation. In between all of her performing, she has returned home to choreograph nationally awarded routines in all subjects including tap, jazz, lyrical and music theatre. As a NH Theatre Award nominee, Ally also enjoys directing and choreographing for community and professional theatre. It has been an absolute pleasure working on this project hopes everyone dancing tonight gives it their all and has a BLAST! BREAK LEGS ALL!

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Michelle Johnson has been the owner of Let’s Dance Studio for 16 years now. She is a certified teacher of ballroom dance, and has over a decade of experience joyfully teaching dance to the community of Concord. Michelle has been happily dancing together with her husband, Keith, for over 23 years.

Roman Sirotin and Jennifer Gordon are professional Ballroom Dance instructors and competitors who have performed professionally throughout the U.S. They were regional professional finalists in Theater Arts (OH and TX 2012, 2013), Open Smooth (2013), Closed Smooth (2012), Open Rhythm (2012), International Standard (2013), and Mixed Novice (2012), as well as numerous awards won with their students in pro/am competition. They have been featured as solo dancers at the Urban Garden Room in NY, Underground Arts in Philadelphia, The Davis Square Theatre in Boston, and numerous arts festivals.

Debbie Harris grew up in Massachusetts and started dancing at a young age. She has been trained in many styles of dance. In her early years she enjoyed dancing and performing while working at Walt Disney World. Her passion for dance led her to ballroom dancing and soon she was instructing, performing and competing. Debbie would love to be teaching every minute, but has to balance work with her family. She and her husband Craig have four growing boys at home that keep them busy. She hopes as she and Craig gain more freedom from home, they can enjoy some time dancing together.

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James D. “Jim” Rosenberg is winner of the 2015 Winter Fling People’s Choice Award and Most Theatrical Award with his dance partner, Heather Brown. Jim is a Partner at Shaheen & Gordon, P.A., the Chair of its Criminal Defense Practice Group and was recognized by NH Magazine as one of its 2017 “Best Lawyers” in the areas of General Criminal Defense, White-Collar Criminal Defense and DUI/DWI Defense. This is his fifth year as Master of Ceremonies at Winter Fling!

Our Judges!

Rob Azavedo is from Manchester, NH and is a true renaissance man. He hosts the Granite State of Mind radio show on WKXL, has written music-themed columns for local newspapers, and he’s written six short films, including Muddy, winner of the Best of the Festival award at the 2011 SNOB Film Festival in Concord. Last year he released his book Notes From the Last Breath Farm: A Music Junkie’s Quest to be Heard.

Ernesto Burden is the new publisher of McLean Communications and vice president of McLean’s parent company, Yankee Publishing. He is also a very skilled piano player.

Eynas Jarrar is in her final semester at NHTI and is a General Studies Major. She is the Student Senate President and lives in Bow, NH.

Representative David Luneau serves in the NH House of Representatives (2014 - present), is the former Chairman of the Hopkinton School Board, and is the Co-Founder and President of ClassCo Inc. He is also the Chair of the NHTI Advisory Board.

Dr. Gretchen Mullin-Sawicki is the President of NHTI, Concord’s Community College, a role she took on in July of 2019. Prior to coming to NHTI, she was the President of the North Campus, Boyce Campus, West Hills Center and the Energy Innovation Center within the Community College of Allegheny County. Gretchen earned her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in English literature and has taught classes in online and on-site environments as an adjunct English faculty member in Toronto, Canada, Pittsburgh, PA and Tokyo.

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Mark Synnott, a world-renowned American professional rock climber and explorer, will be talking about his book, The Impossible Climb: Alex Honnold, El Capitan, and the Climbing Life.

Saturday, January 25, 2020
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Friday, January 17, 2020, 7pm - Special Winter Fling Film Event
Swing Time (1936) “Not Rated” 103 min

Friday, January 31, 2020, 7pm
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