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How old were you when you first came to NSDA?

My husband and I are former students of Ms. Lynn Welters from 1994-1998 while we were students in the dance department at Duke Ellington School for the Arts, now our daughter attends NSDA. My daughter started when she was just 4 years old.

How did you hear about the dance school?

I learned of NSDA dance program through word of mouth within the areas dance community (i.e., surrounding dance studios, former dancers and students)

How long did you stay?

My daughter is a currently student of NSDA and this is her 3rd year in the program.

Why did you leave?

My daughter plans to continue in NSDA dance program for many years to come.

What resonates with you most when thinking about NSDA?

When I think of NSDA, I think of quality dance instruction in a friendly and healthy environment.

What have you achieved from attending the school? (did the school help with self image, self discipline, love for the arts, managing personal time, etc.)

As former students of Ms. Lynn Welters, my husband and I attribute our great stride of personal development and professional success and accomplishment to the tutelage of Ms. Lynn Welters. We feel our daughter will achieve the same from attending NSDA.

What is your favorite dance/performance?

My favorite performance was my daughter's first stage performance with NSDA under the direction of Ms. Lynn Welters. My daughter's first stage performance

at NSDA was beautiful and creative; it inspired my daughter to want to continual dancing. Now my daughter dances with more passion, appreciation and purpose.

What would you say to young dancers who are now at NSDA ?

If given the opportunity to speak to young dancers who are now enrolled in NSDA about my experience as a former student, I would say, "There is great knowledge that lies within NSDA. NSDA is about more than just learning how to dance, it's about learning how to live greater, how to be greater than oneself. In great knowledge, there is great power. Ms. Lynn Welters is compassionate to the needs of her students, her student's world around them, and their potentials. She possesses the ability to tap into her students greatness and pull out something special."

What would you tell Ms. Welters ?

I love you, and all that you do. Keep up the great work! The dance community needs you and your dance program to continual for many years to come.

What are you doing now and did taking dance lessons assist you in any way ?

Today, I am a dance instructor and operate my own dance school and company anchored in District Heights, MD, which provide dance instruction to low income families, schools, and to the community to raise awareness of the importance dance and art has in Early childhood learning. My husband is a professional tap dancers, who performs through out the community. My family and I are just one of many lives that has been changed, molded, or guided by Ms. Lynn Welters and/or NSDA.

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Sincerely;

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