

Dear Dance Me Family,

This is a big announcement, so please read!

At the beginning of this school year, I began discussing my need to release some duties and figure out a better work/life balance with my team. Each year, I have not been able to find the heart to separate myself from any aspect of Dance Me. I have struggled with needing more family time, and it became obvious that I wouldn't be able to offer my family what they so desperately needed. As the owner, a night off is never a night off. I realized early this past season that the best thing for my family and the studio would be if I could go back to my passion of solely teaching dance, so I can focus on what I truly love while creating a better work/life balance.

When quarantine hit, I realized that I didn't even know who Jack was anymore. After so many years of teaching/running the business during typical family hours, I've missed so many big moments in his life. The realization that he has spent more time with sitters than myself shook me to my core. I do not want Jack and Zeke to grow up thinking they aren't a priority, or miss out on their own opportunities. This time I've had with my family confirmed that the decision I made last fall and have been working towards all year was the right decision. With that being said, I am stepping down as the Studio Owner of Dance Me, effective today July 1, 2020.

I'm excited to announce that Brianna Ryan will be taking over the position of Studio Owner! We have been working together for months on the back end creating our new 2020/2021 season. Brianna has been with the studio for its entirety. I met her at the grand opening in 2015 and 6 months later she was on board as a Dance Me teacher. Brianna has put all of her time and energy toward Dance Me for 5 years, and has been heavily involved in the day-to-day operations. Her previous position as Competition Team Director was the perfect stepping stone, and will make this transition as seamless as possible. Brianna has a degree in organizational Business Psychology and Dance. She is extremely equipped to run the business, as well as being a well-known and loved teacher at Dance Me. I will be guiding Miss Bri through everything this year, and anything else she needs for years to come. She will also have the support of our amazing back end team, who have been assisting in running the business for years. We are very much a team here, and that team is not changing, we are just restructuring. Miss Bri had always dreamed of one day owning her own dance studio and I'm excited to pass Dance Me to her!

Thank you to my Dance Me Family for always believing in me. I'm so proud of what we have built together and I'm so excited for what's ahead!

Yours Truly,  
Miss Kathy

Here is a message from Miss Bri!

Hi Dance Me Family!

I am so excited and honored to be taking on the role as Studio Owner of Dance Me! I have been a part of Dance Me since the very first year and have loved sharing my passion with the dancers and families. Dance has been a huge part of my life since my very first class when I was only 2.5 years old! As I grew up I became a competitive dancer and still didn't want to stop when high school ended. In college I studied dance and was a member/choreographer of 3 dance companies. Dance has always been my passion and I have always dreamed of one day having my own dance studio. I am beside myself that it's coming to fruition earlier than I EVER anticipated.

Dance Me has an amazing team of teachers and we will all continue to work together to provide what we are known for! I promise to keep the foundation and values of what Dance Me was built on. We will continue to have an amazing dance education as well as tasteful costumes and songs. Our students will continue to learn from us that their character is more important than a perfect performance or trophy. We like to have fun and laugh in our studio and if you fall you get right back up and try again! One of our hopes at Dance Me is that when your dancer leaves our studio after high school, they not only have a second home with us but the confidence and character to chase their dreams.

Please be patient and bear with me through some things this year. Not only will I have some ropes to learn but the added challenge that Covid-19 has brought. I appreciate your understanding in advance. I very much look forward to getting back into the studio and dancing again!

See you all soon!

-Miss Bri