



INSTRUCTOR

DARBY RUSSELL

Darby grew up with MDC as her second home, dancing in 15 recitals and competing for 10 years under the instruction of faculty Nikki and Rachel. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts degree in Dance at the University of Iowa and studying under prestigious faculty such as George de la Peña, Armando Duarte, and Dr. Zena Bibler. She is also a fourth year member of the nationally ranked Iowa Dance Team, which has given her extensive performance experience and many opportunities to learn from choreographers across the country.

Darby is currently in her third year of instructing. She teaches Level 2 ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip-hop, Twinkle Stars preschool and kindergarten classes, and Creative Movement. She always strives to foster a safe and supportive studio culture where dancers can learn technique and self-discipline while building their confidence and creating lasting friendships.