

# Luke DeBellis

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## BALLROOM DANCER

### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionate and dedicated Ballroom Dancer with over four years of competitive experience in Latin and Standard styles, seeking college admission to further hone artistic talent and academic pursuits. Proven expertise in mastering diverse dance techniques and choreography, achieving remarkable success in national competitions. Adept at fostering strong partnerships with fellow dancers, enhancing team cohesion for flawless performances. Committed to rigorous training schedules, balancing 35 hours of practice weekly while engaging in community outreach through teaching. Eager to leverage dance experience and leadership abilities in a college setting, inspiring others and contributing to the vibrant campus community.

### EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

#### Somers High School | Expected Graduation 2024

##### Achievements:

- National Honor Society Member
- National Italian Honor Society Member
- Chamber Orchestra Member (First Violin, Second Chair)
- Investment Club Member
- Culture Club President
- Candidate for Seal of Biliteracy in Italian Studies
- Active participant in school and community service initiatives
- Demonstrated leadership through peer tutoring and mentoring

### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Elite competitive dancer with multiple national-level achievements, including Semi-finalist and Finalist positions at the US National Amateur Dancesport Championships
- Mastered 10 distinct dance styles across Standard and Latin categories, demonstrating versatility and technical proficiency
- Successfully instructed diverse groups ranging from children to senior citizens, showcasing adaptable teaching abilities
- Achieved recognition through the Fordney Foundation and numerous national competitions
- Demonstrated leadership through self-employed coaching business and community outreach programs
- Maintained academic excellence as evidenced by membership in multiple honor societies while pursuing a competitive dance career.

### EXPERIENCE

#### Ballroom Dance | Competitive Latin and Standard Dancer 2014 - Present

- Achieved mastery in 10 dance styles within Standard and Latin choreography.
- Cultivated strong team dynamics and rapport with diverse dance partners, resulting in numerous cohesive performances.
- Maintained a rigorous training regimen averaging 20 hours per week, encompassing rounds, practices, and lessons.
- Awarded Vice Champion at the Ohio Star Ball U16.
- Winner of the Fordney Foundation at the International Grand Ball Championships.
- Consistently placed in the top 6 at over 40 national competitions.
- Achieved 6th place in the Derek Hough/Michael Buble Higher Contest.

#### US National Amateur Dancesport Championships:

- U21 Latin Semi-Finalist (2024), placed 8th out of 82 couples.
- Youth Ballroom Finalist (2022), placed 3rd out of 74 couples.
- Youth Latin Finalist (2022), placed 4th out of 104 couples.

#### Ballroom Dance Featured Guest Coach/Speaker & Community Volunteer 2020 - Present

- Instructed Latin dance techniques to 15 students in the Somers High School IB Dance class, enhancing their performance skills.
- Conducted four engaging 2-hour Latin dance classes for the June Archer School for the Arts, fostering community involvement.
- Performed a captivating Latin dance at the June Archer School for the Arts Fundraiser, enhancing community engagement.
- Introduced ballroom dance to 20 children aged 5-7 at the JCCA, fostering early interest and participation in the art form.
- Delivered a Latin dance lesson and performed for 75 judges and court staff at the NYC Family Court in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month 2024, showcasing cultural heritage and community spirit.
- Delivered four 2-hour Latin dance technique classes for the June Archer School for the Arts enrichment program.

#### Ballroom Dance Coach | Self-Employed at *Ballroom Dance Lessons with Luke* 2021 - Present

- Instructed solo Latin dance lessons for children, fostering their skills and passion for dance.
- Conducted 10 group classes in Latin dance for 24 adult couples in Somers, NY, enhancing their technique and enjoyment of dance.
- Developed customized routines and ensured competition readiness for a non-profit dance studio, Impress Ballroom, contributing to the studio's success in competitions.
- Partnered with a solo competitor to prepare them for various competitions, supporting and enhancing their performance experience.
- Crafted personalized wedding dance routines, ensuring memorable experiences for couples on their special day.

**Counter/House Assistant Manager | Ristorante Lucia, Bedford, NY**  
**2021 - Present**

- Worked Saturday evenings and additional dates to support operational needs and ensure smooth service.
- Handled customer inquiries and special requests efficiently, enhancing guest satisfaction and experience.
- Collaborated with staff to create a welcoming atmosphere while maintaining operational efficiency for guests.
- Supervised counter staff to uphold restaurant standards and ensure consistent quality and service protocols.
- Trained new employees in customer service, food handling, and point-of-sale procedures to ensure compliance.

**Violin 1, 2nd Chair | Somers High School, Orchestra**  
**2021 - Present**

- Committed violinist in the school orchestra since middle school, showcasing dedication and passion for music.
- Accepted into the Honors program, recognized for outstanding talent and commitment within the Chamber Orchestra.
- Collaborate with musicians to explore diverse styles and deliver harmonious performances during rehearsals.
- Actively participate in rehearsals, school concerts, and community events, enhancing musical skills and teamwork.
- Earned promotion to 2nd Chair for 2023-25, reflecting excellence in musical performance and leadership.
- Perform advanced violin solos and duets, demonstrating technical skill and artistry in various musical pieces.

**National Italian Honor Society Member | National Italian Honor Society**  
**2021 - Present**

- Actively participate as a dedicated member of the National Italian Honor Society, promoting cultural appreciation.
- Recognized for academic excellence in Italian, consistently maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout my studies.
- Invited to apply for the Seal of Biliteracy in Italian Studies, highlighting my language proficiency.
- Engage in various organized events, including fundraisers and cultural showcases celebrating Italian art and traditions.
- Provide tutoring support to underclassmen, assisting them with their Italian studies multiple times each month.

**National Honor Society Member | National Honor Society (NHS)**  
**2021 - Present**

- Actively participate in NHS meetings focused on promoting community service and engagement among members.
- Collaborate with high-achieving peers to foster a positive impact within our school and surrounding community.
- Uphold NHS principles of scholarship, leadership, service, and character in all my school activities.
- Tutor students at Park School, assisting them with literacy, physical education, and homework support.
- Facilitate small group sessions at Park School, enhancing students' learning experiences and academic growth.

**Investment Club|Active Member**  
**2023 - Present**

- Engaged in collaborative discussions on investment strategies, enhancing financial literacy and decision-making skills among peers.
- Engaged in hands-on activities to analyze market trends, cultivating a practical understanding of investing and enhancing skills in portfolio management and strategic decision-making.
- Contributed to club projects focused on real-world applications of investment principles, promoting financial responsibility and informed investment choices.

**Culture Club | President of the club**  
**2023 - Present**

- Led the organization of club meetings and activities, facilitating engaging discussions and presentations on diverse cultures to foster awareness and appreciation among members.
- Developed and delivered impactful PowerPoint presentations that highlighted various cultural practices, enriching members' understanding and encouraging active participation in club events.
- Coordinated field trips to cultural institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, enhancing experiential learning opportunities and promoting cultural exploration among club members.

**Food Pantry Volunteer | Northern Westchester Community Center**  
**2019 - Present**

- Volunteered at the local food pantry, providing essential support to families in need through food distribution.
- Sorted and organized food donations, assisting clients with selections and ensuring a smooth checkout process for all.
- Engaged with community members, deepening my understanding of social responsibility while strengthening my commitment to service and outreach initiatives.

**Additional Information**

**Skills & Languages:** Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Italian (Conversational)

**Interests:** Ballroom Dance, Investing, Entrepreneurship, violin, piano, strength training and health and wellness