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Over \$3.4 Million in College Scholarships Awarded to Dancewave's Dancing Through College & Beyond Participants

New York, NY—Brooklyn-based dance education non-profit Dancewave is pleased to announce that over 65% of the students who participated in the 2017 college dance audition program, Dancing Through College & Beyond (DTCB), have been offered over \$3.4 million in scholarships to participating colleges, universities and professional dance programs. Held in October 2017 at the 92nd Street Y, DTCB welcomed more than 300 students from all over the country for an opportunity to explore college dance programs. DTCB includes a college fair, master classes, and panels on health, wellness, careers, and financial aid for all high school dancers and a live audition for high school seniors.

"We are proud to offer free access to college search and audition opportunities for high school students particularly because the college application process is so complex and expensive" said Diane Jacobowitz, *Executive and Artistic Director* of Dancewave. "To lessen the financial barriers that often come with the audition process and enable those high school seniors that are serious about dance the opportunity to audition for these elite programs speaks to our mission to make dance accessible to all."

In an award ceremony held at Peridance Capezio Center's Salvatore Capezio Theater on Sunday, April 8, 2018, students, college and program representatives and Dancewave's leadership team gathered to celebrate those students who received merit-based scholarships for the coming school year. Several students received scholarship commitments for all four years of their higher education experience. The ceremony included a duet performance of *Folie à Deux* by Peridance Company Members Colin Heining and Hannah Newman, choreographed by Adam Barruch.

Dancing Through College & Beyond 2018 is set to be held at Hunter College on October 13 and 14, 2018.

Participating Colleges & Organizations Include: Adelphi University, American Musical & Dramatic Academy (AMDA), Boston Conservatory at Berklee, Broadway Dance Center, California Institute of the Arts – The Sharon Disney Lund School of Dance, Cornish College of the Arts, Dean College, DeSales University, Drexel University – Westphal College of Media Arts & Design, East Carolina University of Theatre and Dance, George Mason University – School of Dance, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Hofstra University, Hope College, Hunter College, Marymount Manhattan College, Miami Dade College – New World School of the Arts, Middlebury College, Montclair State University, NYU Tisch Institute of the Performing Arts, Pace University – School of Performing Arts, Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins, Peridance Capezio Center, Point Park University, Queensborough Community College – CUNY, Rider University – Westminster School of the Arts, Rutgers University – Mason Gross School of the Arts, Sacred Heart University, Slippery Rock University, Springfield College, Steps Conservatory Program, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Purchase – The Conservatory of Dance at Purchase College, Temple University – Boyer School of Music and Dance, The Juilliard School, The New School – Eugene Lang College, The Ohio State University, The



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ABOUT DANCEWAVE

Dancewave was founded in 1995 by professional choreographer and arts administrator Diane Jacobowitz who was determined to make dance accessible to New York City youth, regardless of their family's ability to afford pre-professional training. The organization's approach to dance education is holistic, as students receive rigorous instruction from a faculty of world-renowned artists. Their programs incorporate personal development tools to build confidence and self-discipline, and strengthen leadership skills. In addition to taking classes in styles such as ballet, modern, jazz and hip hop, students have the opportunity to join Dancewave's pre-professional dance companies where their training is extended beyond the classroom to rehearsals with renowned choreographers and exciting performance opportunities.