

Where Are They Now?

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School Regional Arts Program

Dance



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RAP discipline? Dance

Year of graduation? 2013

Education? BFA Degree at York University for Dance Choreography

What is your current job and what does that entail? I currently work at DRC Video Productions as the Customer Support Specialist. DRC Video is the number-one Dance Photography and Videography company in Canada, servicing over 90% of the dance community. I speak to customers who are looking to place orders, have issues with their orders or need some troubleshooting with their accounts. I also work at JCB Danceworks in Richmond Hill as a Teacher and Choreographer. I work with children ages 3-17 to teach various styles of dance as well as choreographing on students ages 9-17 for their competitive season.

Please comment on any skills you feel you have developed in the RAP. Through the RAP Program offered at St. Elizabeth's, I have obtained many skills that assist me in my day-to-day life, specifically in my teaching. I am able to teach with the knowledge I learned through the program and pass that onto my students. The pedagogy unit, practiced in Grade 12, had helped me find my teaching style when I was first beginning to teach my own classes.

What is your most fond memory of RAP? My fondest memory of the program would have to be the friendships made with my fellow dancers. A lot of us are still friends to this day and these are friends that will last a lifetime for me.

What piece of advice would you have for current RAP students? If I could give a piece of advice to any RAP students, it would be to enjoy every last moment that you spend here. This program has opened so many doors for me in my university and adult life and I could not be more grateful.

If you recall, why did you choose to attend St. Elizabeth? I believe the reason I chose to attend St. Elizabeth was because of the RAP Program. I live outside of the school's borders (about 20-30 minutes north) and had heard about the program through past graduates. They spoke highly of the program and I had decided that this is where I wanted to spend my high-school experience.

What else have you been up to that has brought you to where you are today? I actually just came back from a 2 week vacation to Italy! My plan is to travel to Europe every summer until I've seen all of the places I've been dying to see. So far, I've done Portugal, Spain and Italy. I'm off to France and England next summer!