

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

CONNECTING DANCERS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

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Alumni Updates

Thank you to everyone who attended out last Alumni Happy Hour! The theme was Homecoming Tailgate Party, where attendees sported gear from their high school or college. We even designed a tartan, using our alumni colors. We doubt this will make a competition debut any time soon, but it sure was fun.



What is an alumni happy hour? A chance to grab a drink and chat with other Highland dancers, past and present. **Who comes to the happy hours?** Current and past dancers, judges, and teachers. Those who have won a National championship, and those who have never even competed! **Why should I come to an alumni happy hour?** Because they are fun! There's always a new game to be played, and a friend to make.



Seasonal Decor



GARLAND



WREATHS



CENTERPIECES

WE RECEIVE 15% OF ALL ITEMS ORDERS DUE BY 12/5/22

Click [here](#) to support the 2023 ScotDance USA National Championships

FEATURED ASSOCIATION:

OHIO VALLEY SCOTTISH SOCIETY



Featured Performances/Events

During 2022, Ohio Valley Scottish Society dancer events included the 54th St. Patrick's Day Parade, 24th Annual Indoor Dance Competition, Cincinnati Pipes & Drums Tartan Day Ceilidh, and Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade

Artist Program

OVSS provides highland dance performance and fundraising opportunities to dancers from all over the region. An OVSS Artist is, specifically, someone who participates in a performance, competition, or community-engagement capacity. The many benefits OVSS artists enjoy are listed on the website.

The Ohio Valley Scottish Society (OVSS) is a non-profit organization founded in the Cincinnati area. The founding members saw there was a need in the Ohio Valley area for a dancer-focused charity, and in its founding, the OVSS first began sponsoring a small dance competition. Over time, the organization grew, and it has since distributed scholarships that support Celtic events throughout the region and provide resources to highland dancers.

The OVSS board is a composite of trustees active in the various organizations that promote the Scottish heritage, culture, and arts. Some currently serve or have served on the boards of the Kentucky Scottish Weekend, the Ohio Scottish Games, and the Caledonian Society of Cincinnati, and some are former dancers and dance parents. Additionally, OVSS continues to reach out to the Scottish Community by helping those interested in the Scottish arts obtain teachers as well as performers or participate with the various Scottish groups or organizations in the Ohio Valley area. OVSS artists have performed for many local civic organizations and churches, including the St. Andrews Episcopal Parade and Kirking and the Cincinnati Celtic Festival, as well as weddings and other celebrations.





Because Cincinnati has a rich Scottish heritage and community, OVSS is able to partner with other area organizations to promote Scottish tradition, art, and history. These organizations include the Cincinnati Scots Highland Dancers, The Caledonian Society of Cincinnati, the Ohio Scottish games, the Ohio Scottish Arts School, the Columbus Scottish Festival, and the Dayton Scottish Dancers.

BEYOND THE GHILLIES





Alma College Kiltie Dance Company

The Kiltie Highland Dancers, Alma's performing Highland Dancing troupe, have long been a part of the college's Scottish tradition. From performing at the Homecoming football game and marching in the parade to dancing at countless community and college events, the graceful sway of their kilts adds color to the campus and is enjoyed by all.

If you are a competitive Highland Dancer, you may already be familiar with Alma, Mich., from attending the Alma Highland Festival, one of the largest Highland Games in North America, which is hosted on Alma College's campus. The Alma Highland Festival features the Mid-West Regional Championship, the Great Lakes Open Championship, and one of the largest choreography competitions in the United States.

"This or That" with the Alma College Kiltie Dance Company	Highland or National Dances?	Bun with the "poof" or not?	Dogs or Cats?	Burgers or Tacos?	Dancing Barefoot or With Ghillies?	Beach or Mountains?	Summer or Winter?
 Cameron *Senior*	Highland	Poof	Dogs	Tacos	Ghillies	Mountains	Fall!
 Katie *Senior*	National	Poof	Cats	Tacos	Ghillies	Mountains	Winter
 Brenna *Junior*	Highland	No poof	Dogs	Tacos	Socks	Beach	Winter
 Maddie *Junior*	Highland	Poof	Both	Tacos	Ghillies	Mountains	Summer

KILTIE DANCE COMPANY CONTINUED...

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 McKenna *Junior*	Highland	Loved the poof when I was younger, no longer a fan	Dogs	Tacos	Barefoot	Beach	Summer
 Zoë *Junior*	National	No poof	Cats	Tacos	Ghillies	Mountains	Winter
 Ashlynn *Sophomore*	National	No poof	Cats	Tacos	Barefoot	Beach	Fall
 Katie *Sophomore*	National	No poof	Dogs	Tacos	Barefoot	Mountains	Winter

For more information about the Highland Dance Program at Alma College, contact Kristen Bennett, Performing Arts Recruitment Coordinator at kbennett@alma.edu



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