

# Kayla Geerts

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## Education:

**BS, Dance and Arts Management, Oklahoma City University, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment, 3.95 GPA, Projected Graduation May 2027**

**Minor, Environmental Science**

**Relevant Coursework:** Arts administration, choreography theory, technical dance training, dance pedagogy, costuming, career preparation

## Teaching Experience:

*LEAD TEACHER*

**Wagner Summer Theatre- Lisa Wagner**

Des Moines, IA

May 2024-Present

- Organized, planned, and led theatre/dance camps, managed supplies and inventory, and coordinated/distributed tasks amongst teachers and volunteers
- Lead Swifties Pop Star Camp and helped lead Theatre in the Park, Wizardry Camp, and Musical Theatre Camp
- Required Skills: Effective communication, collaboration, organization, leadership, creativity, event planning, ability to hold a room, ability to work with children, problem-solving, and interpersonal skills

*TEACHING ARTIST*

**After School Arts Program- Michelle Bolton King**

Oklahoma City, OK

January-March 2026

- Taught dance and movement classes at ASAP's annual summer arts camp, which partners with Des Moines Parks and Rec
- Working with large groups of kids outdoors, ages 5-14
- Required Skills: Adaptability, lesson plan creation, student engagement, dance, flagwork, and working outdoors

*SUMMIT (SUMMER MISSION TEAM) INTERNSHIP*

**Des Moines Community Playhouse- Nate Weber**

Des Moines, IA

May-August 2025

**Westminster Presbyterian Church- Susan Denton**

- Created lesson plans for DMCP's Theatre in a Box program, which integrates theatre into the K-2nd grade classroom, helped prepare for the 2025 American Association of Community Theatre Festival, helped teach summer camps, prepared event materials, and organized archived materials and theatre spaces
- Required Skills: Lesson plan creation, event/festival planning, student engagement, leading theatre games and warmups, organizational competence, sign creation, laminating, and proactive work

*SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR*

**Iowa Ballet Academy- Ami Yaro**

Des Moines, IA

May-August 2024, 2025

- Taught tap, jazz, musical theatre, and ballet classes to beginning, intermediate, and advanced dancers at summer competition team intensive and as a substitute teacher for regularly scheduled summer classes
- Competition tap solo choreography and lessons
- Required Skills: Professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom

*SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR*

**Midwest Dance Collective- Theresa Berger**

Des Moines, IA

May-August 2024, 2025

- Taught tap, jazz, musical theatre, and ballet classes to beginning, intermediate, and advanced dancers
- Required Skills: Professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom

*SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR*

**Dance Vision- Sabetha Mumm**

Des Moines, IA

July 2025

- Taught intermediate jazz and beginner stretch classes.
- Required Skills: Professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom