

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, technical production, stage management, technical dance training, development and fundraising, financial accounting, dance pedagogy, costuming, career preparation, private voice, biology, botany, environmental science

Scholarships: Presidential Scholarship, Dance Talent Scholarship, Rose Lorenz Schwartz Performing Arts Scholarship, Mehr Dance and Arts Management Scholarship

Experience:

STAGE MANAGER/EVENT COORDINATOR, TEACHER
Wagner Summer Theatre- Lisa Wagner

Des Moines, IA
May 2024-Present

- Organized, planned, and led camps, managed supplies and inventory, and coordinated/distributed tasks amongst teachers and volunteers
- Job shadowed a professional stage manager and taught as a lead teacher* for various camps
- 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

ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER
Star Dance Company- Tiffany van der Merwe

Oklahoma City, OK
January-March 2026

- Responsibilities: Leading load-in and strike, being a liaison between the production crew and the production manager, creating rehearsal reports, and training on a moving lighting board
- Required Skills: Leadership, delegation, teamwork skills, organization, clear written and oral communication, light board operation, creativity, theatrical stage craft knowledge, following strict timelines, and problem-solving

SUMMIT (SUMMER MISSION TEAM) INTERNSHIP
Des Moines Community Playhouse- Nate Weber
Westminster Presbyterian Church- Susan Denton

Des Moines, IA
May-August 2025

- 150 hours of working in the community and participating in church mission activities
- 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

CHOREOGRAPHER AND DANCER
Iowa Choreography Festival- Dora Novak

Des Moines, IA
May-August 2025

- Choreographed group piece titled, "I'm So Grateful for Change" and danced in 2 other dance pieces
- Required Skills: Leadership, creativity, fundraising skills, collaboration (with director, cast, and local musician), event strike

Leadership Experience:

Broadway Green Alliance College Green Captain, Blue Goes Green President, Kappa Phi Vice President, Kappa Phi Treasurer, Kappa Phi Secretary, Line Captain, Dance Captain, Dance Teacher*, Students of Arts Management Member

Relevant Volunteer Experience:

Des Moines Arts Festival (Set up and Sustainability Team), OKC Beautiful, Westminster Presbyterian Church

**Additional Teaching Resume Available Upon Request*