

POISED FOR GREATNESS:

OUR STUDENTS IN THE PERFORMING ARTS



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The dance bug bit **Nathaniel James Hunt** of Glen Burnie, Md., at the tender age of 10. His older sister who was enrolled in a middle school dance club, taught him some of the moves she had learned, and he became instantly hooked.

"I just found a natural joy in dancing," acknowledged Hunt, who ended up following in his sibling's footsteps, joining the same club. In high school, he enrolled in a dance program in which the director encouraged him to lead some classes and to hone his technical skills at a professional dance studio.

Hunt's academic and artistic accomplishments in secondary school earned him the Maryland Distinguished Scholar award and the National Society of Arts and Letters Excellence in the Arts award. He also had the opportunity to perform at The Kennedy Center.

Now a sophomore majoring in dance at Long Island University's Brooklyn Campus, the 19-year-old has found the Campus' Dance Department to be a perfect fit. "The program of study is highly individualized and the faculty, who are all professional dancers themselves, focus on preparing students for life on the stage and beyond," said Hunt, who boasts a 4.0 G.P.A.

Through the Dance Department, Hunt also has had the opportunity to work with the likes of such noted choreographers as Earl Mosley and Ronald K. Brown. "**The experience has expanded my whole vision and concept of dance,**" Hunt asserted. "**I truly understand the discipline and the hard work it takes to become a professional dancer.**"