# K. A. K. News

#### Metamorphosis Dance Company of Trinidad and Tobago

May, 2018.

#### **Scholarship Winners**

2011: Juan Pablo Alba-Dennis

2012: Anais Hinds

- 2013: Marie Lashley
- 2014: Mercedes Prevatt
- 2015: Jada Blanc

2016: Anna Maria de Freitas

2017: Marianna Frederik

2018: Dominique Bones

2018 KAK Dance **1** Scholarship Winner .

THANKS to our *Faithful Friends* 

Scholarship Supporter: Mrs. C. Stauffer 2

What have the scholars been doing?

# KAK Dance Scholarship Award Winner 2018

Dominique Bones is our 2018 Dance Scholarship Award winner. The scholarship was presented on April 27 at Queen's Hall in Port of Spain, Trinidad, by Sonia Alexis.

The KAK Dance Scholarship is an award which honors the mother of Trinidadian Dr. Joanne Kilgour Dowdy, the late Kathleen Armstrong Kilgour. The continued support of enthusiastic donors has made it possible for us to maintain our commitment to young dancers in the form of this monetary gift.

The KAK Dance Scholarship is awarded to a Metamorphosis dancer for commitment and dedication to dance practice. Nancy Herrera, Artistic Director enthused: "Congratulations to Dominique, a talented dancer who also is a lovely and loving person. A quiet power house willing to learn and grow - a joy to teach." She explained "KAK [award] tells the young dancers that some one cares. It also inspires in them a sense to give back."

The KAK was established to support young talented dancers financially and professionally.



The KAK scholarship also encouraged dancers in their formative stages of training. The award assists them as they become performanceready and begin attaining full eligibility into professional dance training.

Dominique Bones: KAK Scholarship winner, 2018.

"I knew in my heart I wanted a career in dance. Receiving the KAK award confirms that I made the right decision. [It] symbolizes hope, confidence, achievement and perseverance to me." She plans to improve her knowledge and skills in dance. This award, she explained, inspires her hope for achieving a great future in dance.

## THANK S to Our Faithful Friends

As we celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> annual KAK Scholarship award winner, we continue to thank donors for their ongoing support in the spirit of faithful friends. We are grateful to our allies on this journey. In a short time we have seen the development of supporters who have contributed either a full scholarship, or committed to adding to the fund every year. It encourages us to know that there are kind people who believe in the potential of these young artists. And, of course, the young people who see that there are adults who have faith in their potential are inspired to do their best.

Thank You for all you do!!

#### Metamorphosis Dance Company, 2018.

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### A Word from a Scholarship Donor

"I have been working with Dr. Joanne Dowdy for approximately 15 years. When she told me of the KAK Dance Scholarship I was so excited to participate in this very worthwhile scholarship program. We have had numerous students from Trinidad come though the College of Education, Health and Human Services at Kent State University, in Ohio. Each student has been kind, studious, and industrious. [I support the program because of} the respect I hold for the people of Trinidad."

Calista S.

## Marie Lashley (2013): THIRD KAK Dance Scholarship Winner

She attended a summer contemporary intensive hosted by the Joffery Ballet Dance School in 2013 and was invited to attend their school year long. Although she turned down the offer she continued to dance and represented Trinidad and Tobago in Metamorphosis Dance Company as part of the contingency that traveled to Costa Rica in 2014 as part as their local Trinidad and Tobago Independence Day celebrations. She was also part of the performance in carnival for Lost Tribe's first presentation which came 2nd in the competition for Band of the Year. She is currently attending the University of the West Indies Mona Campus studying Geology.

#### Mercedes Prevatt (2014): FOURTH KAK Dance Scholarship Winner

She was part of the contingency from Metamorphosis Dance Company that traveled to Costa Rica in 2014 as part of t heir local Trinidad and Tobago Independence Day Celebrations. She attended a summer contemporary intensive hosted by the Joffrey Ballet Dance School in 2015. She has also successfully completed her Advanced 1 RAD Ballet Exam. She is currently studying to sit A level exams this year

#### **Other THREE Scholarship** Winners will be Featured in Future Newsletters.

A gift to The KAK Dance Scholarship fund is an investment in the future of dance in Trinidad and the world. We count on your generosity to help further the scholarship's mission of excellence in dance education. There are various ways to contribute to The KAK Dance and applying to universities to pursue dance Scholarship Fund. PLEASE contact us for information: kilgourdowdy@yahoo.com and nancyjgherrera@tstt.net.tt. 



KAK Scholarship winner Marianna Frederick: 2017.