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A D.C. NON-PROFIT DANCE ORGANIZATION

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Each year the NAHYP award recognizes the nation's leading after-school programs for their use of arts and the humanities to increase academic achievement, graduation rates, and college enrollment. This year CityDance was among the 12 honorees selected from a pool of more than 285 nominations across the country, and the only organization hailing from the nation's capital.

CityDance DREAM is an after-school program that provides dance classes and performance opportunities, mentoring, and tutoring to students in Washington, D.C.'s most underserved communities. CityDance DREAM uses dance as a pathway for youth to graduate high school and discover and pursue their full potential.

CityDance was also selected by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser to anchor a new arts center in downtown D.C., The DREAM Center for Dance, which will provide a home for CityDance's DREAM participants.

Scheduled to open in 2018, The DREAM Center for Dance will be equipped with state-of-the-art dance studios, a black box theater and academic suites. With the use of these new facilities, DREAM programming will expand to triple the number of students served, as well as offer intensive dance training and integrated academic, college preparatory and family services. CityDance will be kicking off the DREAMbuilders campaign to solicit funding to support these efforts

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