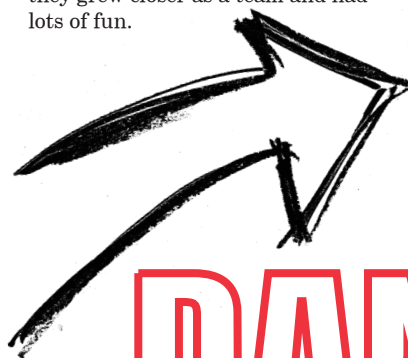


YEAR IN REVIEW Due to COVID, the dancers at *The Dance Connection* started their season over Zoom. After 4 months, they were able to go back to the studio with masks and lots of sanitation breaks. This also meant that their competitions and their recital would be very different than years prior. The competition team attended three competitions in Des Moines which were designed for social distancing and less contact between studios. The TDC Showcase recital was held in the TDC parking lot. Due to rain, the Saturday show was held at Riverview Early Childhood Center in Webster City. Although this was a very strange year for these dancers, most of them can agree that this year was one of the best ones yet because they grew closer as a team and had lots of fun.



TDC SENIORS: Meredith Binder, Ashtyn DeCoster, Gemma Borer, Jenna Geopfert, and Emily Lovelace.



DANCE

TDC PREMIERS First Row: **Carly Appel, Kaitlyn Lovelace, Ellie Weinschenk, Gabbie Larson, Keyara Tigner,** Emersen Paukert, **Addison Hayes, and Meredith Binder.** Second Row: **Emily Lovelace, Gemma Borer, Jenna Geopfert,** Lauren Lettow, Kenley Chaplin, Ashtyn DeCoster, **Cydney Schmidt,** Payton DeCoster, and **Camaro Snell.**

ONE The TDC competitive dancers perform their dance titled "One" at the costume run-through in February. The team won many awards at their following competitions, including judges choice awards, studio spirit, top 10 placements, and numerous platinum awards. "I think this year we really improved because the past year's events made us closer as a team and pushed us to work harder considering all we lost last year," said **Gemma Borer.**



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WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG?



dance shoes



ponytail holders

emily lovelace

