

# DIONNA PRIDGEON

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*As a seasoned global educator and artist originally from Chicago, recently returning from South Korea, and currently residing in New York. I bring a wealth of experience and a track record of success. I've left an indelible mark on diverse communities. My creative direction, leadership, and team-building skills have consistently yielded positive outcomes. I've also overseen and mentored numerous individuals, including apprentices, company members, coaching participants, interns, and guest artists. This commitment has fostered a culture of collaboration and inclusion, reflecting my dedication to cultivating a supportive and thriving community.*

## EDUCATION

DEI Awareness Professional Certification  
Course graduate | by LinkedIn Learning

TESOL/TEFL Certified | World TESOL Academy  
Course graduate by ACCEDITAT & CPD

Adult/Infant/Child CPR & 1ST AID Certified  
Course completion | New Life CPR

Digital Media Initiative  
Gibney Dance Center  
Course completion | New York

BA | Point Park University | Pittsburgh  
4.0 GPA, Academic/Dance Scholarship, Dean's List,  
Honors Program, Magna Cum Laude, National  
Honors Society, National French Honors Society

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### TOP SKILLS

- EDUCATION & MENTORING
- LESSON PLANNING & MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT
- BRAND BUILDING
- COPYWRITING/CONTENT CREATION
- OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

### TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

- VISIONARY LEADERSHIP
- ADAPTIVE TEACHING/DEVELOPMENT
- MULTIFACETED FACILITATION
- EFFICIENT PROJECT MANAGEMENT
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION/CONTENT CREATION

MENTOR/PRIVATE ENGLISH ACADEMY TEACHER | Various locations

- Thoughtfully providing goal-oriented career mentorship to both teen and adult clients
- Thoroughly preparing viable lesson material for student retention: Elementary, Middle School and Adult learning levels
- Offering online zoom sessions, for convenient learning and client comfortability

EDUCATOR | CHOREOGRAPHER | Various locations

- Masterfully taught weekly dance classes, workshops, masterclasses, nationally & internationally, steadily accomplished within the past 19 years, with the proficiency in both dance execution and knowledge, which includes seven styles of dance, crossing in-between concert, commercial, & musical theatre worlds, consisting of kids, teens, pre-professionals, professional artists & adults.

#### RECEPTIONIST/ADMIN | Kinespirit Riverside | New York

- Reliable Keyholder: Opened & Closed facility + ensure completion of cleaning tasks
- Meticulously booking classes & appointments via MindBody platform
- Managing the phone/handling money/notating & adjusting to continuous changes

#### INTERIM MANAGER/ASST STORE MANAGER | The Silver Room | Chicago

- Strategically merchandised & received new products, utilizing Shopify ECommerce platform, restocked merch, beautifully enhanced the window design & set up for any in-store events
- Diligently delegated tasks to retail associates, along with quick decision-making
- Efficiently opened & closed store, handled money, documented, & communicated day-to-day operations

#### OPS & COMMS COORD | Spaceworks | New York

- Utilized exceptional copywriting skills to proofread campaign launches & monthly newsletters, combined with developing video content, designed flyers, posters, & announcements for multiplatform social media management, which championed fundraising campaigns

#### FOUNDER | CREATIVE DIRECTOR of moveDIPR LLC | New York

- Creatively founded moveDIPR brand through vision, utilizing my expertise in dance education, to be implemented in newfound business; while exercising strategic planning, creative direction, & production; hired highly skilled members, scouted new talent for performance events & provided mentorship, for business growth & recognition in the New York arts community.
- Successfully innovated several program initiatives, implemented a recognizable brand apparel line, scaled a product line of 9 available items for online purchase, generated a profitable revenue stream & economic budget, by providing affordable community access to dance training in NYC

## AWARDS

- Received Fiscal Sponsorship '23 & '24 - issued by Unique Projects NYC @ Pentacle
- Selected for a Creative Exchange and Artist Residency in Mareuil en Perigord, France
- Obtained the Queens Theatre Grant issued by Queensboro Dance Festival.
- Distinguished Achievement Award issued by New York City Dance Alliance Competition for outstanding choreography, musicality, interpretation, texture, and execution.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Contributed an article to Dance Teacher Magazine on creating an anti-racist learning environment.
- Authored "DIPR (deeper) Thoughts," a LinkedIn Newsletter addressing workplace topics and mental health awareness.
- Published poetry collection "my DuCk pond" available on Amazon.

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Studio Manager - Arts on Site/SM Coordinator - We Are III NP/Social Influencer - Spaceworks NYC/  
Choreo Panel for J. Archibald: ArchCore40