

# MARGO MCDANIEL



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## PERSONAL PROFILE:

My goals for the future are to attain my bachelor's degree, double majoring in Dance and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Law, or Ecology. I want to pursue a master's degree after, but I'm not sure where or in what major yet. For my career goals, I want to have a dance career choreographing and performing a variety of styles and use my STEM studies for a career after I retire from dance.

## EDUCATION

Class of 2026

### Clarke Central High School

I am currently a senior at CCHS. I'm ranked 9 out of 425 with an unweighted GPA of 98.21. I am a dual enrollment student at the University of Georgia and an intern with the Young Dawgs program at UGA

## SKILLS

- Communicate well with others
- Leadership and teamwork
- Task prioritization and organization
- Editing and writing abilities
- Problem-solving

## ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING

### Alice DePass Studio of Dance

2010 - Now

I am a dedicated dancer at the Alice DePass Studio of Dance in Watkinsville, Georgia. I spend at least 8 hours a week there studying ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary.

### Orchestra

2019 - Now

I have played the cello in the school orchestra since I was in the 6th grade. I have been principal cellist in several concerts, played a few solos and ensembles throughout my time in orchestra, have played at community events, and have been voted "Best Citizen" in the orchestra by my peers for 2023 and 2024, and "Most Improved" in 2025.

### Camp Kelley at the Athens YMCA

2023-2025

I have worked as a Leader-in-Training for Camp Kelley at our local YMCA for the summers of 2023 and 2024, and worked as a paid staff for the summer of 2025. Both of these positions required extensive training. I lead games, teach kids to swim, keep the facilities clean, and more.

### Peer Leadership

2022 - 2023

I was a part of the Clarke Central Peer Leadership program in my freshman year. This program helped me learn a lot about myself, vulnerability, and how those relate to leadership. We got to connect with some important leaders in our community.

# ACTIVITIES & VOLUNTEERING CONTINUED

## **National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society**

**2024 - Now**

I joined NHS and Tri-M in my junior year. Through these clubs, I've had opportunities to volunteer in our school community, including but not limited to the Ath-Half, the Classic City Marathon, CCHS' Hispanic Heritage Festival, and more.

## ***iliad* Literary-Art Magazine**

**2022 - Now**

I have been published 4 times in the *iliad*. For Fall 2023-Spring 2025, I served as the *iliad*'s Writing Director. My main job duties were collecting submissions and editing all the published pieces for the magazine. Currently, I serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the magazine. I lead the Editorial Board, oversee all aspects of magazine production, our website, and social media, and develop and design the magazine.

## **Tuckston UMC Youth Group**

**2019 - Now**

I have been in the Tuckston United Methodist Church Youth Group since I was in 6th grade. We do some local and regional volunteering, weekly worship activities, and more. I am the youth representative on the Youth Council for my church as well.

## **Young Dawgs Internship**

**Fall 2025**

For my 12th grade fall semester, I was involved with the Young Dawgs internship at the University of Georgia. I am involved in an environmental engineering lab under the guidance of Dr. Felix Santiago-Collazo. With Dr. Santiago's guidance, I work with a graduate student named Amber Lopez. We are working on a project using simulations run on UGA's supercomputer to evaluate how flooding is going to be impacted by climate change in Puerto Rico now compared to several decades in the future.

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# AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

## ***iliad* Literary-Art Magazine Editor's Choice Award**

**May 2024**

At the 2024 ODYSSEY and *iliad* awards ceremony, I was recognized for my work in the *iliad* in the 2023-2024 school year by being awarded the Editor's Choice Award from the *iliad*'s Editor-in-Chief Olivia Hendershot.

## **Cumulative All-A Honor Roll**

**May 2024**

I was awarded Cumulative All-A Honor Roll at the 2024 CCHS Awards Ceremony for maintaining all A's in high school thus far.

## **Honorable Gladiator**

**Fall 2023**

My AP World teacher, Ms. Jones, and the *iliad* adviser, Mr. Ragsdale, nominated me as Honorable Gladiator in September and December of 2023. Both times, I was recognized for "Striving for Success."

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# SUMMER PROGRAMS

## **Joffrey South Ballet Summer Intensive**

**June 2022, June 2024**

In June 2022 and 2024, I did a summer intensive with the Joffrey Ballet that took place in Athens, Georgia. It was a very ballet-focused intensive; I got to perform some classic ballet variations and work with some notable faculty such as Chyrstyn Fentroy from the Boston Ballet and Colleen Barnes from Akron University.

## **Brenau University Summer Intensive**

**June 2023**

In June 2023, I spent two weeks at Breanu University in Gainesville, Georgia at their summer dance intensive. It focused on ballet, jazz, contemporary, West African, ballroom, variations, and various other styles.

## **Joffrey Miami Ballet Summer Intensive**

**July 2025**

In July 2025, I spent two weeks in Miami, Florida for the Joffrey Ballet's summer program there. It was a very well-rounded program. It focused on ballet, modern, and flamenco.