

**Cassandra Pappy Springs** is a business owner, choreographer, and dance educator currently living in Atlanta, GA. Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, she has trained and worked with teachers, choreographers, dance teams and dance studios across the nation. She received her competitive dance training from Dance Productions Performing Arts Studio where she earned various awards including the title of Miss Dance of North Carolina and Top Senior Soloist at Nationals. After high school, Cassandra pursued higher education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. There she served as a member and captain of the Spartan G's dance team and received a B.A. in Dance with a K-12 teaching license in dance. She has trained in the genres of ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, modern, lyrical, west african, hip hop and heels technique.

After graduating from UNCG, Cassandra taught dance in the North Carolina Public School System for 7 years. During her tenure in public school education she led professional development presentations on arts integration, coached a national award-winning dance team, and was recognized for Outstanding Choreography in several spring musical productions. She also continued her performing career as a member of Techmoja Theater and Dance Company. Cassandra has also choreographed and performed for international recording artist IYAZ, multi-platinum recording artist Ginuwine, and Grammy nominated producer/artist Imani. In 2019, Cassandra appeared as a dancer in the movie "Bolden!".

Cassandra's extensive background in performance, dance education, and choreography led to the creation of her professional dance company, Elite DanceWerks LLC. (EDW) in 2016. The company began as a summer project and blossomed into an effort to reach and inspire dancers nationally. EDW's services target dancers from the ages of 7 and up. The company specializes in private lessons, choreography, master classes and consulting services. EDW has clients in North Carolina, South Carolina, Philadelphia, Maine, Tennessee, and Virginia. Cassandra loves sharing her knowledge and passion for dance with students and clients hoping to inspire, motivate, and challenge them beyond what they believe they can be!

Currently, Cassandra is still growing the EDW brand. Aside from her dance education company, her passion for dance continues to extend beyond the classroom. She serves as a judge for various dance competitions and is a dance fitness instructor with DivaDance Atlanta. She also maintains her dance training by taking classes at industry studios in the Metro-Atlanta area.