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# The Spotlight



## JSOD Under New Ownership!

\* **Natalie George =  
New Owner of JSOD!**

\* **Dancewear Sale!**

\* **Visit our website:  
[www.jsodwaco.com](http://www.jsodwaco.com)**

\* **Costume Update!**

\* **Meet Miss Natalie!**

\* **Meet Julia!**

As of February 1, 2010, Joy's School of Dance will be under new ownership. After 37 wonderful years of serving the community and instilling the passion of dance in thousands of students, Joy Burkhart has decided to retire.

Miss Joy grew up in Pecos, Texas and attended Texas Christian University where she received a degree in Business and minored in Dance. After moving to Waco with her husband, Alan (Cotton) Burkhart, she started holding dance classes for the children in the neighborhood at her home in her garage in 1973. As her

group of students grew, she decided to rent out a larger space off of Hwy 6 and Sanger Ave in 1980. Joy's popularity grew even more and she hired more staff to help her teach the classes. In 1986 she decided to build her own dance studio at the intersection of Bosque and Hwy 6.

Joy has held many notable positions throughout her dance career. She is a life member of Texas Association Teachers of Dancing (TATD) and has served on their board for many years in various positions. She has also served as a master teacher for TATD. Joy is a member

member of Dance Masters of America. Her most notable contribution is how she has given selflessly to the students of this community for 37 years. Joy has instilled discipline, confidence, beauty, grace, poise, and the "joy" of dance to thousands of students.

Miss Joy has entrusted Natalie George to carry on the legacy of JSOD. As of February 1, 2010, Natalie will be the new owner of the studio. The business will continue to operate under the name Joy's School of Dance.

Natalie, Joy and the JSOD Staff greatly appreciate your continued loyalty!

## Meet the New Owner! – Natalie George

Miss Natalie grew up right here in Crawford, TX and at Joy's School of Dance. She started dancing at age 5 and came to JSOD at age 12.

Natalie became a member of the JSOD Dance company and started teaching and assisting dance classes during high school. She was awarded an All-Around-Dance Scholarship at TATD for excellence in ballet, tap, and jazz and a TATD Merit Scholarship.

After graduating from Crawford High School in 2000, Natalie attended Baylor University and received a BA degree in Public Relations and a minor

in Business Administration. She kept teaching for JSOD through college and realized that it was her true passion. Natalie worked for the City of Waco doing Special Events and Marketing for two years after college and continued to teach dance in the evenings.

In August 2007, Natalie began to work at JSOD full time as the studio manager as well as teaching all levels of dance and heading up the JSOD Dance Company.

Natalie also is a part-time dance professor at Baylor University and teaches ballet and jazz to college students.

Natalie is a member of Texas

Association Teachers of Dancing (TATD) and has served as a master teacher at several mini conventions and the 2009 summer convention. This summer Natalie is thrilled to be a part of the TATD staff as a master jazz teacher for the prep group students!

Natalie married Clinton George in January 2007. They bought a house in Hewitt and have 2 dogs and a cat. Clinton is a PhD student at Baylor University in chemistry research.

Natalie's dream has always been to own a dance studio and she thanks God daily for the amazing blessings in her life!



**"Dance is my passion and my life! It gives students confidence and so much more that they will take with them throughout their lives!"**



### Meet Dance Company Senior Julia Medhurst!

Meet Julia Medhurst – a beautiful dancer with a sweet and gentle spirit!

Julia is a senior at Midway High School and her favorite subjects are AP Spanish Literature and AP Economics. She is quite a busy lady and is involved in National Honor Society, Varsity Choir, Spanish Club and Link Crew. Julia has also won an AP Scholar Award.

Julia has been dancing for 14 years! She has danced at JSOD for 6 years and has been a member of the JSOD Company for 5 years. Her favorite styles of dance are ballet and jazz. Julia's favorite funny dance memory was

accidentally kicking another dance friend pretty hard in the arm during the finale of recital 2004. Julia thought it was funny, but her friend didn't at first....

Julia also loves to sing! You might have heard her beautiful voice when she sang a solo in our 'Tis the Season Holiday Show this past December. In her spare time she also likes editing video game scenes.

Next year Julia plans to attend Texas A&M University. She wants to major in English with an emphasis in Pre-Law. We wish her the best and she will be greatly missed!



## Happy Valentine's Day! Sunday, February 14



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### Show Me the Costumes!

Recital Costumes have been ordered and the book displaying all costumes will be in the lobby soon. Costumes will be handed out to dancers sometime in May before recital pictures. Costumes must be paid for in full before they are distributed. On your March statement you will see your costume balance. Your total amount includes all costumes and one pair of pink tights for ballet and tan tights for tap/jazz. Please let us know if you have questions regarding this matter.

### Company Corner....

The JSOD Apprentice Dance Company will perform this month on Feb. 26 at Spats and Spangles, a fundraiser event for the Waco Cultural Arts Fest. The JSOD older Dance Company members will be performing at the Miss Waco Pageant on Feb. 27!

### Dance Company Rehearsals:

Feb. 20  
Feb. 27



### Dancewear Blowout Sale!!!!!!

**JSOD is selling out of all merchandise. Everything is on super sale and will be until everything is sold out!**

**All Leotards = \$5**  
**All Dance Pants = \$7**  
**Child Size Dance Shoes = \$10**  
**Adult Ballet/Jazz Shoes = \$10**  
**Adult Tap Shoes = \$20**

**You can always buy bigger sizes for your dancer to grow in to!**