



Dear Jo-Ann,

## MEET THE DANCERS!!!

**Meredith Gregory** - As charitable giving coordinator at Amica Insurance, Meredith Gregory has gotten to know MENTOR Rhode Island well. She has seen firsthand the impact the organization has on young people.

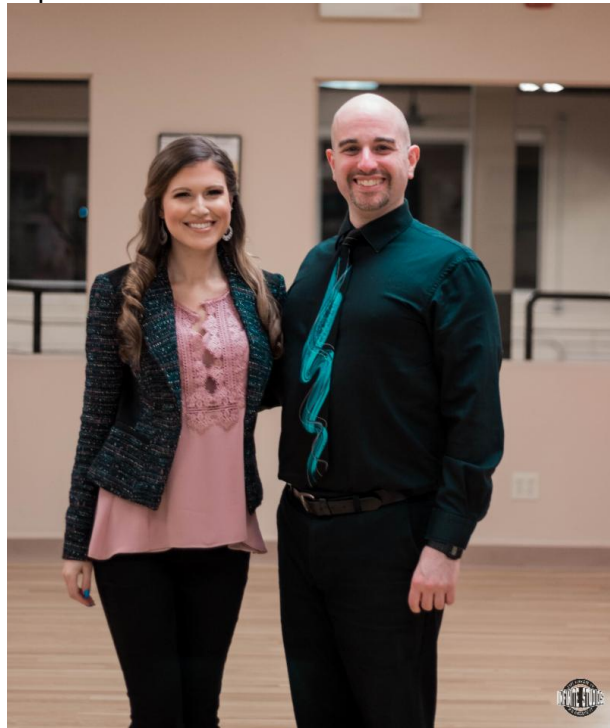
That, coupled with her passion for dance and music, encouraged her to step out onto the dance floor to raise money for this year's Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring.

Meredith was humbled to be asked to participate and promises her performance with Dancing Feeling's Josh Morgenstein will be fun, cool and different. "In life, when you want to succeed at something, you have to put your heart into it," she said.

"I've been putting my heart, time and energy not only into the dancing, but the fundraising too. The fact you can change just one life by donating is reason enough to be part of this, and the performance is the cherry on top." When asked to name one of her most influential mentors,

Meredith proudly recognized her mother. "She was one of six, worked three, sometimes four jobs at a time, put herself through school and always did it with a smile on her face," said Meredith.

"My mom always worked so hard to get what she achieved, and she instilled that in me...She is why I have the job I do." Why vote for Meredith for People's Choice? "I have a lot of heart, drive and ambition," she said, noting they were traits MENTOR Rhode Island instills in the mentees they help and the mentors they train. [Reward Meredith for leading by example by donating here!](#)



**Josh Morgenstein** - Josh Morgenstein brings his extensive background in ballroom and country dance to DWTS of Mentoring. He loves teaching social and competitive dance. He can frequently be seen competing with his students across the United States. He is head coach of the Rhode Island College Ballroom Team. He holds 4 UCWDC World Championship titles. Josh is pleased to partner with Meredith Gregory

representing Amica and hopes you enjoy their performance.

**Doug Schobel** - Beg, borrow and steal - that's how Delta Dental of California's Doug Schobel plans to raise money for the 2018 Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring fundraiser. Getting support from family and Facebook friends, he's also solicited donations from every member of the Rhode Island General Assembly, his fellow Boston College alum Doug Flutie, Rhode Island's own Viola Davis, and has even tweeted at President Barack Obama. After moving back to Rhode Island from Los

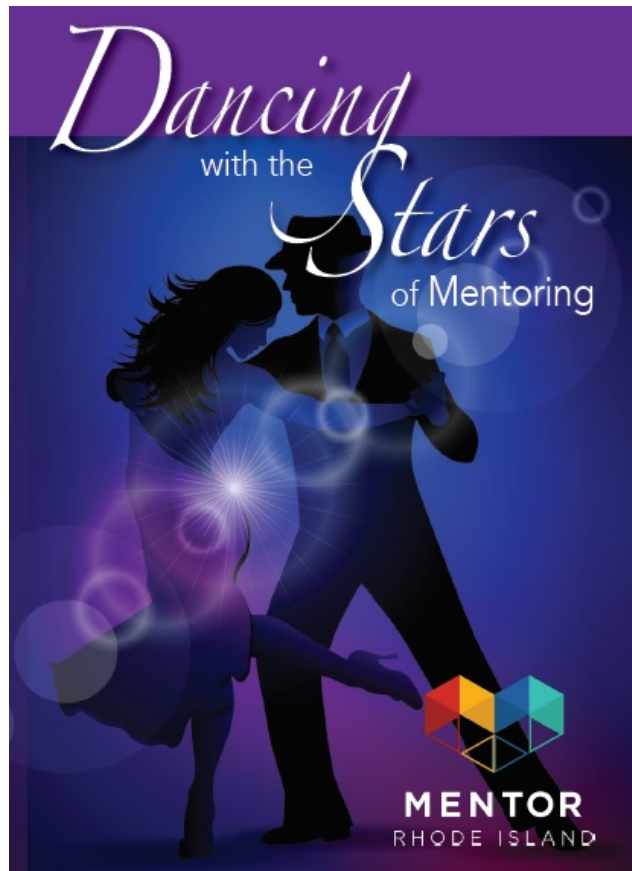


Angeles, Doug signed up to be a mentor with MENTOR Rhode Island. 17 years later, he continues to have a blast mentoring, and he finds it rewarding to spend quality time with the kids and to see how the absence rate is "astronomically lower" on days of mentoring. "I think it's important to pitch in and help support, promote, encourage and guide children," he said. "Teach them well and let them lead the way." Doug is teamed with Dancing Feeling's Deb O'Donnell and, despite his "two left feet," plans to deliver a dance throughout time, incorporating music from as early as the 1940's through today. He and Deb are having fun practicing and keeping things lighthearted as they prepare to deliver a number that will keep the audience smiling. Doug hopes winning the People's Choice Award will give him "street cred" with his current mentees and the chance to honor his fellow mentors - past, present and future. "There is nothing more important than being there to

support a kid who doesn't have a great support system or needs a little bit of extra help or an extra friend," he said. [Help Doug support this important cause by donating here!](#)

**Deborah O'Donnell** - Deborah O'Donnell has been a dance instructor for more than 20 years at the Dancing Feeling. She teaches both ballroom and Zumba. Debbie is the reason why The Dancing Feeling is involved with MENTOR Rhode Island! She has been with us from the beginning! This is her 12th Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring, and she has led several of her partners to win various awards. She is a full-time employee at MetLife, one of the organization's premiere corporate supporters. Debbie feels mentoring, "gives kids the opportunity to get that special attention they need and may not get from home. It helps them get on the right path." This year she is partnered with Doug Schobel. They have a great routine for you to enjoy.

**Watch for Next Week's  
Meet the Dancers Volume - 3**



**Thursday, April 26, 2018**

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY!!!**

**\$85 per person**

**(tickets will not be sold at the door)**

**REGISTER HERE!!!**

It's back!!! Our biggest annual fundraiser, **Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring**, returns for its 12th installment on **Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 5:30pm-9:30pm at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.**

Hosted by **Heather Gersten of the Lite Rock 105 Morning Show, and NBC10 Anchor/Reporter Mario Hilario!**

It once again, features **local "celebrity dancing stars"** and their professional partners from the Dancing Feeling studio in a **ballroom dance competition.**

Add in a **fabulous opening number**, dinner, open dancing, a silent auction, and our surprise wine grab-bag, and you have **something for everyone.**

**\$\$VOTE NOW FOR THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD\$\$**

## **\$1 = 1 Vote**

Your donations determine the winner of the night's most prestigious award:  
**The People's Choice Award.**

You can vote by clicking on the Dancing Star of your choice below and donating in their name. We'll combine the online votes with the votes cast at the event and determine who takes home the award!

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[Dana Goldberg - Textron](#)

[Meredith Gregory - Amica](#)

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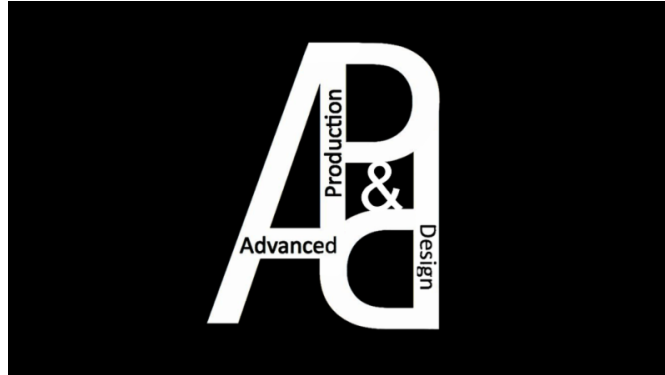


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