



Dear Jo-Ann,

## MEET THE DANCERS!!!

**Debbie Rich** - Debbie Rich has done it all: television, radio, movies, government. Her adventurous spirit has served her well and brings her into the spotlight for a good cause, MENTOR Rhode Island's Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring fundraiser.

With a career spanning across different industries, Debbie has had the chance to mentor and guide others. As a reporter, she covered the 1992 Democratic National Convention, encountering some young students there on behalf of WBRU. She took them under her wing, introduced them to the delegates and helped them navigate the convention floor. In government, she has shared her tricks of the trade with young professionals starting their careers. "My experiences only have value if they can help someone else," she said. "I try to impart what I know on others so they can succeed and move ahead in their profession." Partnered with the Dancing Feeling's Randy Deats, Debbie has had fun dancing and laughing during rehearsal. "This is all about having fun and raising money for mentoring," she said. "I can't wait to perform in front of my friends and family, all for the benefit of mentoring." On April 26, Debbie will strut her stuff and check off an item on her bucket list, all for the benefit of mentoring. "Young people need someone to look up to and if I can play a small part in making that happen, it's a win." [Help Debbie Rich win this year's People's Choice Award.](#)



**Randy Deats** - Randy Deats marks his 12-year anniversary of mentoring a "star" for our fundraiser. Randy is co-director of The Dancing Feeling and has been teaching for over 35 years. His experience and talent has helped so many people enjoy the benefits of dance. Besides teaching at The Dancing Feeling he can be seen

officiating at many ballroom and country competitions throughout the United States. He is head coach for the Rhode Island College Ballroom teams. He wishes all of the "stars" a great experience while they help MENTOR Rhode Island.

**Kurt Harrington** - Kurt Harrington spends most of his time playing with fish, but always reserves free time for good causes. That's why Kurt, Fish Guy and CEO of Something Fishy Inc., decided to dive in for MENTOR Rhode Island's 2018 Dancing

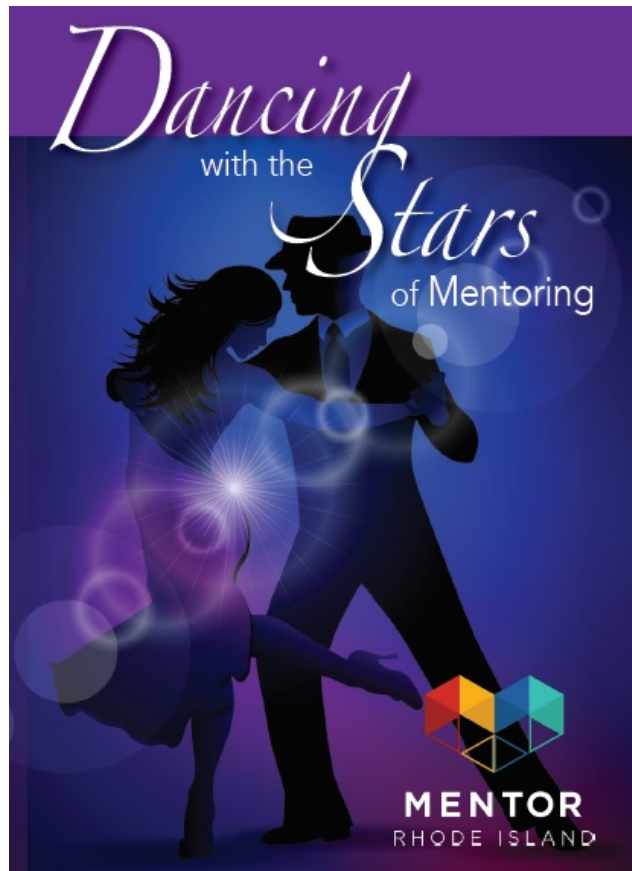


with the Stars of Mentoring fundraiser. Kurt says he is fortunate to have had many mentors guide him along the way. At 15 years old, a mentor from the business community visited Kurt's classroom, and to this day, he looks back on that visit with fond memories and remembers what he learned. Kurt also points to Tim Hebert as one of the many mentors he has admired, both to guide his life and business decisions. Mentoring isn't a one-way street with the Fish Guy, he gives back any chance he gets. He shares his experience and knowledge with young aspiring professionals working their way through college. In addition, he remains connected to his high school, Chariho High School, by coaching the entrepreneurial team. Kurt, who admits he wasn't recruited for his dance moves, is paired with Dancing Feeling's Rachael Capodanno. Together,

they plan to deliver a memorable performance that will keep the audience smiling and laughing, all to give back and help kids by raising money for a good cause. [Help Kurt continue to give back by donating to his quest to win the People's Choice Award.](#)

**Rachael Capodanno** - Rachael Capodanno will be dancing with Kurt Harrington of Something Fishy. They have a great performance with a slightly different twist to a current pop song! Rachael has taught for many years and has been competing throughout the United States with her students in both ballroom and country. Rachael is the head coach of the Roger Williams Ballroom Club where she enjoys working with the college dancers. She enjoys all aspects of dance and the benefits it brings to all!

**Watch for Next Week's  
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**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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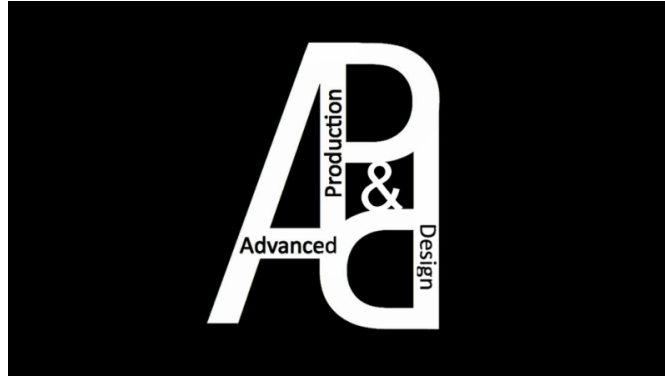


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