



Dear Jo-Ann,

MEET THE DANCERS!!!

Linda Warren - Linda Warren, commercial support specialist at Bank of America, has been eyeing Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring for quite some time. Her colleagues, Colleen Gouveia Moulton and Norine Laferriere, performed in 2012 and 2016 respectively, and inspired her to give it a try in 2018. With so many new challenges facing today's youth, Linda is ready put her best foot forward.

The combination of dance and mentoring makes Linda a natural fit for this year's lineup of stars. At three years old, she started dancing and continued throughout much of her life. She taught tap and jazz and also began an after school program for inner city children in Providence to learn to dance. "I saw firsthand, in the dance world how important it is to mentor kids," she said. "Giving direction and confidence helped them evolve and it was always great to see them grow at our yearly recitals."

Linda hasn't performed in many years, but is excited to get out on the dance floor with Dancing Feeling's Noah Carsten. Together, they will perform a foxtrot fusion and have their sights on the Judges' Choice award. "I just want to dance and raise as much money for the kids as I can," she said. While Linda is aiming to execute great technique on the dance floor, she also hopes to surprise herself with how much money she raises for the coveted People's Choice Award. [Help surprise Linda by donating here.](#)

Noah Carsten - Noah Carsten is returning for his 3rd year at Dancing with The Stars of Mentoring. Noah is guiding two of our dancing stars, Linda Warren & Dr. Angela Ciresi! Noah is a past President of the Rhode Island College Ballroom Team. He currently competes in the UCWDC with his partner and teaches at The Dancing Feeling. He also manages their social media. Noah wishes everyone a great performance!

Dana Goldberg - Dana Goldberg, Vice President of Tax at Textron, will face a big challenge and dance in public for the 2018 Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring. She follows a lineage of Textron employees who have competed for the benefit of MENTOR Rhode Island. Like those before her, she is "In it to win it." MENTOR Rhode Island's mission to ensure youth have access to the motivational and supportive relationships they need to grow into confident, successful adults, personally resonates with Dana. She was a teenage, single-mother who lost her parents at a young age. She embraces her life-journey and credits those who took the time to mentor, encourage, tutor and support her as one of the reasons she overcame many personal, educational and professional hurdles. One of the many pieces of



advice given to Dana by a couple who deeply cared for her was, "Try not to get overwhelmed with what's in front of you...be where your feet are at; always make that next right decision." This paved the way to her future success and has served her well when she mentors others, including women who have sought education or to re-enter the workforce. Dana and Dancing Feeling's Anthony Scalzi will perform a fun East Coast Swing, complete with costumes to match the music. Her strategy for victory is comprised of three parts. First, connect her support network to the mission of MENTOR Rhode Island. Second, commit to her dance routine and partner by practicing and having fun. Last, create energy and an



environment of friendly competition among this year's celebrity dancers, because a competitive environment means more donations. [You can donate to Dana by clicking here.](#)

Anthony Scalzi - Anthony Scalzi began dancing in 2009 as a member of the Rhode Island College Ballroom Dance Team. He would eventually go on to hold the title of President, and co-founded the Rhode Island College Ballroom Dance Competition. In addition to teaching social ballroom dancing, Anthony teaches and competes with his students in ballroom competitions across New England. He also competes professionally with his partner in the American Smooth Style. Anthony is proud to share

his passion as he returns for his 5th Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring.



Thursday, April 26, 2018

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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.**

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

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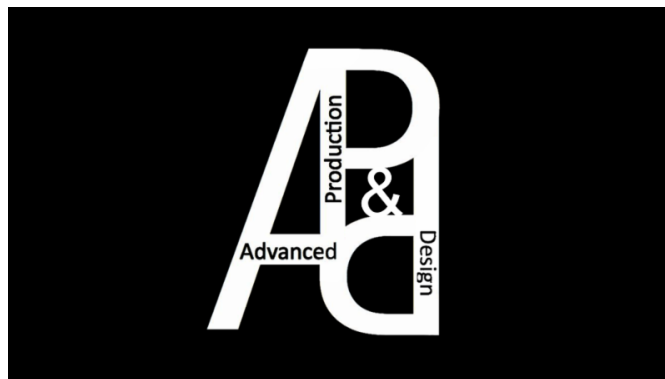
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