



Join us on April 27th for Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring 2017!!!



Dear Jo-Ann,

Don't Miss the FUN!!!

REGISTER TODAY!!!

Meet The Dancers!

Christopher Cioe is a financial advisor at Northwestern Mutual and plans to do whatever it takes to win this year's Dancing With The Stars of Mentoring fundraiser. After being unable to compete last year due to surgery, he is ready to memorize his steps and promises to out dance and out fundraise his colleague and past participant Jeff Daw. He admits he is a very competitive person and can't wait to get out there and dance. Mentoring and support have been key themes in Chris's life. He credits his friends, family and network for the support they have given him during difficult times. "I spent two years in a wheelchair and have gone through more than I felt I could go through, but in the end I still feel lucky because of the people in my life," he said. "And here is a cause that brings someone an hour a day to make as much of an impact. To be able to pay back in such a small way is super easy to me." Chris has supported the organization by mentoring over the last 6 years. He believes the impact of mentoring a child can't be quantified. With his current mentee, he was unsure he was getting through and began to question his methods. That was until he received glowing review sheets from his mentee, their family and the school principal. "It was very emotional and I didn't see it coming," Chris said. "I didn't know I was getting through and it was great to

know it was working." Paired with The Dancing Feeling's Rachel Capodanno, Chris will dance what he describes as a "foxtrot, west coast swing mash up." He calls himself a numbers guy and knows how important this event is to the Rhode Island Mentoring Partnership. His strategy for winning? Buying victory, of course! "I will dance competitively, but it's easier to buy the win," he said. [Help Chris buy his way to victory by donating to his fundraiser here.](#)

Rachael Capodanno will be dancing with Christopher Cioe. 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!



Nicole Truppi is a residential mortgage originator for Navigant Credit Union. She is ready to hit the dance floor with her partner Noah Carsten with a West Coast Swing that will wow the crowd and support mentoring. "I believe that every child deserves the support that they need; scholastically, socially, emotionally," says Nicole. "Mentoring brings in mentors from all ages, from different backgrounds, and in different positions and stages in their life. Mentoring brings hope and encouragement to children that need it the most." Nicole remembers vividly the day she saw first-hand how influential mentoring can be for young people. "I was working from home one day and turned around to see my seven-year-old daughter had a make shift laptop and calculator and was holding a toy phone up to her ear. "She was just making sales". These moments are even more special when they happen unexpectedly."



Nicole says she is preparing for her big performance with "Practice, Practice, Practice!" and is really only worried about one thing, "That I'm going to sweat so bad that I slip out of Noah's hands. This is a real possibility people." All kidding aside, Nicole can't wait to see everyone come together for such an awesome cause. Nicole hopes you'll "throw your dollars in the jars of the stars! Any of them! But mine preferably!" [You can do that by supporting Nicole for the People's Choice Award.](#)

Noah Carsten is returning for his second year at Dancing with The Stars of Mentoring. In honor of his second year, Noah is guiding two of our dancing stars. Both Nicole & Shannon are in good hands! Noah is the President of the Rhode Island College Ballroom Team. He attends RIC as well as teaches at The Dancing Feeling and manages their social media operations. He wishes everyone a great performance!

DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!

Join our hosts **Heather Gersten, of Heather & Steve in the Morning on Lite Rock 105, & Mario Hilario of NBC 10** to help us celebrate the **11th Anniversary** edition of **Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring.**

On **Thursday, April 27th, from 5:30pm-9:30pm** at **Rhodes on the Pawtuxet** our stars of mentoring and their **partners from the Dancing Feeling** will battle it out in an intense **ballroom dance competition**.

Enjoy dinner, dancing, a silent auction and our very popular Wine Grab Bag!!!

Who will be named the **Judges' Choice & Most Entertaining Award Winners?**
Who will you support for the coveted **People's Choice Award???**

Remember \$1 = 1 vote and you can **support your favorite dancer** before the event by clicking on their name below and making a donation at their fundraising page.

VOTE EARLY & VOTE OFTEN!!!

[Christopher Cioe - Northwestern Mutual](#)

[Nicole Truppi - Navigant Credit Union](#)

[Bekah Berger - Hot 106](#)

[Shannon Brodeur - Cox Business](#)

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(tickets won't be sold at the door)

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Sincerely,

Team RIMP

Jo-Ann, Sue, Pam, Nichole, Celeste, Cathy, Christopher, Darnell, Jay, & Marc

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