



Dear Jo-Ann,

## Meet The Dancers!

**Melanie Flamand** of Flamand & Associates Insurance, has been a Warwick resident most of her life. Starting at MetLife in May, 1985 she has taken her love for the insurance business and become an independent agent, saving people money one policy at a time. Active in the community, she enjoys giving her time to different charities in the area including MENTOR Rhode Island. She has served on the Board for the Central RI Chamber of Commerce and the House of Hope and is currently on the Government Affairs Committee for the Independent Insurance Agents of RI. When not trying to raise money for a cause, she loves to golf, play poker, cook, jam in her music studio at home and jet ski around the Bay. Melanie and her professional partner Randy Deats have a great performance prepared for you to enjoy. Melanie says that she is, "blessed with a wonderful home life, getting to spend time with family and friends, who support her with all her causes." You can join Melanie's family and friends in supporting her, by [donating to her campaign to win the People's Choice Award.](#)

**Randy Deats** marks his 11-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 of the University of RI and Rhode Island College Ballroom teams. He wishes all of the "stars" a great experience while they help the RI Mentoring Partnership.



**Shannon Brodeur** is an outside retention representative for Cox Business. She helps customers grow and manage their telecommunication needs. She has gotten behind the cause of mentoring because of the support she's received over the years, "I have been lucky to have a multitude of positive influences from both peers and people of leadership in my school, personal and work life. The feedback you get and positive encouragement you receive from another individual is invaluable. I feel most people don't realize the influence and impact their words may have on others. Being a positive light and inspiration to others is the most valuable gift a person can give. I have seen firsthand the effect a positive mentor can have on a child. I was raised by a single mother who had to work all the time. She did a great job but if not for the encouragement I received from teachers who took a special interest in me or supervisors at work who saw something in me I didn't see in myself I wouldn't be the



person I am today." Today, Shannon is confident enough to get out in front of the Dancing with the Stars of Mentoring crowd and perform a Cha-Cha with her partner Noah Carsten and ask for your support for the People's Choice Award. "People have apologized to me for making small donations saying they wish they were able to contribute more...but small donations add up to a huge amount, it is like mentoring in that way, you may not realize the small contributions you make have a huge impact." [Help Shannon have a huge impact by voting for her 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!

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!!!**

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[Shannon Brodeur - Cox Business](#)

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