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Metamorphosis Dance Company of Trinidad and Tobago

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## Scholarship Winners

2011: Juan Pablo Alba-Dennis

2012: Anais Hinds

2013: Marie Lashley

2014: Mercedes Prevatt

2015: Jada Blanc

2016: Anna Maria de Freitas

2017: Marianna Frederik

2018: Dominique Bones

2019:  
Keanu Mohammed

2020: **1**  
Jewel Johnson

A look at our first **2**  
KAK Scholarship  
Winner : 2011  
Juan Pablo Alba-Dennis

## KAK Dance Scholarship Award News

It was decided early in the year to postpone the announcement of the 2020 KAK Dance Scholarship winner until we could meet physically in a studio. Our plans had to change to keep everyone safe.

Finally, we are pleased to celebrate the news that Jewel Johnson is the new award winner from the Metamorphosis Dance Company. In its 25th year as a pre-professional dance company, Jewel has shown every promise that she will be an outstanding professional dancer.

Mrs. Nancy Herrera, Artistic Director of the Metamorphosis Dance Company, announced the winner on a zoom presentation to dancers and teachers of the company. She stated that: "Jewel was selected as this year's winner for her commitment and dedication to dance practice. Jewel is not only utterly committed and passionate but she is also a positive force uplifting those around her with her beautiful and happy spirit."

On receiving the news of her success, Jewel put her hands over her eyes and shouted: "Thank you so, so, so very much. I am so



honored, I wouldn't be here where I am without Caribbean School of Dancing [and the Metamorphosis Dance Company]. . . . I am just so thankful to all the teachers. . . . Thank you for pushing me and grooming me so that I could be here and continue my dance journey.

### Jewel Jonson, 2020, KAK Dance Scholarship Award Winner.

"Again, thank you so very much for selecting me to receive this special award. I am beyond grateful."

Jewel is now attending the Institute for American Musical Theatre in New York City.

## Scholarship Covers Expenses for Dancers

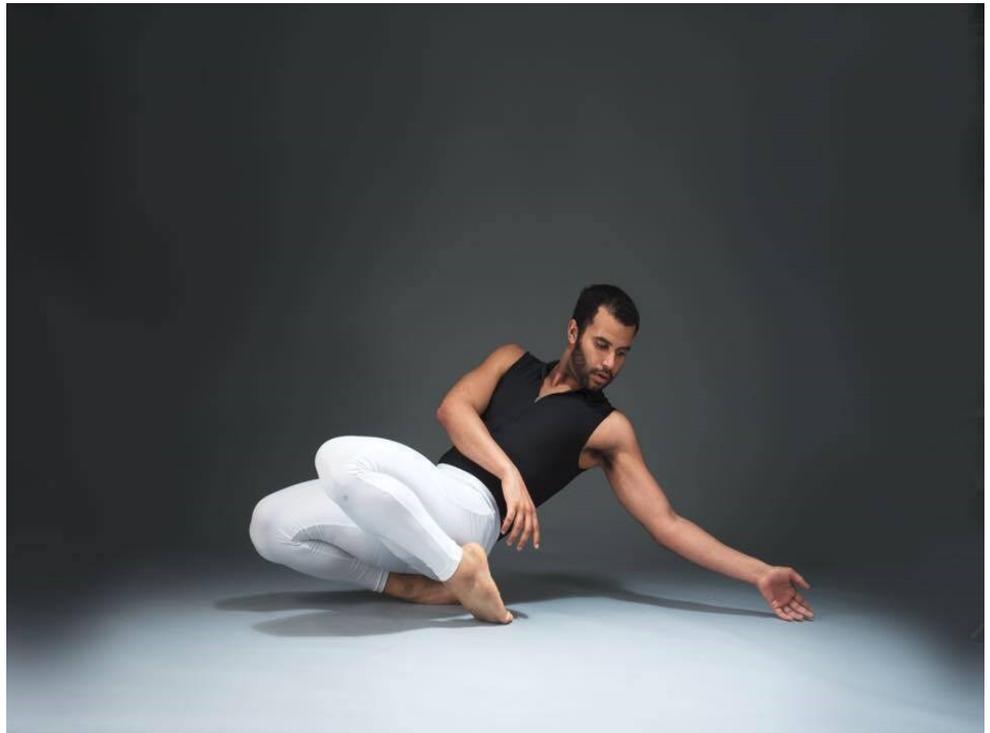
Once the KAK Dance Scholarship Awardee receives the check, it is used for their individual choice from this list:

**1.** RAD (Royal Academy of Dancing) exam entry fees; **2.** Dance supplies - specialty gear - pointe shoes or tap shoes; **3.** Audition preparation - cost of airfare, video and photography; **4.** Entry fees to training program; OR **5.** Visa application fee for USA, and other countries.

Metamorphosis Dance  
Company, 2020.

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**Our first KAK Dance Scholarship Winner: Juan Pablo Alba-Dennis (2011)**



**Jewel Johnson (2020): TENTH KAK Dance Scholarship Winner**

Jewel Johnson's classical dance training began in September, 2017 at the Caribbean School of Dancing.

Her journey with the Metamorphosis Dance company took place from 2018 when she joined as an apprentice, to 2020. She danced in the company's yearly showcase, "Take Heart", in 2019.

Jewel attended the Joffrey Ballet School Miami Summer Intensive in 2018 and the Joffrey Ballet School New York Jazz and Contemporary Summer Intensive, on a full scholarship in 2019. This year she was accepted into the Institute for American Musical Theatre on a full scholarship. The program lasts for two years and trains all students in the art of dancing (Ballet, Musical Theatre, Modern, Commercial Jazz and Tap), singing and acting. After completing this program, she hopes to begin her career on Broadway, Film and TV to fulfill a lifelong dream.



**Celine Gittens**, patron of Metamorphosis Dance Company, as Odette, Swan Lake.

Photo: Roy Smiljanic.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DANCE FUND SO THAT OTHERS MAY BENEFIT FROM YOUR FAITH IN THEIR SUCCESS.**

A gift to The KAK Dance Scholarship fund is an investment in the future of dance in Trinidad and Tobago and the world. We count on your generosity to help further the scholarship's mission of excellence in dance education. PLEASE contact us for information: [drjoanne@yahoo.com](mailto:drjoanne@yahoo.com) and [nancyjherrera@tstt.net.tt](mailto:nancyjherrera@tstt.net.tt).

**THANKS for your continued support!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

*It's the little things  
in life  
that touch  
our hearts  
the most.*