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The 10th year anniversary celebration of Dominican's LINES Ballet BFA in Dance programs kicked off September 12, with "A Conversation with Alonzo King" in Guzman Lecture Hall.

The [event](#), presented by [Dominican's Department of Music, Dance and Performing Arts](#), featured conversation about art and creativity with the Artistic Director and Founder of Alonzo King LINES Ballet.

In 2006, the [Alonzo King LINES Ballet](#) and Dominican collaborated to create the [BFA program](#), which is housed in Angelico Hall on the Dominican campus and the professional dance studios of Alonzo King LINES Dance Center in San Francisco. In addition to its rigorous dance and performance curriculum, the program provides a comprehensive education in the liberal arts, including specialized courses in Dance History and Music presented by Dominican's faculty.

In 2015, LINES BFA at Dominican was listed in the [Ten Best Colleges for Dance Performance in the United States](#). BFA in Dance students have been invited to attend the [Tremplin Jeunes Ballets of the Monaco Dance Forum](#) and have performed at the National College Dance Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

The BFA in Dance program has produced three [Princess Grace Foundation](#) scholarship recipients -- [Katie Scherman](#) '10, [Jeffrey Van Sciver](#) '13 and [Lani Dickinson](#) '16. Jeffrey Van Sciver, along with Rachel Furst '13, Mary Kate O'Sullivan '14, William Couture '15, Madeline Matuska '15, [Tatiana Barber](#) '16, and Charbel Rohayem '16, also received [Dizzy Feet Foundation](#) scholarships

In 2014, BFA in Dance alumna [Casey Lee Thorne](#) '10 was awarded a Fulbright Student Fellowship to research dance in Israel.

Other notable BFA in Dance alumni include Adam Peterson '11, Challyce Brogdon '11 and Katherine Lake '12, who have been working in European dance companies since graduation in, respectively, Holland, Austria, and Germany. Rachael Elliott '11 spent two years teaching and dancing in Shanghai, China.

Among the most accomplished dancers to come through the BFA in Dance program is Michael Montgomery '11. Michael, who now tours with the Alonzo King LINES Ballet, was named to [Dance Magazine's "25 To Watch"](#) in 2013. That year, Jeffrey Van Sciver joined Michael as a member of the LINES company.

Following the "Conversation with Alonzo King," BFA in Dance students will prepare for their annual [LINES Ballet BFA Senior Solo Concert](#) on Friday night, September 23, in Angelico Concert Hall.

For a schedule of BFA in Dance performances/events this season, please follow this link: <http://bfa.linesballet.org/events/>.

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