

RONNIE "RJ" ANDERSON

The UGA Dance Department had the pleasure of having Ronnie "RJ" Anderson as a student from Fall 2012 until Spring of 2018. During his time at UGA, he received a Bachelor of Advertising with a Minor in Dance. Ronnie exceeded the expectations of a dance minor in the department, enthusiastically devoting his life and time to countless department activities. He was a dancer, choreographer, teacher, stagehand, marketing designer and an extraordinary person.

While at UGA, Ronnie danced in the Young Choreographers Series, Spring Dance Concert, CORE Contemporary and Aerial Dance Company, as well as CADE:NCE Contemporary African Dance Ensemble: New Conscious Exploration. He performed and represented the UGA dance department in New York City, Jamaica, and many ACDA Festivals throughout the Southeast. In the Summer of 2017, Ronnie was a scholarship student at the American Dance Festival 6 Week School & Intensive at Duke University where he continued to develop his artistry.

After graduation, Ronnie danced professionally with Staibdance, Black Nativity, Dance Canvas, Hayiya Dance Theatre, and Ballethnic. He was an established dance educator for more than 15 years, serving as Dance Director at Baldwin County School District and teaching in many studios around the state of Georgia. Ronnie taught at East Athens Educational Dance Center serving hundreds of students for 8 years before stepping into his most recent role of Program Specialist in August of 2019. Ronnie was a devout Christian, dancing and choreographing many full-length productions for his home church Convenient Life Cathedral. Additionally, he brought his passion to Athens where he helped develop a dance ministry at Timothy Baptist Church.

Ronnie Anderson embodied the definition of a UGA Bulldog in the ways that he supported all students from freshman to senior dancers throughout their college journey. Ronnie was an anchor in our close-knit dance community and became family to all. The University of Georgia Dance Department will forever remember Ronnie RJ Anderson as a passionate, confident, talented and caring person. He exuded light, love, and joy with his many talents. Please join us in sharing Ronnie's legacy by viewing his choreographic works on his YouTube page and Website. Rest in Power and Grace - Ronnie "RJ" Anderson March 13, 1994 - January 19, 2021.

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