

## **Rachelle Payne**

Rachelle is one of those people that walk softly without demanding attention. She is quietly building a life of academic and artistic excellence. She demonstrates independence, sensitivity to her world, and a mature sense of responsibility.

### **In Her Own Words**

" I chose KVA for it's unique learning environment and so I could pursue dancing. I got to play the lead in my dance school's production of Cinderella\*, which was very exciting. KVA has given me so much opportunity; it is a wonderful school full of amazing people! I encourage anyone who is interested to come visit."

### **Accomplishments**

- Accepted to the prestigious Universal Ballet Academy summer program 2006 and 2007 in Washington, DC, formerly the Kirov Academy of Ballet. ([www.ubacademy.org](http://www.ubacademy.org))
- Rachelle danced the part of Cinderella in the MCPA School production.
- Dance Exams (RAD + CDTA), completed grade 8 RAD Award, and elementary jazz (CDTA)
- Performed at the Kiwanis Music Festival in piano and voice
- Accepted to the Global Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, DC and New York to address the United Nations. ([www.cylc.org](http://www.cylc.org))
- Visited New York City fall of 2006 for, "Steps on Broadway" master classes
- Appeared in 'Alice' production at MCPA in 2007

### **What the Faculty Says**

"Rachelle Payne is the ideal student. She is bright, kind, honest, talented, humble, as well as industrious. It has truly been my pleasure to have her as a student. She works harder than most people I know. With countless hours of ballet, piano, and voice, she still maintains the highest grades at KVA. Congratulations Rachelle."

"Rachelle is an exceptional student. Although she has a very busy ballet schedule, she performs very well academically and has a keen interest in science."

"Rachelle is a student of knowledge and truth. She listens to first confirm the reference point being presented, and then is able to take a body of knowledge and present it from the given reference point. It takes a high degree of openness and inquisitiveness to do this. She is a perfectionist and will present all sides of an issue. Her demeanor is gentle and cheerful. She is definitely a 'lady', and represents KVA with leadership qualities of grace and excellence in all she attempts."

"Although she excels in the area of dance, her passion, her qualities of inquisitiveness, diligence and thoroughness provide opportunities for her in a multitude of areas, for example in medicine and the sciences. The staff watches with eager anticipation the choices of profession she will make. She has much to contribute to society in a myriad of ways. It is as if watching a flower coming into bloom."

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