

Lisa has been dancing for 31 years and has been teaching/choreographing for 16. She graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance with her concentration being in Jazz. At ECU, Lisa was cast every year in the Dance Theatre Show, as well as numerous Senior Choreography's. She was also in the ECU Tap Ensemble & ECU Jazz Ensemble. In 2012, Lisa was a member of FootNotes Tap Ensemble, a tap company out of Chapel Hill. Lisa was Miss Moore County in 2005 as well as being awarded the talent winner; at Miss North Carolina that year, she was awarded a Non-Finalist Talent Award. In 2008, Lisa was awarded the Talent and Interview award at Miss Goldsboro, as well as being named Miss Goldsboro 2008. She then placed in the top ten at Miss North Carolina. In 2009, she won the Talent and Interview award at Miss Greater Sandhills, and went on to Miss North Carolina to be named a Preliminary Talent Winner, as well as a top five finalist, runner-up to Miss North Carolina 2009. Shortly after she went to Hoopsten, IL to represent North Carolina in the Miss National Sweetheart Pageant, where she was awarded a preliminary talent award, as well as the most talented non-finalist! She was a Miss North Carolina Dancer in 2006, 2007, 2010, & 2011. Lisa auditioned for So You Think You Can Dance with a tap piece, where Nigel Lithgow told her she had "Brilliant Feet". Lisa was a professor of tap and taught at Pembroke University where she choreographed two of their musicals. She has won numerous choreography and overall awards at competitions with children she has taught throughout the years and has been named national champions the past several years with her current students. Lisa is certified through Dance Masters of America to teach Tap, Jazz, and Acrobatics, and is an active member in Chapter 15, Carolina Dance Masters. She has done numerous Master Classes and Guest Choreography pieces and has been a judge at pageants and dance competitions all around. Lisa is also currently the Executive Director of both Miss North Carolina Jr. High, High School, and Collegiate, as well as Miss Florida Jr. High, High School and Collegiate America Pageants. Currently she owns her own studio in Seven Lakes, NC, L Mace Studios.