

2023-2024 SBA Student Accomplishments

YAGP Finals (2024) – New York City

Afina Gosla – invitation to compete in Junior Final Round
Leon Sai – invitation to compete in Junior Final Round; Top 12 Junior Men
Alisa Xu & Leon Sai – Flames of Paris pas de deux –Top 12 Pas de Deux

LA Music Center Spotlight Awards (2024)

Michelle Lu – Ballet Semifinalist
Towako Wunsch – Ballet Semifinalist
Mia Frederick – Ballet Merit Award
Stephanie Suh – Ballet Merit Award

YAGP Semi-Finals

San Diego – March 2024

Leon Sai – **Youth Grand Prix**, Junior
Amy Guo – **2nd Place Classical**, Junior
Emily Holder – Top 24 Classical, Junior

LA/Irvine – March 2024

Natalie Ho – Top 12 Classical, Senior
Halle Chan – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Hailey Van – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Katarina Carney – **1st Place Contemporary**, Junior
Felicity Gundersen – **2nd Place Classical**, Junior
Max Ellersiek – Top 24 Classical, Junior
Silvia Snow – Top 24 Contemporary, Junior
Brynn Oh – Top 24 Contemporary, Junior
Noelle Keefe – Top 24 Classical, Pre-Competitive
Petit Pas (Small Ensemble) – Top 12 Small Ensembles

San Diego – February 2024

Michelle Lu – **3rd Place Classical**, Senior
Madison Chen – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Julia Prevost – **3rd Place Classical**, Junior
Brynn Oh – Top 12 Classical, Junior
Felicity Gundersen – Top 12 Classical, Junior
Julia Kent – Top 12 Classical & Top 12 Contemporary, Pre-Competitive

San Francisco February

Amy Guo – **3rd Place Classical & 1st Place Contemporary**, Junior

Kansas City

Charlotte Bengfort – Top 12 Classical & Top 12 Contemporary, Senior

LA/Huntington Beach –February 2024

Michelle Lu – Top 12 Classical, Senior
Keira Kuennemann – Top 24 Classical & Top 12 Contemporary, Senior
Madison Chen – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Hailey Van – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Katarina Carney – **3rd Place Classical & 2nd Place Contemporary**, Junior
Afina Gosla – **1st Place Classical & Top 12 Contemporary**, Junior
Clara Lee – Top 24 Classical, Junior
Maya Villanueva – Top 24 Classical, Junior
Wendy Rasmussen – Top 24 Classical, Junior
Amy Guo – Top 12 Contemporary, Junior
Kate Palka – Top 12 Classical, Pre-Competitive
Thoughts (Large Ensemble) – Top 12 Large Ensembles

YAGP Semi-Finals (Continued)

Las Vegas – January 2024

Brielle Aucoin – **3rd Place Classical**, Senior
Charlotte Lind – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Zeraphine Jaeckel – Top 24 Contemporary, Senior

Seattle – January 2024

Amy Guo – Top 12 Classical & Top 12 Contemporary, Junior

San Diego – November 2023

Towako Wunsch – Top 12 Classical, Senior
Catherine Gibson – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Michelle Lu – Top 24 Classical, Senior
Silvia Snow – **2nd Place Classical**, Junior
Ellie Palka – Top 12 Classical, Junior
Julia Prevost – Top 12 Classical, Junior
Ginevra Liu – Top 24 Classical, Junior
Alisa Xu & Leon Sai – Flames of Paris – **1st Place**, Pas de Deux

LA/Irvine – October 2023

Mia Frederick – **2nd Place Classical & Top 12 Contemporary**, Senior
Stephanie Suh – **1st Place Contemporary & Top 12 Classical**, Senior
Leon Sai – **2nd Place Classical & 1st Place Contemporary**, Junior
Alisa Xu – **3rd Place Classical & Top 12 Contemporary**, Junior
Afina Gosla – **3rd Place Classical**, Junior

Universal Ballet Competition Semi-Finals – Los Angeles

Outstanding Classical Coach - Southland Ballet Academy, Salwa Rizkalla
Julia Kent - **1st Place Classical & 1st Place Contemporary**, Primary Int.
Katherine Palka - **2nd Place Classical**, Primary Int.
Sara Nyman - **5th Place Contemporary**, Primary Int.
Karen Takanashi - **9th Place Classical**, Primary Int.
Noelle Keefe - **10th Place Classical**, Primary Int.
Sean Shosei Sai - **2nd Place Classical**, Pre-Competitive Int.
Maya Dihel - **8th Place Classical**, Pre-Competitive Int.
Anyah Rich - **3rd Place Contemporary & 8th Place Classical**, Junior Int.
Maya Villanueva - **4th Place Classical**, Junior Int.
Ginevra Liu - **4th Place Contemporary & 10th Place Classical**, Junior Int.
Clara Lee - **7th Place Classical**, Junior Int.
Elizabeth Palka - **1st Place Classical**, Junior Com.
Silvia Snow - **3rd Place Classical**, Junior Com.
Julia Prevost - **8th Place Classical**, Junior Com.
Sunhoo Kang - **4th Place Classical & 5th Place Contemporary**, Senior Int.
Mia Frederick - **3rd Place Classical & 11th Place Contemporary**, Senior Com.
Natalie Ho - **5th Place Classical**, Senior Com.
Michelle Lu - **7th Place Classical**, Senior Com.
Zeraphine Jaeckel - **9th Place Classical**, Senior Com.
Petit Pas, Emery Tuano & Max Ellersiek - **1st Place Primary Int. Duo/Trio**
Counterpoint, Ginevra Liu & Magnolia Liu - **1st Place Junior Int. Duo/Trio**
Thoughts – **1st Place Primary Int. Ensemble**

ADC|IBC Semi-Finals – San Diego

Katarina Carney, **2nd Place Classical & 2nd Place Contemporary**, Junior
Silvia Snow, **15th Place Classical**, Junior
Michelle Lu, **13th Place Classical**, Senior

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California Dance Classics Semi Finals – San Diego

Towako Wunsch, **Silver Medal Classical & Special Honorable**

Mention Contemporary, Ages 17 & older

Stephanie Suh, **Gold Medal Classical**, Ages 17 & older

Michelle Lu, **Bronze Medal Classical**, Ages 15-16

Mia Frederick, **Special Honorable Mention Classical & Honorable**

Mention Contemporary, Ages 15-16

Brynn Oh, **Bronze Medal Classical**, Ages 13-14

Zoe Zeng, **Honorable Mention Classical & Honorable**

Mention Contemporary, Ages 11-12

Julia Kent, **Honorable Mention Contemporary**, Ages 11-12

California Dance Classics Semi Finals – Los Angeles

Natalie Ho – **Gold Medal Classical**, Ages 15-16

Brielle Aucoin – **Special Honorable Mention Neo-Classical**

& Honorable Mention Classical, Ages 15-16

Charlotte Bengfort – **Honorable Mention Classical**, Ages 15-16

Julia Prevost – **Gold Medal Neo-Classical & Honorable**

Mention Classical, Ages 13-14

Anya Rich – **Honorable Mention Contemporary**, Ages 11-12

Sean Sai – **Gold Medal Classical**, Ages 8 & under

Petit Pas – Emery Tuano & Max Ellersiek – **Silver Medal Classical**

Duet/Trio, Ages 11-12