## **DANICA BARTHOLOMEW**

Danica started dancing at the age of 5. She danced competitively at South County Dance from ages 9-18 and became an alumni in 2017. During her time at South County Dance, she trained in various styles including tap, musical theater, ballet, contemporary, lyrical, jazz, and hip hop. She is being trained under choreographers such as our very own, Clarisse Takemoto, Chalatorn Ujamras, Alexa Paglia, Jerome Alexander, Kelley Guise, Aisha Gibbs, and Amy Nakamura.

While at the studio, Danica was named the Dancer of the Year in 2011-2012 and she was a part of the senior small group that won at Move Nationals in 2017. In addition to competing at the studio, Danica was a part of the Tesoro Song Team for 4 years under the direction of Danielle Calta-Darwazeh. She won 6 national titles, was named CheerPros Dancer of the Year and All-State Team Member in 2017, and was captain her senior year.

Upon graduating in 2017, she attended California Polytechnic State University and recently acquired her B.S. in Elementary Education. She currently works with Danielle at Santa Margarita Catholic High School and is entering her second year as assistant song coach. JV Song won two national titles in Pom and Jazz this year at USA Nationals.

Danica loves performing and reaps joy from investing in aspiring dancers. She is so excited to join the SCDC staff alongside her sister Kira Bartholomew and make a positive impact on her students just like her teachers at SCDC did for her!