Flying Solo

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Madison Kean stood on the stage alone. She could hear her friends and family cheering her on, but all she could think about was how this was her senior year and how nervous she was. Performing with her team was one thing, but performing a solo was one of the biggest moves Madison had ever experienced.

The dance department put on a showcase on Dec. 5 to show off the JV and varsity drill teams, as well as a dance from each dance team. Madison has worked hard in doing what she loves for her entire high school career, and this year’s showcase was held to celebrate her senior year and perform her very own solo.

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In Madison Kean’s senior year, she worked hard and dedicated herself to perfecting her solo dance. Madison’s hard work paid off as she performed her solo, titled “PacMan Pom,” to the excitement of the audience.

“I was able to truly understand the lyrics to the song and make my dance mean something to me,” Madison said.

Madison knew she would be nervous, but when she got out on the stage her nerves disappeared.

“My favorite part about performing my solo was having my mom in the audience yelling my name,” Madison said. “She was so proud of me and how far I’ve come throughout my years of dancing.”

Within drill team, there are positions of leadership that help guide the team to success. Madison is the team’s head line officer, which means she has her own squad and leads the group of seven line officers.

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During the winter season, the 10th period dance class performed a contemporary dance titled “Come by Fire,” choreographed by Emma Frame. The dance was outside of school hours. The 10th period dance class performed their dance after the winter showcase.

“While performing a group dance, you can convey the performance so much better than dancing solo,” Madison said.

“Having a solo dance allows you to be the center of attention and really show off your skills as a dancer,” Madison said. “It’s a great way to express yourself through dance.”

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While performing a lyrical dance to “Pluto,” the varsity Elite team throws sophomore Kylie Dauper in the air. Marquettes added new stunts to their performances. “I love that we get to take risks with the stunts,” Kylie said. “I’ve been doing gymnastics all my life so I’m not really afraid of falling.”

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