



TESTIMONIALS

"When I look at you, I know all things are possible."— Judith Jamison

"I have nothing but the ultimate respect for that kind of passion. So I wanted her to go to the school to demonstrate what that kind of passion feels like for the girls. And I love that she connected to them, respected them and was still able to tell them the truth."— Oprah Winfrey

"Powered by superhuman legs and the drive of an Olympic Gold Medalist, Dwana Smallwood leaps into the spotlight with unearthly grace."
— Vogue Magazine

"LOVE IS IN THE DETAILS." - DWANA A. SMALLWOOD

Brooklyn-born international dance icon Dwana A. Smallwood upholds her passion for contributing value and imparting wisdom in the lives of others. One of the greatest joys of Dwana's life includes speaking to groups of women, young girls, artists, professionals, and diverse communities about her passion for dance, zest for life, and tools of empowerment. Plan on electrifying your soul with one of Dwana's heartfelt, soul-stirring speeches.. **BOOK DWANA TODAY!**

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Proclaimed “one of the greatest modern dancers” by *Vogue Magazine*, Brooklyn-born dancer **Dwana A. Smallwood** danced before millions as a guest on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* as a part of her “The Best...” series. Dwana learned to dance at an early age, which led to her tenure as a principal dancer with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. She has appeared on many American television shows including *Sesame Street*, *Good Morning America*, *The Today Show*, *Vibe*, *BK Live*, *WBLS FM 107.5*, *ABC 7 NY News*, *The Kennedy Center Honors*, and was featured on *Oprah’s: Where Are They Now*.

Dwana was also featured in American Public Broadcasting’s “Great Performances,” and the documentary “Beyond the Steps” and appears in the documentary, “A Hymn for Alvin Ailey.” She was featured in *Vogue Magazine*, photographed by Annie Leibovitz, *National Geographic*, *Girl Scout Magazine*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, *New York Moves*, and *Essence Magazine*, and was the second black woman to ever grace the cover of *Dance Magazine*. In 2005, Dwana was celebrated as one of the “50 Most Beautiful New Yorkers” by *New York Magazine*. Committed to spending a lifetime mentoring young people, she was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from Ile-Ase, Brooklyn in 2009 for her continued support of the world’s young women.

In January 2009, Dwana moved to South Africa to join the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls (OWLAG), where she was the architect of the school’s Dance Program. She was also the Co-Curricular Coordinator, the Director of Student Affairs and served on the Executive Committee.

In 2013, she returned home to Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, and founded the **Dwana Smallwood Performing Arts Center (DSPAC)**, a newly incorporated not-for-profit, bringing top-flight dance instruction for children and youth, aiming to mold elite dancers, create community identity, and encourage creative activity in neglected inner-city neighborhoods. Serving as the Executive Director, she wears many hats. Recently, Dwana formed Marley Media Group - a multimedia production company focused on spotlighting the raw, uncut, and unedited dance experience. Its first series ***Bring it to the Marley*** is a talk show and documentary series spotlighting dancers, designers, and choreographers’ stories, and dance experiences.

Dwana studied at the North Carolina School of the Arts and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from SUNY Empire State College, with a Dance major. She also studied at the Ailey School, London Contemporary Dance School, Brooklyn Arts & Cultural Association, Martha Graham School, Jubilations, and The Palucca School in Germany.

She has received numerous accolades, including the Key to the District from New York City Council Member Robert E. Cornegy, Jr., 36th District. Dwana also received a City Council Proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, a City Council Citation for Outstanding Arts & Culture Leader, Brooklyn’s Best Honors Award, and Bedford-Stuyvesant Museum of African Art’s Nelson Mandela Humanitarian Award, among others.

Recently, Dwana authored and published her first book titled ***The Panty Line is Played***, which can be purchased on Amazon. Informative and hysterical, Dwana guides readers through an education on what to wear, what not to wear, and perhaps when not to wear it while providing solutions to the age-old problem that diminishes women’s style instead of enhancing one of their best assets.