

Then & Now: Vivian Ball



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THEN

Was 3 years old when she enrolled at the Pershing School of Dance in 1973.

1989 graduate of Lincoln High School, where she was active in girls show choir, concert choir, school musicals, Pomalinks drill team (captain), basketball, volleyball, National Honor Society, and honor roll.

Earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1993 from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she was a four-year member of the Flag & Dance

Team and was privileged to perform at bowl games and in Mexico.

Continued to be active in music and theatre, including an engagement of 78 performances of "Will Rogers' Follies" at the Omaha Community Playhouse in 1995. Also taught classes at a Lincoln dance studio; was an original member of the Lincoln Midwest Ballet Company who danced for the LMBC for 12 years; was a member of the UNL dance faculty in 1996-'97; served as dance team coach at Lincoln Northeast High School, 1995-'97; was a member of the Lincoln Midwest Ballet Company; helped select members of the first UNL Scarlets Dance Team; and helped choreograph the opening and closing ceremonies for the National Special Olympics when the competition came to Lincoln in 2010.

TODAY

Teaches classes at Universal Dance Academy, a business she has co-owned with Angela Beery since 1995.

She and her husband, Michael Ball, who is dairy manager of the Hy-Vee Store at 27th & Superior, have four children: Jordan, 20, who works full time at The Buckle and has taken a break from classes at UNL, where he is a sophomore; Trevin, 15, a sophomore at Lincoln North Star High School; Lillian, 13, an 8th-grader at Schoo Middle School; and Beaudree, 6, who will be a 1st-grader at Kooser Elementary School.