

Hannah Newman – 2006 JCS graduate

Hannah Newman is a 2006 graduate of Jubilee Christian School, and is currently a senior in the Ailey/Fordham Bachelor of Fine Arts dance program in New York City with a secondary major in English. She dances with Gibney Dance Company and plans to audition for a permanent job with a dance company next year. At Fordham College at Lincoln Center, Hannah is also the co-founder and president of Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, the only Christian club on campus.

For the past two years, Hannah has been an integral part of Shining Light Ministries, an organization which recruits college students from around the country to go on a three-week impact tour performing a show comprised of dance, music, drama and spoken word in prisons, jails and youth detention facilities with the goal of sharing the hope of Christ with those who are incarcerated. In the summer of 2015, Hannah served as the dance director and lead choreographer, as well as for Shining Light's first Impact Workshop in January of the same year. She taught dance to women in a jail in Philadelphia and then performed alongside them for their peers in the jail. "I am excited to continue to be involved with them in the future," Hannah says.

Hannah has fond memories of the Philadelphia field trip with her JCS classmates, and having Carbonara's for hot lunch on Fridays. "I honestly remember the times that we studied the Bible or sang worship songs together the most," she says. "I still remember singing worship songs in the morning in Miss Booher's class. 'Before the Throne of God Above' is one of my favorite hymns to this day."