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Q&A Moment

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Phillip Ellington was featured in our Fall 2016 Issue. HOLLA'! caught up with him while preparing for another leg of his dance journey.

1. You are now 13! How time flies. Tell us what you have been up to since we last featured you?

I am still dancing with Studio A Dance Company. I have competed in serial dance competitions and winning 1st place. I have been accepted into the Alvin Ailey camp for the summer which will be held at Towson University. I am also representing Team USA at the Worlds Championship of the Performing Arts in July in California.

2. What do you think has changed in the dance arena in the past few years that has had the biggest impact on you?

The only thing that has changed in the past years is that I've grown tremendously in different genres of dance.

3. Tell us how you handle your academics and dance so successfully!

Art imitates life like dance and academic. I have some challenges from time to time but I push myself to greatness with consistency.

4. What is the one thing you could confess in this Q&A that has been the most challenging for you so far? How are you working it out or how did you conquer that challenge?

The most challenging thing in my life is getting bullied by my classmates. They look at me different. They call me names because I dance and it is really frustrating. At times I want to give up but I tell myself that I don't dance for myself, I dance for the Lord. He blessed me this gift and I don't know what He has planned for me. I'm currently still working on a resolution but that still remains an on-going process. I wish I had a male dance mentor that I could up too.

5. Knowing what you know now what advice would you give yourself at 9 years of age?

I would inform my younger self to have tough skin and dare to be different. You're always going to be presented with challenges. You have to endure.