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Volcanoes Dancers cheering on Blazers, Seahawks and Rosebuds

August 8, 2014 – Vancouver, WA – The Vancouver Volcanoes team don't just move players to the NBA Development League and overseas, the [Volcanoes Dancers](#) are dancing their way into the majors, once again.

The Portland Trail Blazers [Blazer Dancers](#) hosted their tryouts, with Coach Desiree close by, and once again there are Volcanoes among them. Out of a team of sixteen dancers, there are five Volcanoes Dancer Alumni ready to cheer on the Blazers into the playoffs for the 2014-15 NBA season, and it doesn't stop there. From the new Arena Football Team, the Portland Thunder Dancers who boasted six Volcanoes dancers, to the Portland Winterhawks (WHL) and 2013 NFL Champion Seahawks, these ladies get the experience and development they need to move to the big stage.

Michelle spent three years with the Volcanoes Dance team, has been with the Blazer Dancers since 2009 and was also a Portland Thunder dancer this season for the new AFL team in Rip City. Krista took her two years of experience and moved on to the Portland Winterhawks (WHL) Rosebuds dancers, the Portland Thunder dancers and now for the first time has become a Blazer Dancer!

Ashley, now in her third season as a Blazer dancer, credits the experience and opportunity the Volcanoes provided. "What helped me the most is the dance experience itself. We had multiple different choreographers on the Volcanoes come and teach our routines, and let me tell you they don't teach very slow. The dance experience made me a well rounded dancer that could pick up material quick, just what you need to be a Blazer Dancer," the Blazer Dancer shared.

Jenna Lea, a Volcanoes favorite, has been a Blazer Dancer since 2011, while Erika moved to the Rosebuds, Thunder dancers and now back to the Blazers, it is apparent the program Coach Desiree and Armani have put together moves talent. New members with the squad this season have made the Portland Winterhawk [Rosebuds](#) for the first time, Salam, Kasey, Brianna and Halee developed their skills, learned more about the pros with the support of their coaches and will become ice dancers this fall for the WHL team.

"I am extremely proud of my dancers that auditioned for Blazers this year," Vancouver Volcanoes Dancers Head Coach Desiree Goode shared, a former Blazer dancer herself. "The competition was fierce and there were a lot of talented and beautiful young ladies that auditioned. Overall I love being able to go and support all of our dancers. It is so much fun to watch and I enjoy being a part of the process. It is one of the highlights of my year to watch any and all of my dancers audition and make other teams. To see them grow as a dancer and as a women is a privilege."

Just up the I-5 north, the Seattle Seahawks are in full swing with two Volcanoes Dancer alumni Haley and Tamaria as [Sea Gals](#) ready to cheer them on to another championship this season.

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“The audition process for any professional dance team is extremely tough and challenging, not only physically but also emotionally,” Assistant Coach Armani highlighted. “These young women train and practice the entire year to get ready for these auditions so I am incredibly proud of all our Volcanoes Dancers who auditioned this year, whether they made the cut or not, they will use this as another year to grown, develop and become even better dancers. Desiree and I will continue to develop these ladies to help them achieve their goals, whether that is to make an NFL, NBA or any other team they choose.”

With over 35+ Volcanoes Dancers now in the NBA, NFL, MLB, WHL, AFL this program has proved the ability to develop talent. Auditions for the 2015 team are coming up this winter, where it begins for many.

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About Vancouver Volcanoes (2011 IBL Champions)

The Vancouver Volcanoes bring professional sports and entertainment to Clark County residents from April until July on the court in a family friendly environment, with activities for kids, contests for fans, exciting high scoring action and fun for everyone, starting a new cherished family tradition. *We put the dream into the team* as a vehicle to help players, dancers and interns work toward and achieve their dreams, while giving back to the community by providing a venue to help showcase local organizations and talent in our tenth season in 2014.

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