



Local dancer makes it to the Big Apple from the Garden City

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AUGUSTA, Ga. (WRDW/WAGT) -- He was picked on for perfecting a pirouette rather than his crossover, but that didn't stop Christopher R. Wilson from chasing his dreams.

Christopher's dreams has lead him from the Garden City to the Big Apple.

"Dancing is a full time job. Just like how anyone goes to work 9-5. We dance," he says.

Christopher started dancing when he was 9, but he really didn't like it at first.

He says others would tell him, "It's not the normal thing for young boys to do." He was picked on for perfecting a pirouette rather than his crossover.

Over time his love for dance grew and his mom gave him a choice. He says, "She said I think we need to narrow this down a little bit. Dance or basketball? When she asked I instantly knew what the answer would be."

In high school, he realized this is what he was meant to do. "I just knew this is where I'm supposed to be - on stage performing, sharing with people this is what I'm supposed to do."

He attended Fordham University and danced with the Alvin Ailey School. His first month there he suffered a pretty bad injury. His mom never stopped encouraging him.

She would tell him, "Its going to get better. You just have to take the time. If this is what you want to do, then you need to allow the time that you need."

Christopher healed up and never looked back. This year, he will be joining the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Fulfilling a lifelong dream at age 22.

He says, "I'm still kind of processing everything that has happened it's still unreal to me."

He says don't listen to those who say you can't do it. Don't be afraid to be different and take that leap. "If you put everything that you have in it and you give it your all. You can go places you've never imagined."

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