

Taylor Perkinson

VAJSHOF 2026

Our newest member of the Virginia Junior Shaggers Hall of Fame is the perfect instance of an outstanding and overwhelmingly stellar shag dance resume simply waiting to attain the age for formalizing the induction. In this case, her dance life began at age 2-½ with ballet and tap. With a family background in Carolina Shag with her mother Bonnie, her Aunt Nancy Wall and late Uncle Dink Slaughter (both VSHOF members) the stage was set. Her introduction was her first Junior SOS at age 10. Her real involvement didn't occur till her next Junior SOS experience at age 15, and with Aunt Nancy taking her in hand, things began to happen. Her competitive career started soon thereafter with such top competitive Juniors as River Harmon, Justin Burroughs and Austin Wiggins. Then came the USA Grand Nationals, placing 2nd and 5th in the Cabaret Division, performing original Jazz interpretive dance, along with First Place honors in ProAm with Brent Key (2012) and Brennar Goree (2013). She also competed at the Pro level in Atlanta with Jeremy Webb, and in Jack and Jill contests with top partners such as Jackson Batten. To say that she went straight to the top is no exaggeration. She danced for several years at the National Shag Dance Championships with Justin Burroughs in the Junior II division, and after graduating to Pro, danced and placed again with top gun Jeremy Webb in 2017 and 2018. She continued her competitive career in CSA at the Pro Level with Grant Garmon, Austin Pope and Ashley Stewart, consistently placing top four. She has led workshops at parties and events and performed numerous demo dances. Her involvement in Carolina Shag led to scholarships from the J. Lee Foundation, Beth Mitchell and Dewey Kennedy Foundations and enabled her degree in Dance Performance and Choreography from Coker University in Hartsville, SC. Ladies and Gentlemen please welcome the perfect combination of beauty, grace and the speed and precision of competitive Carolina Shag, from Midlothian, VA Miss Taylor Perkinson.