

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 10:04 AM  
**To:** DanceStep@comcast.net  
**Subject:** to Ms. Maria

Hi Ms. Maria,

What a wonderful recital you arranged Friday night! Caroline had such a wonderful time! She loved being on the big stage!

I wanted to take a moment to share with you how beautiful and touching I found your daughter's dance/tribute to you. I had no idea she was your daughter until she said so half way through her routine....initially I was thinking it was such a lovely way for one of your student's to express her thoughts and gratitude, reflecting on all the years she took dance at your studio, but then when I learned she was your daughter I had this rush of tears and emotion wash over me! How wonderful for you and your daughter to have bonded in such a special way over the years, and then for her to recognize all that she gained from her dancing experience and from you being not only her mom, but a mentor/teacher, was so powerful to watch!

And then..... :) the next day I read through the Newington Life magazine and saw that your daughter was recently honored by earning her Girl Scout Gold award along w/ Kara Boninsengia. (I know the Boninsengia's b/c Julie's youngest son and mine were best pre-school buds : )

What a big weekend for you both!!!

Thanks for all the support you and Miss Carrie gave to Caroline during her 1st year of dancing....and to me, a dance mom newbie, who is still adjusting to the dancing 'culture'. I hope you and your family have a great summer...and we will see you again in the fall.

Erica Martin