



Briley Jozwiak

Vancouver dancer joins Atlanta Ballet

Briley Jozwiak planned to be studying accounting at Washington State University Vancouver this fall. Then she received an offer too good to turn down.

Jozwiak, 18, has been dancing for the past 14 years. She participated in an intensive five-week session with the Atlanta Ballet earlier this summer, and the company offered her a nine-month fellowship, during which she'd be a paid member.

"Pretty much throughout my whole life, I'd always dreamed of this happening," said Jozwiak, who attended Vancouver School of Arts and Academics and Clark College.

Jozwiak rented an apartment in Atlanta and begins her season with the Atlanta Ballet on Sept. 7. She will perform in such ballets as "The Nutcracker" and "Sleeping Beauty."

"I'm just really excited to experience it and take classes with the principal dancers," Vancouver resident Jozwiak said. "I feel like I'm going to grow a lot throughout the year."