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# Hockinson dancer pins airport security

**G**retchen Funk said she's learned her lesson about wearing hair pins while walking through airport security scanners.

A junior at Hockinson High School, Funk was catching an early morning flight to San Francisco for an audition to perform for the Long Beach Ballet U.S. Ambassadors to China when she set off the alarm at gate security.

"I put up my hair and used a lot of pins," Funk, 17, said.

She'll remember not to use as many pins when she boards a plane for China this summer. Funk and Vancouver's **Lia Mrazek** are among 35 U.S. dancers selected to join the team that will perform at three sites in China, including Beijing during the Olympic Games.

Funk and Mrazek are also members of Vancouver Dance Company. After spending six weeks training in Long Beach, Calif., they will travel to China in July and return to the U.S. in mid-August.

Mrazek attends Clark College's Running Start program, which allows junior and senior high school students to take college courses.



**Gretchen Funk**



**Lia Mrazek**