Ashlyn is a First-Year student at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. She is also a 2nd year, contemporary dance student having completed her first year at UNCSA as a high school senior.

Ashlyn has always loved dance and started taking lessons in Sitka, Alaska as an eager 3 year old. Because she grew up in a military household, it allowed her to train in a few cities after Sitka; Mobile, AL, Virginia Beach, VA, and Elizabeth City, NC. She has trained and competed with the nationally renowned Denise Wall's Dance Energy before enrolling at UNCSA.

Ashlyn’s father has been in the US Coast Guard for 22 years. Earlier this year, he received the Meritorious Service Medal in performance of duties during Hurricane Harvey in Texas. He also supported relief efforts of Hurricane Florence from the USCG Air Station Elizabeth City.

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