

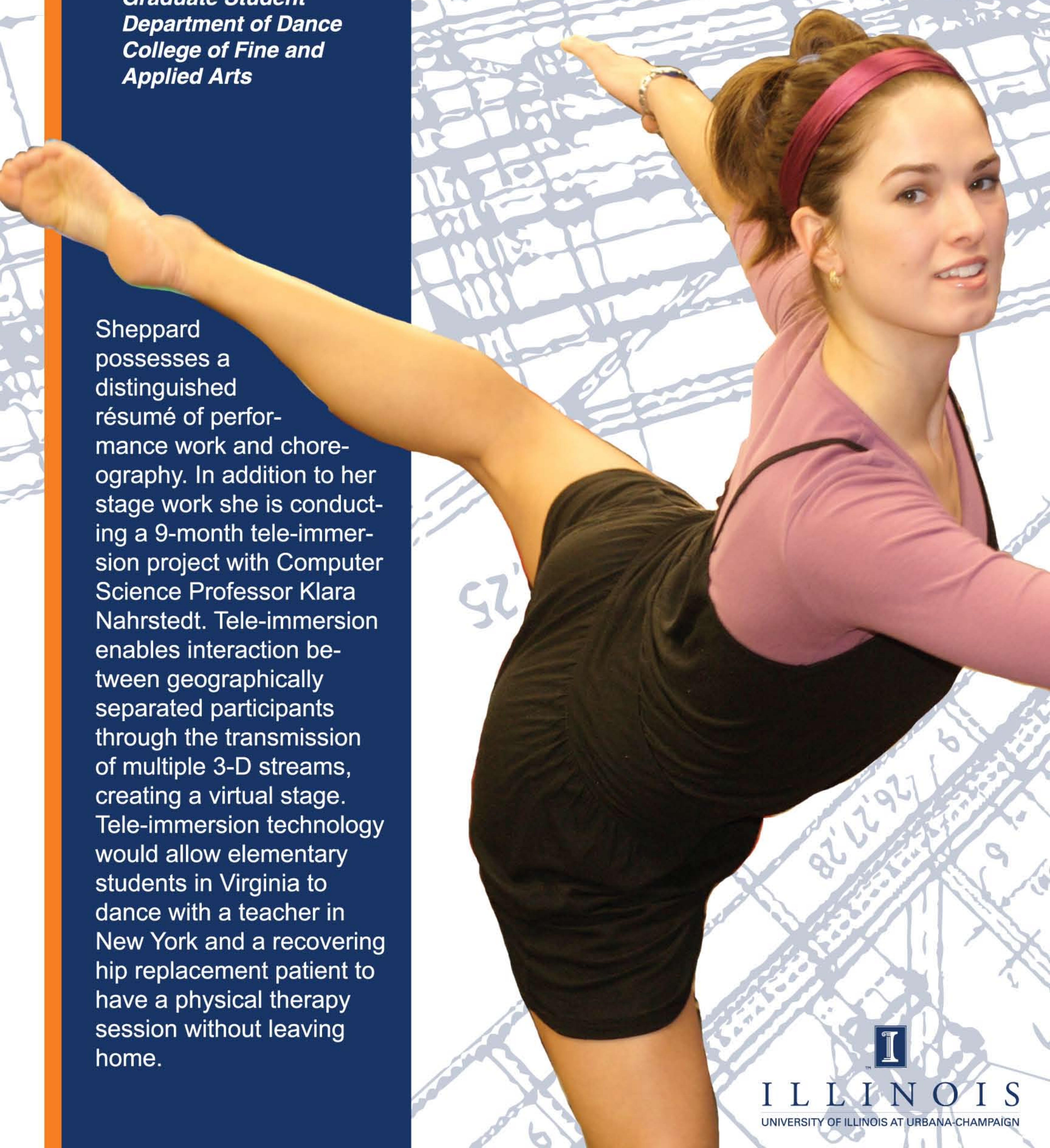
Lemelson ILLINOIS
STUDENT PRIZE

Finalist

RENATA SHEPPARD

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Sheppard possesses a distinguished résumé of performance work and choreography. In addition to her stage work she is conducting a 9-month tele-immersion project with Computer Science Professor Klara Nahrstedt. Tele-immersion enables interaction between geographically separated participants through the transmission of multiple 3-D streams, creating a virtual stage. Tele-immersion technology would allow elementary students in Virginia to dance with a teacher in New York and a recovering hip replacement patient to have a physical therapy session without leaving home.



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