



BIOGRAPHY

Witney Carson

Professional Dancer, "Dancing with the Stars"

Born and raised in small-town American Fork, Utah, Emmy®-nominated choreographer Witney Carson's dreams growing up were anything but small. As the oldest of four children, she took her first dance class at the age of 3 and danced her way through dozens upon dozens of classes, quickly developing her craft which would later become her career. She is trained in ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, lyrical, tap, Latin and standard ballroom, and has competed and performed all over the world, garnering attention, awards and scholarships throughout her career.

Before her time on "Dancing with the Stars," Carson was one of the Top 6 (Top 3 Females) on season nine of Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance" and returned the following season as an all-star. Her credits on "Dancing with the Stars" quickly grew from a troupe dancer in Seasons 16 and 17 to a pro dancer in Season 18 with partner Cody Simpson and winner of Season 19 with partner Alfonso Ribeiro, making her one of only five dancers in the history of the show to win in their first two seasons. Her third season was a memorable one with ups and downs with former "Bachelor" star Chris Soules, and her fourth was another one for the books with Super Bowl MVP Von Miller. Last season, she was partnered with Frankie Muniz, and before that was partnered with '90s legend and icon Vanilla Ice and toured with him throughout the season.

In addition to her career as a professional dancer and actress, she has found success as an entrepreneur, model, influencer and most recently creator of the new fitness line – CAPRI. She married her high school sweetheart, Carson McAllister, on New Year's Day 2016 in hometown Salt Lake City.

Carson is as driven professionally as she is philanthropically. She is an active member of The Skin Cancer Foundation, an organization that supported her through the difficult treatment for melanoma. She is open about her own history with the disease and relishes the opportunity to share her experience with various children's organizations and skin cancer charities to raise awareness and educate the population, youth especially, on proper skin and health care.