

CHELSIE HIGHTOWER

Chelsie Hightower joined ABC'S hit show "Dancing With The Stars" in Season Eight and quickly became a fan favorite. She came to the attention of "Dancing With The Stars" producers while wowing audiences with her performances on Fox TV's "So You Think You Can Dance." Dancing is a major part of Chelsie's life and she continues to study all styles of dance with her specialty being Ballroom. "In my chosen field there is always something to learn and I study my craft constantly...striving to improve." She has trained with current and former world champions including: "Dancing with the Stars" Corky Ballas, Karina Smirnoff and Louis van Amstel.

Born in Las Vegas and raised in Orem, Utah, Chelsie has five older brothers and started dancing when she was 9 years old in an after school program. She won her first national title when she was just 11 years old. In 2005, she was asked to be one of the four couples in the country to be on Team USA, in the most prestigious dance competition in the world, held in Blackpool, England. She represented the USA in Latin Style, where Team USA took 3rd place behind Ukraine and Russia. That same year she had the opportunity to be one of the two couples to represent the United States at the Worlds for the Standard style of Ballroom held in Latvia.

She spent the summer of 2006 teaching in North Carolina to pay for her training in New York on the weekends. She has been teaching at Center Stage in Utah, and has also taught abroad, helping many students win national titles.

Chelsie's many achievements include:

- U.S. Representative to the Worlds – 2005
- U.S. National Standard Finalist – 2005
- International Latin Finalist – 2006
- 10 Dance National Youth Champion – 2005

At just 20 years old, Chelsie has accomplished a great deal and even has her own dance/activewear clothing line, the Chelsie Hightower Collection for Sugar and Bruno, which is available at www.chelsiehightowerdance.com.