

Spring of 2009 has been tremendously successful for Fernando. He and his partner, Lauren, moved up to Junior 1 in competition and they have definitely risen to the occasion. The change in level required them to learn all new and more sophisticated choreographies in a short period of time. All of the extra training paid off at the USA Dance Nationals in April where they placed 2nd in Pre-Championship and 8th in Championship. This was quite an accomplishment for their first competition in Junior 1. Shortly after nationals, Fernando and Lauren went on to place 5th at the Emerald Ball Competition in Los Angeles. They will be competing in the upcoming San Diego Open in June and the Palm Springs Desert Classic in July.