

Dear UCI Dance Undergraduates and Graduates,



I hope this message finds you well! I'm excited to share some important dates and updates with you, and I look forward to our upcoming interactions. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have—I'm always here to help.

I'm thrilled to announce the continuation of our monthly "Walk and Talk" sessions in Aldrich Park, offering a wonderful opportunity to get some fresh air while engaging in meaningful conversations. Our first session will be on **Friday, October 4, 2024, at 3:30 PM**, and we'll gather in front of the Contemporary Art Center. It promises to be a great chance to connect, and I'm collaborating with our faculty to have them join us as well.

Here are some key dates and information to keep in mind:

**Welcome Week Activities:**

Please make sure to refer the detailed schedule. Here some key activities:

Monday, Sept. 23, 2:00 –3:50 PM in [WSH](#): Dance Department Town Hall

- o Please join the faculty and MFA grads. Everyone is expected to be there.

Tuesday, September 24, 8 AM – 1:30 PM Placement Audition

- o Registration 8:00-8:30 AM MAB 300
- o 8:30 - 9:50 am: Warm-up / Hip Hop Instruction / Presentation
- o 10:00 - 10:50 am: Warm-up / Modern Instruction / Modern Presentation to Modern Faculty
- o 11:00 am - 11:50 am: Warm-up / Jazz Instruction / Jazz Presentation to Jazz Faculty
- o 11:15-11:45 am: Registration at Dance Office for Ballet V
- o 12:00 - 1:30 pm: Warm-up / Ballet Instruction / Presentation

• ALL 1st year DANCE MAJORS or 2024 transfers are required to attend all parts of the audition even if you do not enroll in all 4 genres your first year. Your placement will apply when you enroll.

Please note if you are a 2nd- 4th year dance major:

- If you would like to enroll in Hip Hop and would like to be placed in Hip Hop Level 2 or above you need to participate in the Hip Hop Placement Audition.
- To enroll in Ballet V, please participate in the placement audition at the designated time for Ballet V auditions. Pointe work is required. You will register at 11:15-11:45 am at Dance Office.

- You can find UPDATED information about the Dance Placement Audition here.

### **Dance Department Productions:**

- New Slate Dancer Auditions: Wednesday, October 2, 2024.
- Artistic Directors: Professors Reed and Luiz
- Dance Visions Dancer Auditions: Wednesday and Thursday, October 8, 2024.
- Artistic Directors: Professors Diefenderfer and Wang
- The Ad's will be sending out information prior to week 0.

### **Department Updates:**

#### *Fall Undergraduate Advisor*

= Professor Griffin will be the Undergraduate Advisor while Professor Diefenderfer is on sabbatical so please reach out Professor Griffin any questions at [charlotg@uci.edu](mailto:charlotg@uci.edu).

#### *Physical Therapist Update:*

- We are looking for a new therapist and we will keep up to date.

#### *Policy Updates and Resources*

1. [Dance Description of Understudy Policy](#)

2. We will be sharing the Dance Undergraduate Handbook prior to week 0 and we will review the policies the policies with everyone in the Town Hall.
  3. Resource List - Explore it [here](#).
- Take one minute and I promise you find a resource you didn't even know existed.

#### *Wellness*

- Prioritize Self-Care- Focus on care and repair during this transition period.
- Your well-being is paramount, so during this transition period.

I can't wait to meet and see all of you soon, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if you'd like to schedule a meeting. Let's make this academic year a memorable one!

Best regards,

Dr. Sharp