



1. Dr. June Santiano will have appointments starting week 2 of Fall 2024.
  - Availability: Monday and Tuesday from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
  - Sign up here and make sure to fill out the intake form prior to your appointment. <https://calendly.com/danceptuci/30min>
2. Please take a moment to fill out your evaluations.
3. Department Curriculum Updates:
  - Ballet V – Dance 135
- Dance majors from any level may audition during Orientation week to be considered for permission to enroll in the class.
  - Here is the description of the class:
    - Ballet V is an upper level course for advanced ballet students whose primary goal is to become professional ballet dancers in a ballet company primarily focusing on performing classical/neo-classical/contemporary ballet choreography. The class will include instruction in advanced classical ballet technique, history, choreography and knowledge of the traditions of the art form. By audition only.
  - Dancers will be notified of the results after the audition and given a code to enroll.
- We will be having four Dance Department Concerts next year: New Slate, Dance Visions, Dance Escape, and Physical Graffiti.
  - Each Dancer will be able to be in one piece per concert, except for Dance Visions which is maximum of 2.
- Here are some important dates for next year- Mark your Calendars☺
  - New Slate: Wed, Oct. 2, 6 pm – Dancer Audition (W1)
  - Dance Visions: Tue, Oct 8, 6 pm – Dancer Audition (W2)
4. Professor Diefenderfer and I are always available to meet to discuss anyone's questions. Please reach out to us: [dldiefen@uci.edu](mailto:dldiefen@uci.edu) or [ksharp@uci.edu](mailto:ksharp@uci.edu).
5. Please also don't forget CSAC is a great dance major resource. [csacdance.uci@gmail.com](mailto:csacdance.uci@gmail.com).
6. Prioritize Self-Care- Focus on care and repair during finals week and upcoming summer months.
  - Your well-being is paramount. Don't forget to sleep, eat, and be mindful of your time.

In closing, I want to thank you all for a great first year as chair and for teaching me so many new ways to think. I am immensely grateful for your hard work, creativity, resilience, and dedication to your craft. I hope you take some time for yourself during the summer and engage in activities

that support your mental and physical wellness.

Warm regards,  
Dr. Sharp

P.S. Please provide suggestions with this [anonymous google form](#) to aid in further success of the Dance department.