Dear UCI Dance Undergraduates and Graduates,



I trust this message finds you in good health taking sometime for yourselves during this very hectic Spring Quarter. I would like to congratulate everyone on a wonderful display of artistic talent in Dance Escape.

Reminder, here are the dates for our walk and talk gatherings. Please help spread the word. The intention behind these walks is to create a safe and inviting space for us to engage in conversations while relishing the outdoors. We will convene in front of the Contemporary Art Center, and it promises to be a fantastic opportunity for us to connect.

- April 25, 2024 at 3:30-4:30 pm.
- May 15, 2024, at 3:30-4:30 pm
- June 5, 2024 at 3:30-4:30 pm

Here are some important dates and information to keep on your radar:

- 1. Physical Therapist Dr. June Santiano:
 - 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. <u>https://calendly.com/danceptuci/30min</u>

- Please make sure to cancel your appointment if you can not attend at least 12 hours in advance to create space for someone else.
- 2. Exciting Dance Opportunities:
 - Works in Progress Resource List Explore it here.
 - Dance Major Journal Press Release-Please Read it here.
 - **MFA Thesis Survey by Ari Pulido** Please take a moment to take this survey on menstruation as a dancer.
- 3. Dance Productions Ahead
 - Physical Graffiti: For more information please explore here.
- 4. Make sure to sign up to attend the UROP Symposium May 13-17th and here is the general information: <u>https://urop.uci.edu/symposium/symposium-attendee-2024/</u>
 - Excellent event to learn about what your peers are doing.
- 5. Please check out Anastasis Ballet Company Audition Flyer linked here: <u>https://zotmail.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/AuditionFlier2024-2025_week4.pdf</u>
- 6. Please check out this survey:

https://zotmail.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/ColumbiaDanceResearch_week4.pdf

- The Columbia University Dance Research Team is conducting research to examine the prevalence and importance of on-site physical therapy services for collegiate dance programs. If you are the director of a collegiate dance program, we want to hear from you! Please use this link (<u>https://cumc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jF4rf6blNBZfJI</u>) to access a short survey. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. If you have any questions, please reach out to our team at ks4062@cumc.columbia.edu (mailto:ks4062@cumc.columbia.edu).
- 7. Housekeeping notes: We are working getting the temperatures more regulated in the studios and please make sure to use the storage cubes for storage of your items during class. Please also refrain from using any paint or markers on the flooring.
- 8. We have Dance Studies Search going on for the next few weeks, please if you have the pleasure of hearing one of their talks please provide us feedback on the google form links that will be provided to you. It is important that we hear from you and we value your opinion.
- 9. Professor Diefenderfer and I are always available to meet to discuss anyone's questions. Please reach out to us: <u>dldiefen@uci.edu</u> or <u>ksharp@uci.edu</u>.
- 10. Please also don't forget CSAC is a great dance major resource. <u>csacdance.uci@gmail.com</u>.
- 11. Prioritize Self-Care- Focus on care and repair during this hectic period.
 - Your well-being is paramount. Don't forget to sleep, eat, and be mindful of your time.

In closing, I want to remind each of you to take a moment for yourselves, especially during these challenging times. It's perfectly acceptable to say "NO" when needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or wish to schedule a meeting. Let's continue to make this quarter a truly memorable one!

Warm regards, Dr. Sharp