

Dance Department Winter Information



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Dear UCI Dance Undergraduates and Graduates,

I hope this message finds you safe during these challenging times.

We are deeply saddened by the impact of the recent fires on our community. Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected, including those who have suffered losses or have loved ones.

In moments like these, the strength of our community becomes essential. Please know that we are here to support you and our students.

Here are some resources:

- **Emergency Updates and Assistance:** Visit Cal Fire's Incident Information Page (www.fire.ca.gov) for up-to-date information and guidance for those in affected areas.
- **Relief Support:** Organizations like the Red Cross (www.redcross.org) and local community centers are providing shelters, financial assistance, and other forms of aid.
- **Counseling Center at UCI for Students:** <https://counseling.uci.edu/>

Please reach out to your professors or myself if you need help navigating through the current challenges.

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

Week Two- Winter Activities:

- **Dance Department Scholarship Opportunity-** Due on January 13, 2025, by 5 PM.
- UCI Dance Scholarship Opportunities: Scholarship Self-Nomination-[your last name], and e-mail it back to dance@uci.edu . We will not accept any late submissions. Please refer to this link: form.https://zotmail.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/DanceScholarshipNominationForm2024.pdf

○ Please note that funding for 4th-year students and 2nd-year MFA students will be awarded in Spring 2025. All other funding will be distributed in Fall of the 2025 academic year.

● **Please refer** to the attached flyer for wonderful opportunity to take a class with Houston Ballet Principle Dancers- Beckanne Sisk and Chase O'Connell On February 9, 2025.



● **Summer Internship Opportunity: Vail Dance Festival**

○ Attached you'll find a flier with some additional details and more information on how and where to apply. Detailed job descriptions and application information can also be found on our website at www.vaildance.org/about/work.

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

● **Please refer to the attached American College Dance Association** email with summer intensives and activities.

https://zotmail.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/W25DanceOpportunities.pdf

Department Updates:

Dancer Auditions

- Dance Escape Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6 pm: Please note this date changed.

Winter Undergraduate Advisor

- Professor Diefenderfer is returning from Sabbatical and she will return as the Undergraduate Advisor. Please contact her at this email address: dldiefen@uci.edu.

Physical Therapist Update:

- We are in the final stages of hiring a new Physical therapist. So excited.

Policy Updates, Reminder, and Resources

1. You can find the Undergraduate Student Handbook [here](#).
2. Please do not block the doors with the gastroc wedges- aka calf stretching blocks or trash cans. Please keep these blocks and trash cans in their correct homes.
3. Please remember to keep all studio doors closed and do not prop them.
4. Please do not be in the studios with our reservations. Refer to the handbook for methods to reserve space.
5. Please make sure not to wear lotion, body oils, etc. to aid in supporting the integrity of our flooring.
6. Please make sure not up your bags within 18 inches of the fire extinguishers and keep the exits to the studios clear. Please use the storage provided in each space. These areas need to be clear in case of emergency.

Wellness

- Prioritize Self-Care- Focus on care and repair!
- Your well-being is paramount!!

Sending lots of positive energy to help you start the quarter strong!

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting.

Best regards,

Dr. Sharp