Dear Dance Majors,

We want to welcome you to the Fall 2020 quarter! This is an exciting time to begin the new academic year, but we realize these are unusual times. We want you to know that we are working to make your experience at UCI-Dance engaging, enriching and successful! The faculty are all looking forward to “seeing” you in class and working with you during this quarter! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your faculty directly. We also have a great academic advising team, led by Amy Kim, that is here to help too.

Attached are your Dance Major Policies, please read through and make yourself familiar with them. If you have questions, contact Diane Diefenderfer (Undergraduate Advisor). [https://zotmail.oit.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/DAUGPolicies20-21.pdf](https://zotmail.oit.uci.edu/RTE_uploads/16/DAUGPolicies20-21.pdf)

Also the Community Student Advisory Committee (CSAC) is a great resource and group to communicate with regarding questions and concerns. See their “Buddy Program” announcement below. Get involved!

The first production of the new academic year is *New Slate Online*. Graduate student choreographers will create new works with undergraduate dancers. It’s going to be an exciting process and Lisa Naugle, New Slate artistic director, looks forward to working with everyone on the production. All graduate students are welcome to attend the information meeting on October 2nd from 5-6:00pm. Auditions for dancers will be on October 6th starting at 6:00pm via Zoom.

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Please read your UCI emails daily to watch for more information and important announcements.

Thanks for being a part of our UCI dance community! Let’s have a great quarter!
“Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th Year Dance Majors! Would you like to be a buddy for a new incoming student?

CSAC is continuing the buddy program this year, and we are seeking upperclassmen to fill out a brief questionnaire (attached below) that will help us to match them with one or two incoming students. The form will take no longer than five minutes, and by volunteering you would have the opportunity to develop a strong connection with a new student and help guide them through their transition into UCI.

There are only a few requirements:

- Overall GPA of at least a 3.0
- Excitement to be a support system for a new student

The buddy program will be different this year, as we will only be able to communicate virtually. We are excited to connect everyone, here’s to 2020-2021!

https://forms.gle/L8m33Zpi9C7v1ZdM8

Best,

CSAC Members

Cara Laughlin and Katherine Lingle

Co-Chairs of CSAC