

Dear UCI Dancers,

Welcome back! We look forward to working with you during winter quarter. Feel free to contact us if you need some assistance. Please see your Dance-related news below, including Physical Therapist, Dance Staff, dates for Dance Escape and Physical Graffiti. We encourage you to take care of yourselves as you start back (eat, drink water, sleep) !



WINTER QUARTER WEEK 3 NEWS !

New Physical Therapist

Meet our new Physical Therapist, Dr. Ashley Wallace Leon.

Ashley's hours are Tuesday at 9am-2pm and Fridays 3:30-6:30pm.

Schedule your appointments with the link below. Please fill out the form in the link.

<https://calendly.com/danceptuci/30min>

30 Minute Meeting - Dance UCI

Thank you so much for making an appointment to see Dr. Ashley Leon. Please fill out this form prior to coming: <https://forms.gle/VFZHFRNrCFbCx38>

Thank you so much, Dance Department  
calendly.com

Ashley Wallace Leon, P.T., D.P.T., NCS was born and raised in Long Beach, CA, and attended the Orange County High School of the Arts, studying classical and contemporary dance. She earned her Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in Dance from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts in 2005. Following graduation, she performed with Johannes Wieland, Edisa Weeks, and toured with Azure Barton as a company member in Mikhail Baryshnikov's Hell's Kitchen Dance. She enjoyed a professional dance and choreography career for over 15 years, performing for various film, television, and music video projects. She then became a certified STOTT Pilates® Instructor and was inspired to go back to school to become a physical therapist after helping her grandmother recover from a stroke. She earned her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University of Southern California in 2019. During her time at USC she was fortunate to work with students in the dance and classical music departments. She has been a physical therapist at Reischl Physical Therapy since 2019, treating patients with neurological and balance issues, as well as those with sports injuries and other orthopedic issues. She is eager to combine her expertise and passion for movement as the physical therapist for the Department of Dance at UCI.

New Dance Staff

Michelle Hu, Dance Department MSO (manager)  
JoAnn Jamora, Analyst  
Xochitl Ramirez, part-time Assistant  
Student workers, Diego and Paola

Reminder – Doors, Exits & Barres

We ask you to NOT prop open doors in the studios or between the bathroom and studios. Also please do not block the exits with barres, this is a safety hazard. Thank you!

Dance Escape & Physical Graffiti (tentative dates)

Feb. 7 – Dance Escape dancer audition

Mar. 7 – DE piece audition

Apr. 11 - 19 – DE tech & dress rehearsals

Apr. 20 - 22 – DE performances

Feb. 27 – Physical Graffiti dancer audition

Mar. 13 – PG piece audition

Apr. 25 - May 3 – PG tech & dress rehearsals

May 4 - 6 – PG performances

Best wishes for a wonderful quarter [OpenMessage.aspx%3fZotMailId=102590-2f155955-c080-44a1-bb60-e07b77747caa,](#)

Molly Lynch

Chair and Professor - Dance Department

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