Collin College Dance Newsletter



Contemporary, Darby Wilde (ISU)



Contemporary, Sarah Newton (TCU)



Contact Work/Choreography. Mary Lynn Babcock (UNT)

FUSION WHEN TWO OR MORE THINGS JOIN TO FORM A SINGLE ENTITY

Dance Fusion was originally designed to unite dance companies from a variety of backgrounds and levels of experience in a single concert. This idea has now expanded to cover an entire week prior to the concert where students can take class from, and network with, guest artists from university dance programs in Texas and beyond.

taught master classes ranging from UNT's

contact work and choreography workshop

to TTU's intermediate/advanced jazz class.

These classes were open to Collin students,

students from guest schools, and the general

During Fusion Week in Fall 2015, Collin hosted guest artists from the University of North Texas (UNT), Illinois State University (ISU), Texas Christian University (TCU), and Texas Tech University (TTU). Faculty

community.

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James Pegram, a current Collin student, said, "I was definitely challenged and enjoyed being [in] the presence of dancers from multiple schools." Commenting on Professor Sarah Newton's (TCU) contemporary class, Collin alumna Cali-Michelle Martin noted, "I enjoyed that she used Laban exercises in her warm up. I

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also appreciate the challenges that she incorporated in across the floor enjoyed being [in] work with her use of space and directional changes."

> Fusion Week 2015 provided multiple opportunities for Collin

Dance students to research university dance programs without even leaving campus. This is part of the Collin College Dance Department's mission to help connect our students to the next step in their dance studies.

COLLIN COLLEGE DANCE DAY 2015 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DANCE MAJOR

Every fall, Collin's Dance Department hosts high school dance students for a full day of dancing at the Spring Creek Campus. College Dance Day provides an opportunity for these high school dancers to experience a day in the life of a college dance major.

November's event was our largest to date with ten high schools bringing a total of over 230 students. Students chose their own class schedules and spent the day taking Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Pilates, Hip Hop, Tap, Ballroom and more.

These high school dancers also had the opportunity to perform work from their own repertory and network with college students, the Collin Dance Ensemble, and the Collin dance professors.











Contemporary, Mackenzie Taylor, Collin Dance Student

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<u>American College Dance Association (ACDA)</u>

ACDA is a national membership organization that supports dance in higher education through regional conferences and national festivals to strengthen the educational network for students and faculty within the academic dance community. 2016 ACDA South-Central Conference, Canyon, TX March 15-20th West Texas A&M University CDE will perform two works for adjudication Faculty to teach master classes



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