

COLLIN COLLEGE DANCE DEPARTMENT

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Welcome New Dance Professor! Courtney Mulcahy *Professor of Dance*

Courtney Mulcahy, former Collin College dance associate, becomes a full time professor of dance beginning this Fall 2013 semester. Courtney will be teaching dance appreciation, ballet and jazz on multiple campuses. Her office is at PRC in University Hall; U157 and her email is cmulcahy@collin.edu

Courtney is from San Antonio, Texas and received her MFA in Dance from Sam Houston State University. She has performed with Dance Theatre of Harlem, SHSU Dance Company, San Antonio Dance Theatre, San Antonio Metropolitan Ballet, and Candela Latin Dance. Her distinctive choreographies have been recognized and performed at local and national levels and she is a current company member with Contemporary Dance/Fort Worth.

What are you most looking forward to as you make the transition from associate faculty to full time faculty?

An office! ☺ On a more serious note, I'm looking forward to growing this amazing program the faculty and students have built. I feel very blessed and fortunate to have this opportunity and I look forward to what our collaborations will bring!

What has drawn you to the Collin Dance program?

I have a tremendous respect for the talent, intelligence and dedication of the dance faculty and students in this dancing community. Both the faculty and students engage, provoke, and challenge my artistic curiosity.

What are you excited about for the upcoming year?

I am looking forward to becoming more involved with the Collin Dance Department, contributing choreographically and administratively to better our program and getting better acquainted with the dance faculty and students.

What unique qualities do you present in your classes that students can look forward to?

I love what I do; it's as simple as that. If you love what you do, it's not work and I think that comes across in the classroom with my students. I try to teach with a sense of humor, a positive attitude and a great deal of encouragement. And I'm not above making myself look or sound ridiculous to get my point across!

Congratulations!

Collin Dance Ensemble
2013-2014

Susanna Austin, Rachelle
Chrisostom, Emily DiFranco,
Anna Ferreira, Kevin Goyburu,
Allison Irby, Nicholas Kao,
Kieran King, Shannon Morrow,
Shannon Munson, Amanda
Nieves, Skye Stovall, Emily
Thomas, Natalie Trollinger

Fall Dance Scholarship Auditions!

Friday, September 13th at 1:30pm
SCC – Dance Studio AA146

You must participate in the audition to be considered for a financial scholarship. Ask your dance professors for details.



Collin Summer Dance Festival 2013

The Dance Department is thrilled at the success of the summer dance festival held in July at the Spring Creek Campus with its largest attendance in its history! Dancers learned choreography to “Newsies – The Musical”, Hip Hop and a Lyrical dance to Rihanna’s “Stay”. The week was packed with ballet, pilates, modern, jazz, improvisation and contemporary. The week concluded with a performance in the John Anthony Theatre. Join us next July as we move the Summer Dance Festival 2014 to the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco!

Save the Dates!

Mandatory Dance Advising & Orientations!

Interested in majoring or minoring in dance? Undecided but love to dance? Find out more about earning a dance degree...

Wed. Sept. 11th @ 12:00pm

SCC – Dance Studio AA146
PRC – Dance Studio LC104

Thurs. Sept. 12th @ 9:00am

SCC - Conference Center AB
PRC – Dance Studio LC104

@ 4:00pm

SCC – Dance Studio AA146
PRC – Dance Studio LC104

Fri. Sept. 13th @ 12:00pm

SCC – Dance Studio AA146

Collin College Full Time Dance Professors

Tiffanee Arnold – tarnold@collin.edu
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Student Spotlight: DEVIN HILL

Hang out near the dance studios on the Spring Creek Campus and you are bound to meet Devin. She is a dedicated Collin student, a ballet, modern, jazz, and hip hop dancer and she is visually impaired. Devin was selected to participate in a summer dance intensive in California with AXIS Dance Company this past August.



Devin says, “I first viewed this dance company on the television program, “So You Think You Can Dance”. This was my first opportunity to witness integrative dance. It was an emotional experience for me because I have always been the only disabled student in my dance classes. After seeing AXIS Dance Company perform, I wanted to know more; I thought: Wow, here is a world of dance that I did not realize existed.” After returning from the dance intensive, Devin says “I now know dance is truly universal. It does not matter if you are disabled. This experience proved to me that there is always a way to express yourself through dance.” Congratulations Devin!



“All my life I’ve danced skin deep. Now I know that dance goes much deeper. It comes from the spirit, soul, breath, and heart.” – Devin Hill