



## **Stockton Invites High School Students to 'Experience Dance Day' on Oct.17**

Juniors and Seniors Can Take Dance Classes in College Setting

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will once again be hosting "Experience Dance Day" on **Friday, Oct. 17, 2014** from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the main Galloway campus. "Experience Dance Day" gives high school juniors and seniors the chance to take dance classes in a college setting and talk about opportunities to pursue dance in higher education.

"Students get to enjoy a day of dancing while also learning about college and dance at the college level," says Associate Professor Rain Ross. "It's both a lot of fun and informative for participants."

Over the past few years this event has grown, last year drawing over 100 students from a variety of high schools. Students who attend will have the chance to take class in both modern and jazz, and learn movement combinations from various instructors.

"The welcoming faculty and students who guided us through "Experience Dance Day" drew me in immediately," says Melissa Schiffman, who participated in the event before applying to colleges. "The day also gave me a preview of what a dance class is like at the college level which I really enjoyed, and encouraged me to continue my passion for dance while in college." Schiffman is now a sophomore at Stockton with a minor in dance and a major in elementary education.

Each year Rachel Gaskill, dance teacher at Oakcrest High School, brings a group of students. "'Experience Dance Day' provides an amazing opportunity for my high school dance students to learn about their options for pursuing dance in college," she said. "I'm always impressed with the highly qualified faculty and how they make my students feel welcome by offering constructive criticism and encouragement. My juniors and seniors eagerly anticipate this trip each year."

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Instructors for Fall 2014 include Rain Ross, Andrea Mychaels and Caitlin Quinn Pittenger, both Dance adjunct instructors, and guest artist Melissa Chisena.

Reservations are required for this event and can be made by calling Brian Lyons of the School of Arts and Humanities at 609-652-4891. All reservations will be confirmed by telephone, so please leave a clear message with your name and telephone number.

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