

## Stockton Dance Program Invites High School Students to 'Experience Dance Day' Oct. 16

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**Galloway, NJ** –The Dance Program at Stockton University will once again host students from across the state and invite them to experience dance in Stockton's own unique way.

Experience Dance Day, which takes place on the University's main Galloway campus on **Friday, Oct. 16** from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 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.

"It's always so exciting to have such a large group of students interested in dance come to Stockton for the day to sample various dance forms and discover things about dance in college," said Rain Ross, associate professor of Dance. "With students interacting with five different dance teachers, they learn about the diverse range of options in studying dance, and it's a great way for them to meet other dancers from different parts of New Jersey."

Throughout the years, Experience Dance Day has grown from a small group of students to a day filled with instruction and fun that draws well over 100 students. Students who attend will have the chance to dance in modern, jazz, contemporary and improvisational forms with various instructors.

Experience Dance Day is an opportunity for students in high school who are thinking about taking dance classes in college to experience some of what it's like to be a dance major or minor. What makes this experience unique is enabling students to create a relationship with a university while still in high school.

Instructors for fall 2015 include Rain Ross, Caitlin Quinn Pittenger, assistant professor of Dance, Asya Zlatina, adjunct instructor of Dance, Katherine Keifer-Stark, adjunct instructor of Dance and Gabriel Reyes, guest artist and a Stockton alumnus.

Reyes, a Hammonton resident and professional dancer, said Experience Dance Day holds a special place in his heart.

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“At Stockton University you get a chance, an opportunity or even better, a day to just experience,” he said. “I was given that opportunity to attend Experience Dance Day and it changed my life entirely.”

“Experience Dance Day helps one find what style of dance best fits one’s personality. This day allows you to be yourself but see what hard work, dedication and passion you must have and that dancers have, to make it here,” Reyes added “Experience Dance Day gives you a chance to find a connection, a relationship, to ask questions, to be involved and get a glimpse of the life of being a college student and a dancer.”

The schedule follows:

- 9:30 a.m. - Registration (Dance Studio, H-104);
- 10 a.m.-12:50 p.m. - Take class in various styles;
- 1-1:30 p.m. - Discussion on dance in college.

Each year Rachel Gaskill, Oakcrest High School Dance teacher, brings a group of students to Experience Dance Day. “The Stockton Dance Department does an outstanding job organizing Experience Dance Day. It provides an amazing opportunity for my high school dance students to learn about their options for pursuing dance in college,” she said.

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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