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Dear UCI Dance Major,

Greetings on behalf of the faculty and staff! It's my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you as you join the Claire Trevor School of the Arts - Department of Dance at the University of California, Irvine. In the near future, we will come together to embark on the journey of the 2024-2025 academic year's fall quarter.

As a Dance major, you'll have abundant opportunities to delve into novel concepts, take part in performances, craft choreography for both stage and video presentations, embrace innovative learning methods, and partake in in-person events. Working hand in hand with the Dance Department, the Student Affairs Office will extend comprehensive academic guidance to you. If you require scholastic support, kindly explore the Arts Student Affairs website at <https://www.arts.uci.edu/student-affairs-advising>. There, you'll find valuable resources to aid you in charting your academic journey, ensuring that your course selections align seamlessly with your graduation prerequisites.

Dedicated to your success, Professor Charlotte Griffin (charlotg@uci.edu) will serve as interim Undergraduate Advisor for the Dance Department while Professor Diane Diefenderfer (dldiefen@uci.edu) is on sabbatical in the fall. They are a vital resource for course scheduling, departmental insights, and policies. I encourage you to consider scheduling an appointment with them during your initial year. Should you seek additional information or guidance, don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Dance professors. Your academic journey and growth are of paramount importance to us.

A student committee known as the Community Student Advisory Committee (CSAC) regularly convenes with Diane and me. CSAC serves as a valuable resource for addressing your inquiries and offers an additional platform for expressing any concerns you may have. Information pertaining to departmental events can also be accessed on the department's website: <http://dance.arts.uci.edu>.

The Welcome Week Schedule provides an intricate outline of departmental and school-related activities tailored for all dance majors. For incoming freshmen and transfers, please take note of the meeting designated for new Dance majors on Tuesday afternoon, the scheduled placement audition times on Wednesday, as well as the session for Drama 101, also on Wednesday. It's crucial to complete the Drama 101 requirement by the conclusion of the 2024-25 school year; failure to do so will result in your exclusion from participation in any Dance Department productions the subsequent year.

If you find yourself with any inquiries, don't hesitate to contact the Dance Department office at (949) 824-7283 or via email at dance@uci.edu. You have the flexibility to schedule a meeting with me at any point during the academic year should you have questions or concerns. Your

success at UCI is a priority for me, and I am committed to providing comprehensive support in any way I can. The forthcoming 2024-25 school year is poised to be brimming with promise and excitement, and I'm genuinely looking forward to the chance to meet you in person during the fall quarter!

Should you have any inquiries, feel free to reach out to the Dance Department office at (949) 824-7283 or via email at dance@uci.edu. Throughout the academic year, you can arrange a meeting with me if you have questions or concerns. I am dedicated to ensuring your successful journey at UCI and will strive to assist you in every possible way. The upcoming 2024-25 school year holds great promise and excitement, and I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet you during the fall quarter!

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli Shauf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chair and Associate Professor
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