WT Dance Program
WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY™

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Experience the Legacy

B.F.A. Dance Performance • B.F.A. Dance Education

Welcome

THE DEPARTMENT OF ART, THEATRE AND DANCE

at West Texas A&M University is a vibrant community of actors, artists, dancers, designers, scholars, and technicians. Our faculty and staff have the artistry and demonstrated professional expertise to provide invaluable guidance for careers in the arts. Our student-centered programs are designed build a strong foundation vital for performing and visual artists by developing technical skillsets, creativity, and critical thinking. We are committed to preparing students of all backgrounds and identities for success. Whether acting, art history, dance, education, graphic design, musical theatre, studio art, or theater design and technology is your passion, you will receive outstanding training, experience, and preparation for an enriching career in the arts. We invite you to check us out online, through social media, and in person to see the exciting things happening in Art, Theatre and Dance at WT!



Jon Revett,
Department Head of
Department of Art, Theatre and Dance

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Plan your visit today!

THE DANCE PROGRAM AT WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY engages dancers to their fullest potential as trained artists through a quality program of dance study. WT Dance is an incredible community of creative dance artists that truly care for one another. Our outstanding faculty desire to invest in their students and to nurture the whole person-body and mind. We strive to educate and produce well-rounded dancers who become functioning members of an artistic community at the university level and beyond. WT Dance is a comprehensive program that prepares you for a diverse range of career opportunities. We invite you to join us and visit our campus. Come experience the program by visiting with faculty, current students, and taking a class or two. I look forward to meeting you and sharing what WT Dance has to offer.



Crystal Bertrand,
Dance Program Coordinator



If you are interested in having a WT Dance Program faculty member visit your dance studio or school, please contact Crystal Bertrand at cbertrand@wtamu.edu.

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WT DANCE IS A PLACE

to thrive!

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS GIVE EACH OTHER UNENDING SUPPORT AND THE RESOURCES BROUGHT TO THE PROGRAM WILL ALLOW DANCERS TO FULFILL THEIR PASSIONS AND LOVE FOR DANCE.

GLYDEN KATALBAS,
ALUMNUS





OUR MISSION

THE WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY DANCE PROGRAM PREPARES STUDENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC WORLDS OF DANCE, AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE ENRICHMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS COMMUNITY. THE DANCE FACULTY SEEK TO INSPIRE STUDENTS TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR SPECIFIC NEEDS IN THE FOLLOWING SKILLS: COMMUNICATION, MANAGEMENT, PERFORMANCE, PRODUCTION, PROBLEM SOLVING AND RESEARCH. THE DANCE PROGRAM PROMOTES ARTISTIC FREEDOM THAT STRENGTHENS THE UNIVERSITY AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE.

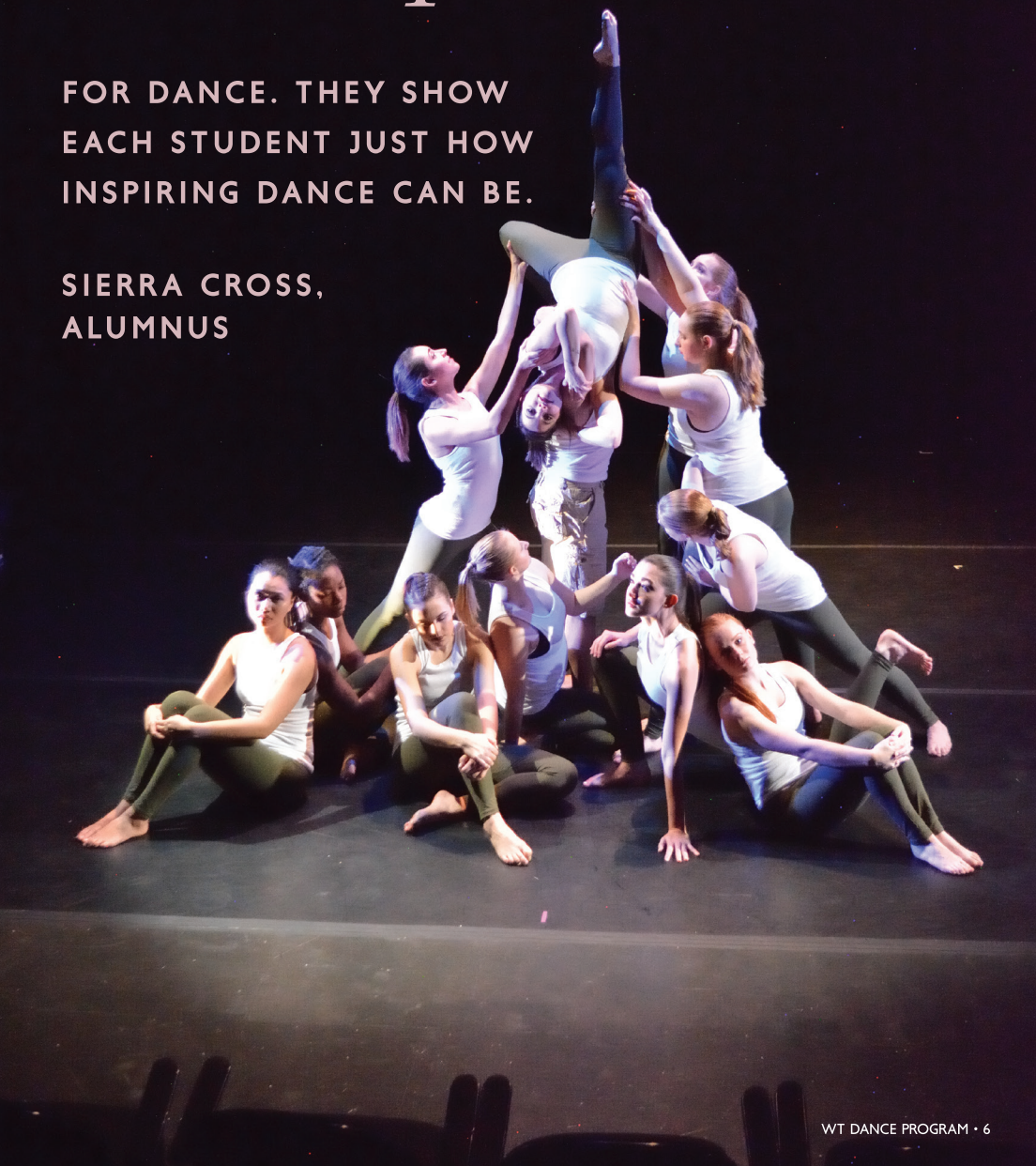
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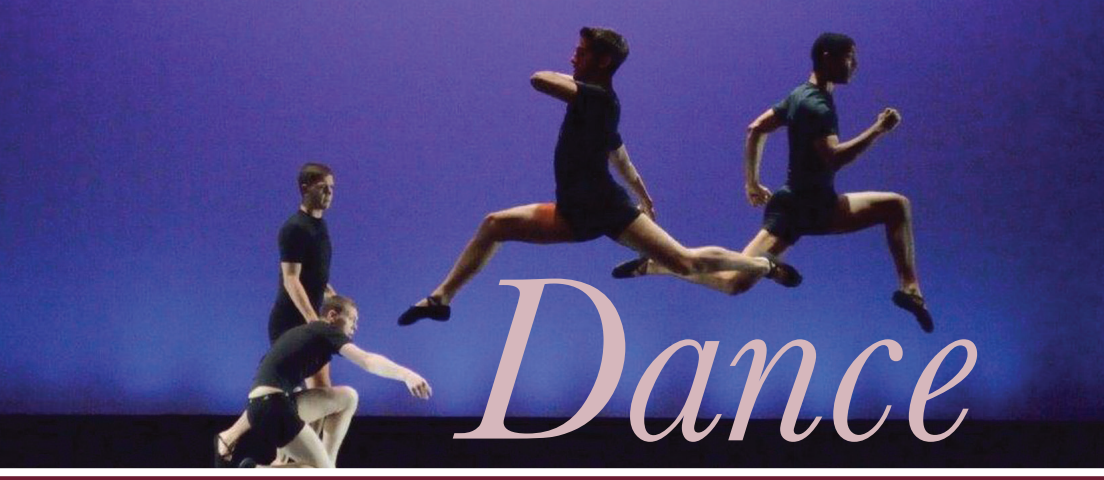
WT DANCE IS A PROGRAM THAT TREATS YOU LIKE FAMILY WHILE STILL HELPING YOU GROW YOUR

love & passion

FOR DANCE. THEY SHOW EACH STUDENT JUST HOW INSPIRING DANCE CAN BE.

SIERRA CROSS,
ALUMNUS





Dance

AT WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

YOUR DANCE DEGREE AT A GLANCE

West Texas A&M University offers a rigorous and robust dance curriculum culminating in a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance. Dance Majors may choose one of the following concentrations of study.

B.F.A. DANCE PERFORMANCE

B.F.A. DANCE EDUCATION

Ballet I, II, III, IV
Modern I, II, III
Jazz I, II, III
Tap I, II
Improvisational Dance
Choreography I, II, III
Dance History I, II
Practicum and Performance I, II
Senior Project
Professional Practices
Dance Pedagogy
Somatics & Conditioning Yoga/Pilates
Electives in Musical Theatre Dance



Additional Dance Education Courses to include Dance Classroom and Program Management, Dance Teaching Methods and Dance Education Internship.

PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

Alumni for WT Dance are working in the performing, creative, educational and arts management areas of our industry worldwide such as: Charlotte Ballet, Ballet Austin, Texas Ballet Theatre, Ballet Memphis, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Peter Sparling Dance Company, Silesian Dance Theatre (Poland), Psophonia Dance Company, Disney, Royal Caribbean, Cedar Point, Stilleto Entertainment, National Tours and numerous universities, high schools and dance studios across the country. Please visit wtamu.edu/dancealumni or scan our QR code and meet our amazing alumni!







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PROGRAM CORE VALUES

CREATE

WE DANCE TO CREATE. Here you'll find the curriculum, faculty and creative stimuli for a variety of professional opportunities. The Dance Program at West Texas A&M University offers multiple performance opportunities annually in a professionally oriented atmosphere. A competitive scholarship program encourages the development of talented dancers, and you'll find a community fully supportive of the arts, as well as the artists. Most importantly, you'll find yourself fully prepared for a career of creativity and passion.

DISCOVER

THE OPPORTUNITY IS YOURS. Here you will discover your artistic voice within a rigorous liberal arts education. Perhaps you want to teach or open your own studio? The WT Dance Academy serves as a pedagogical laboratory for our students, while providing quality dance education to children 3-14 years of age. Maybe you are a choreographer? A thorough BFA curriculum will guide you through the process of creating work—from improvisation to your Senior Capstone Concert, you will experience it all! Professional Dancer? You will develop in multiple dance styles alongside our talented faculty and with nationally and internationally renowned guest artists. The opportunity is yours to seize at West Texas A&M University.







GROW

WE DANCE TO DEVELOP. Through technique classes, workshops, masterclasses, Guest Artist residences, and Dance Professions Series, you will develop as a dancer. More importantly, you will grow as an artist in society. Here you will experience life as a contributing member in an artistic community, along with all the benefits and challenges that come with that status. The WT Dance Program faculty will encourage and support you as you explore and develop all avenues of your passion for dance and the arts.

ACHIEVE

A CHANCE TO DANCE. The WT Dance Program offers a complete and comprehensive Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance degree. Professional performance, scholarship assistance and study abroad are just some of the opportunities you'll find here. Your faculty and colleagues will help you achieve the best version of yourself as you further your educational and artistic path. We strive to create a whole being: a creative problem solver; an original thinker, challenging and questioning the Who, Why, and What of the arts; someone who will continue to learn and develop long after the degree is in hand.





FACILITIES

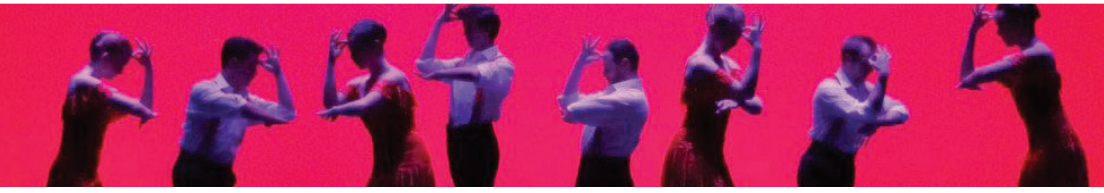




THE WT DANCE PROGRAM is located in Mary Moody Northen Hall at West Texas A&M University and houses two beautiful fully equipped dance studios with Harlequin Sprung floors and perform in two theatres in the Sybil B. Harrington Fine Arts Complex located in the heart of the campus. For a complete video tour, visit wtamu.edu/dance or scan our QR code.



PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES



DANCE CONCERTS

Held each fall, *Falling Into Dance* highlights original, student, choreographic capstone works and performance. These substantial concepted projects serve in part of their requirement for the BFA in Dance degree. Working with production staff, technical crew, and dance faculty as mentors, dance majors learn the logistics of producing an evening long concert.

In the spring, *Portraits of Dance* showcases a collection of diverse dance works and displays the artistic feats of dancers featured in WT Dance Faculty and Guest Artists choreographic works.

GUEST ARTISTS AND MASTER CLASSES

Majors engage with accomplished dance professionals through our guest artist residencies and Dance Professions Master Class Series. These nationally and internationally artists teach classes, choreograph and set works and form valuable connections with program majors.

AMERICAN COLLEGE DANCE ASSOCIATION

The Dance Program at West Texas A&M University holds an institutional membership with the American College Dance Association. The ACDA exists to support and affirm dance in higher education through regional conferences, the adjudication process, and national festivals. The educational mission of the Association is to foster creative potential, to honor multiple approaches to scholarly and creative research and activity, to promote excellence in choreography and/or performance, and to give presence and value to diversity in dance. The Association acts as a national membership service organization to strengthen the educational network for students and faculty within the academic dance community.

UNIVERSITY SPIRIT

The West Texas A&M University Spirit Squad will aim to promote Buff spirit through engagement in various activities across campus. Squad members will support WT athletics and will serve as student leaders on and off campus. The Spirit Squad will lead the fans in supporting the teams at football, basketball, and volleyball games. They will serve as ambassadors not only at athletic events, but also at many different University and community functions. To maintain the highest level of standards, members must have prior experience in dance and/or cheer. Those with tumbling, dance, and cheer experience will be able to showcase their individual talents through the tryout process. The WT Spirit Squad will engage the crowd by leading cheers and chants, entertaining at halftime and breaks, and assisting with promotions and contests.

LONE STAR BALLET / TEXAS OUTDOOR MUSICAL / EMERGENCE

Dance majors have the unique opportunity to audition and perform with *Lone Star Ballet*, the Texas Panhandle's regional ballet company, *TEXAS Outdoor Musical* located in the Palo Duro Canyon State Park and *Emergence*, a contemporary company based out of Amarillo. Dance majors who obtain jobs seasonally with either of these companies, gain professional experience while obtaining their degree.

EXPERIENCE MORE WITH WT DANCE

WTAMU DANCE ACADEMY

The WTAMU Dance Academy is an opportunity for those majors who are passionate about teaching. Dance Majors will gain teaching and managerial experience under the guidance of a faculty advisor. For more information visit wtamu.edu/danceacademy or scan our QR code.

Vision Statement

THE WTAMU DANCE ACADEMY IS COMMITTED TO DANCE DEVELOPMENT THROUGH A CREATIVE, IMAGINATIVE AND ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE WHILE OFFERING CLASSES THAT ENHANCE AND ENGAGE IN A NURTURING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

NATIONAL DANCE EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

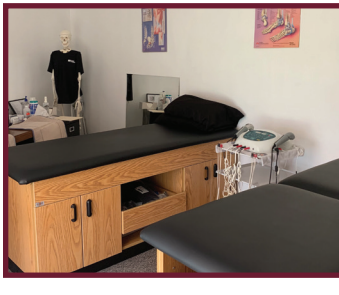
The WT Dance Program holds an institutional membership with the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO). The NDEO is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to advancing dance education centered in the arts for people of all backgrounds. NDEO provides dance artists, educators, and administrators of all backgrounds a network of resources and support, a base for advocacy and research, and access to professional development opportunities that focus on the importance of dance in the human experience.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS

WT Dance holds a collegiate chapter with the National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) for the purposes of honoring dance students for their outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in the field of dance. We envision a nation in which all students have equal opportunity and access to quality dance arts education

PERFORMING ARTS CLINIC

The Performing Arts Clinic is a joint collaboration with the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities. Our athletic trainers offer injury screening, use state of the art equipment to provide on-site treatment, and create rehabilitation plans for dance majors in need. The clinic is housed in our program's facility. Majors can make appointments to be seen one-on-one and receive treatment for their specific injury. The WT Dance Program is so fortunate to have the knowledge and expertise of the Sports and Exercise Sciences faculty literally at our footsteps!



WT DANCE HAS PROVIDED ME WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MY BODY AND HOW TO USE THAT KNOWLEDGE TO BETTER MY TECHNIQUE AND ACHIEVE *my goals!*

RAEANN DAVIS, ALUMNUS



WHY CHOOSE WT DANCE
over larger dance programs?

- Strong focus on engaging dancers starting your first semester in concert participation.
- Low Student-Faculty Ratios! Small class sizes and campus lead to a hometown feeling with a personalized connection with dance faculty, individual attention, and more unique opportunities and fulfilling experiences.
- Our traditions are personal with life and a family culture all our own!
- Access to campus services and administration made simple! Transfer Credit Friendly!
- Tuition & Cost of Attendance is lower compared to larger universities.
- Easily join in and be an active member of club or campus activity within reach and without the wait!
- Everyone knows Everybody.



DANCE PROGRAM AUDITIONS

An audition is required for students interested in pursuing a B.F.A. in Dance Performance or Dance Education. Students must apply and be accepted to West Texas A&M University and apply to WT Dance to be considered for the Program. To apply for University admission, please visit wtamu.edu/apply. The program's annual Dance Day is an event that is specifically tailored to prospective students interested in WT Dance. Students have the opportunity to tour the facilities, meet dance faculty and current students, take classes and participate in Q&A. In addition, this event serves as program audition and scholarship consideration. For more information visit wtamu.edu/danceaudition, scan QR code or contact Crystal Bertrand, Dance Program Director at cbertrand@wtamu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Numerous scholarships opportunities exist and students must apply annually for both university and dance program scholarships. These are awarded by audition. Application is available by scanning the QR code.



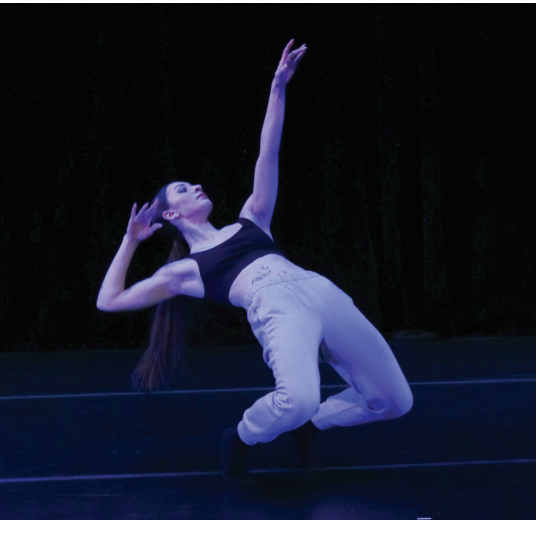






DANCE PROGRAM FACULTY AND STAFF

WT Dance Faculty are student-centered, devoted to the development of each student and continue to mentor students long after graduation. Scan QR code for dance faculty and staff contact information and bios.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact the WT Dance Program for more information. Be sure to check us out on Social Media!

dance@wtamu.edu

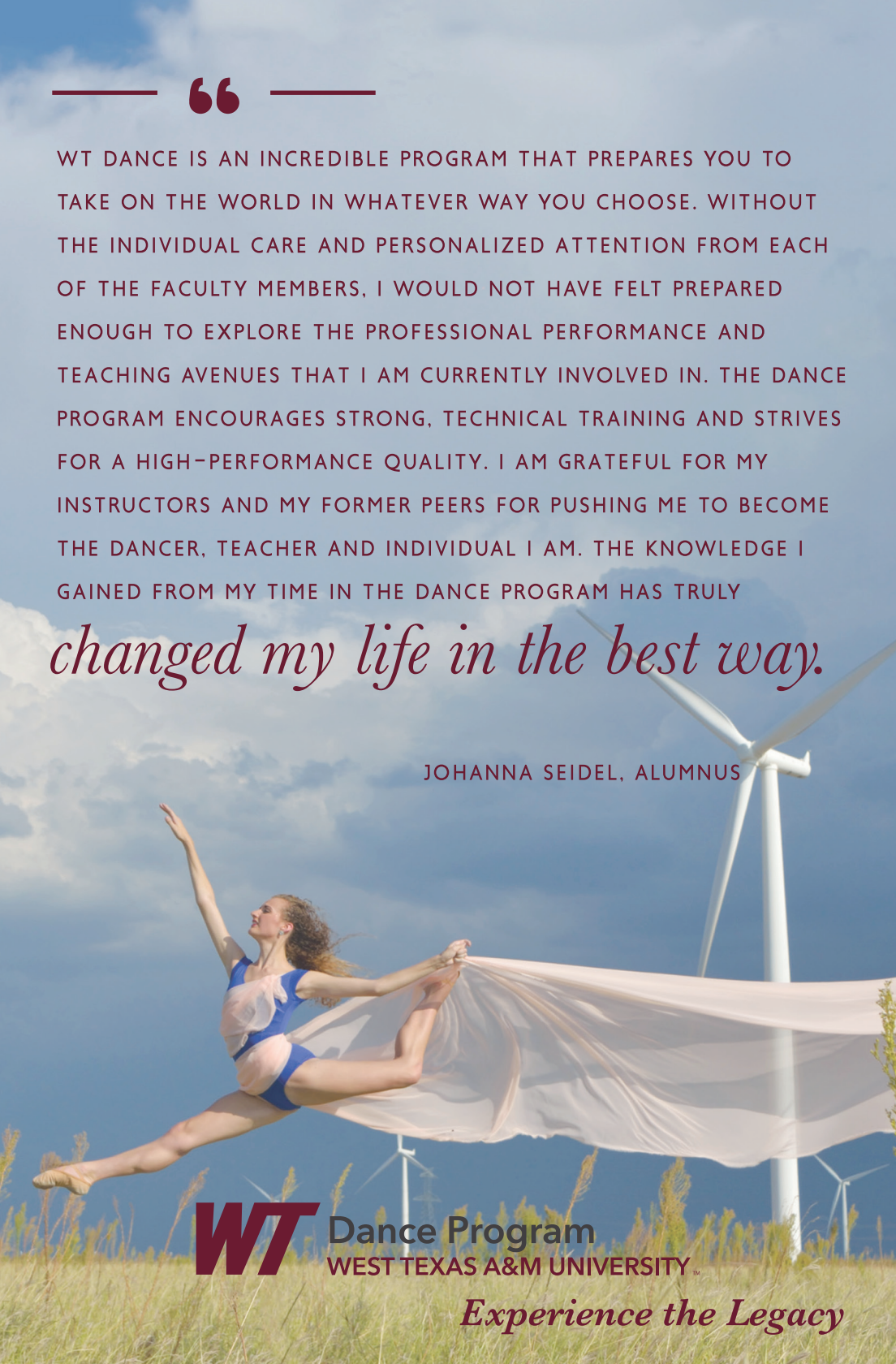
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WT DANCE IS AN INCREDIBLE PROGRAM THAT PREPARES YOU TO TAKE ON THE WORLD IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CHOOSE. WITHOUT THE INDIVIDUAL CARE AND PERSONALIZED ATTENTION FROM EACH OF THE FACULTY MEMBERS, I WOULD NOT HAVE FELT PREPARED ENOUGH TO EXPLORE THE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE AND TEACHING AVENUES THAT I AM CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN. THE DANCE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES STRONG, TECHNICAL TRAINING AND STRIVES FOR A HIGH-PERFORMANCE QUALITY. I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY INSTRUCTORS AND MY FORMER PEERS FOR PUSHING ME TO BECOME THE DANCER, TEACHER AND INDIVIDUAL I AM. THE KNOWLEDGE I GAINED FROM MY TIME IN THE DANCE PROGRAM HAS TRULY

changed my life in the best way.

JOHANNA SEIDEL, ALUMNUS

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