

# Department of Dance ~ Year End Report: F2018 - S2019

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Classified Staff: Ralph Peet Instructional Assistants: Madiou Diouf, Naomi Diouf, Richard Riley

## Work and Projects Completed:

- Department Faculty & Staff Meetings Held: (*agendas, draft minutes & approved minutes available upon request*) Friday, August, 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019, Special Meeting w/Dean Chan
- J. Burgess completed her 6<sup>th</sup> term as a Part-Time Faculty Senate representative. She spoke and provided a first time ever questionnaire for the 'new' Laney part-timers at the Fall 2018 Professional Development workshop held on August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.
- The dance studio/ D100 received its final component, a new computer with internet access, making the studio a complete smart class room: a new computer with internet access, ceiling mounted projector, 4 ceiling speakers, a retractable screen, a new VHS & DVD player, an emergency wall phone, & control panel.
- And Still We Dance... **"Always & Forever"** – Sometimes less is better... the first time since 2008 the biannual dance concert was performed one night only; Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. Pictured below from left to right: C. Himes/Ballet, Dr. Diouf/West African, J. Burgess/Modern Jazz



- The department of dance updated the following courses – Dance 6, 65, 67, 8A to the curriculum committee and the **'Folk Dance'** discipline has been submitted to the state for approval.
- The department of dance submitted their Fall 2018 SLO Assessments to META curriculum committee: Dance 6, Dance 8A, Dance 60, Dance 64, & Dance 68.
- 2016 dance graduate and transfer student, Halima Mahdee received a one year study abroad scholarship from SFSU to study in Ghana, West Africa. See YouTube video <https://youtu.be/6jbcjbGVROI>
- **The Department of Dance Triumphs Again!** After many meetings between department chair, A. Lee, Dean Chan & Vice-President Besikof regarding the termination of the department's Instructional Assistants; Dean Chan finally met with the department to clarify the confusion,

miscommunication and incorrect information surrounding the recent decision to terminate all the Spring 2019 Instructional Assistants. The IAs were given no notice or just cause for the loss of their assignments. Complicating matters more, all the IAs had a yearly contract that ran from August 2018 through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2019. After a special meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup> with Dean Chan, all IAs - Richard Riley-pianist, Madiou Diouf-drummer and Naomi Washington-Diouf staging designer & choreographer; were re-instated.

- J. Burgess was appointed to the president's faculty & staff appreciation committee; which will sponsor and host the annual Spring Fling on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- As a special sneak preview for 2019 **Bay Area Dance Week**, the department of dance hosted two special Master 10<sup>th</sup> and the renowned author, Pilates Center, for Hill Chamber of Influence. Tonya Anthropology from on full scholarship Center. A member has appeared with Theater & Donald Parker Robinson Dance Ensemble, Footprints & Amy Pivar Dances, performed in the International Tour of "West Side Story", the National Tour of "Sesame St. Live", Sacramento Music Circus' "The King & I", and has been featured in numerous print ads & TV commercials
- The department of dance kicked off the first day of Bay Area Dance Week by sponsoring its 6th annual All Day High School Dance Workshop on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2019. The following high schools were invited: El Cerrito, Skyline, Kennedy, Oakland Tech, Pinole Valley, Albany, College Preparatory, Alameda, and De Anza.



Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> taught by **Tanya Amos**; dancer, educator, entrapuneure and owner of Aspire which she was awarded Pleasant Commerce's "100 Women of received a BA in Cultural U.C. Berkeley & trained four years at Alvin Ailey American Dance of Actors Equity Association, she Alvin Ailey American Dance Byrd, was a member of Cleo

### High School Dance Workshop Class Schedule

Hula	9:00AM - 9:55AM
Tap	10:00AM - 10:55AM
Modern Jazz Dance	11:00AM - 11:55AM
Nutritional Break	12:00PM - 12:25PM
Beg. Breakdance & Hip-Hop	12:30PM - 1:45PM
School Presentations	2:00PM - 2:45PM



- And Still We Dance... “*Endlessly & Willingly*” was performed Friday & Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, at the Odell Johnson Performing Arts Center @ 8:00pm → \$10.00 @ the door/Cash Only. The concert was available for viewing on **YouTube P-SPAN #674**.








*Dance major Tyrig Collins took command of the stage during his dynamic performance of “Planez”. Watching him was like poetry in motion. His choreography speaking to the audience; pulling at their heartstrings and touching their spirit. “Planez” was performed on Friday & Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2019.*

- The department of dance developed and submitted their proposal on May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 to the Laney College administration for a four (4) week summer Global Dance Camp for Youth as an on-going fundraiser for the Laney College dance program. ***The mission of Global Dance Camps is to offer parents a cost friendly children’s performing arts program taught by experienced credentialed teachers; where movement, music & voice come alive in a fun, safe and nurturing environment.*** [www.globaldancecamps.com](http://www.globaldancecamps.com)

#### **“Global Dance Summer Camp for Youth Annual Fundraiser”**

***A Proposal submitted by the Department of Dance to Increase Enrollment in Dance; Build 21<sup>st</sup> Century Intercultural Competency and Global Citizenship Skills; and Bring Equity to Study Abroad for Laney College Students in Dance.***

- J. Burgess was re-elected for a 7<sup>th</sup> term as a Part-Time Faculty Senator on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.
- The department of dance celebrated five dance majors who received their Associate Arts Dance Degree at this year’s commencement ceremony held on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2019:

 **LaToya Carter**  
 **Skylar Cork**  
 **Ashley Hunter**  
 **Elizabeth Jolivet**  
 **Delece Jones**

This year’s graduates brings the department’s total to twelve since 2012, eleven females and one male. We gotta get more men across the graduate stage!

- The department of dance once again has supported the 2019 Board of Directors, artists, and staff of the Oakland Ballet Company and their June performances of **JANGALA** and the East Bay DANCES. Oakland Ballet provided free tickets to Laney College dance students, in addition to offering free ballet classes and donating a generous stipend to the department.





## Dance Study Abroad

Ghana, West Africa 2019

July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup>

Accra, Cape Coast, Elmina, Assin Mansu, Kumasi, Kakum & Paga



- The department of dance is sponsoring its seventh annual trip to the motherland! Laney students will experience and witness first hand global education at its best. They will be immersed in Ghana's rich culture & time honored customs, visit historical landmarks, monuments, museums and regional parks. They will savor the traditional foods of the people on a daily basis. The students will also learn respectful bartering skills practiced in the market place, the streets filled with vendors, as well as securing a taxi. Finally, it should be noted that the department's study abroad program has not only enlightened and transformed students, but has been a proven asset to student success. It's on record through student testimony that their minds had been opened; providing an appreciation of insights to learning about themselves and the diversity of others. The trip was a once in a life-time experience... absolutely priceless!

### Up Dance Coming Events:

- NEW Program & Annual Fund Raiser! Global Dance Summer Camp for Youth. Tentatively scheduled for: June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Oakland Ballet Collaboration & Dance Series
- Dance Study Abroad: Ghana, West Africa, July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 12<sup>th</sup> 2019
- High School Instructor's Dance Conference – Fall 2019
- Ongoing Community Outreach, Collaborations & Recruitment - OUSD, WCCUSD, & BUSD
- And Still We Dance... Concerts, Fall 2019/Spring 2020
- Black History Program – Spring 2020 (OUSD, WCCUSD)
- High School Dance Day Workshop, Spring 2020
- The Laney College High School Dance Series, Spring 2020
- Diamano Coura West African Dance Company's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - November 2019

***Still Pending & Unresolved: (Administrators: Dean Chuen Chan, former VP Lila Celhay (now @ COA), and former Business Director Phyllis Carter S2015)***

- **Nutcracker International Performance held: December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 2013,**  
**Vishnupriya Shah was the artistic director in charge. Ms. Shah resigned Fall/August 2015.**
- **To Date:** \$0.00 Deposits and No Post-Production Report has been submitted, nor *has any action been taken by the Laney College administration to resolve the issue.*
- **(Still Outstanding - An estimated \$9,963.18 missing in cash & inventory)**  
Letters of concern to the administration were submitted on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 201, and June 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- **African Diaspora Dance Festival held: May 12<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> 2014,**  
**Colette Eloi was the artistic director in charge. Ms. Eloi resigned Spring/January 2016.**
- **To Date:** \$0.00 Deposits/No Post-Production Report has been submitted, nor *has any action been taken by the Laney College administration to resolve the issue.*
- **(Still Outstanding - An estimated \$3,485.00 in undocumented cash & missing inventory)**  
Letters of concern to the administration were submitted on March 22<sup>nd</sup> 201, and June 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.