

## **NDEO Call for Planning Committee Members to Serve in the Development and Implementation of the Independent Sector Mentorship Program**

The Independent Sector Mentorship Program (ISMP) is modeled after the very successful K-12 Mentorship Program now in its 5th cohort. As each of our sectors is unique in its teaching/learning environment, learner population, contact time, and expected educational outcomes, and so is the nature of the ISMP. We will offer professional pairings for both traditional mentorship and collaborative mentorship between these populations of dance educators:

- Private Studio Owners/Teachers
- Private Studio Teachers
- Independent Teachers
- Emerging Studio Owners
- Undergraduate & Graduate Students

Though this list is not exhaustive, we are at this initial onset focusing our energies on these specific areas so that we can identify best practices in mentorship for this varied sector. To begin this process, we will first build a committee that will consist of one Chair, Dr. Kathryn White Austin, and a total of 6 to 8 members to serve for the first 2 -3 years to be organized as follows:

- 2-3 months of preparation and launch
- 2 years first cohort
- *Assessment at the end of year 1 of the cohort 1*
- Establish cohort 2

This is a volunteer leadership role in NDEO and your service is valued and appreciated. If you are interested in this servant leadership opportunity and have at least 7 years experience in the Independent/Private Sector and is an NDEO member in good standing, please contact [mentorship@ndeo.org](mailto:mentorship@ndeo.org)

**Deadline to apply is Friday March 24th, 2023**