National Dance Education Organization
Advancing Dance Education for All

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Dear College Administrator:

At the National Dance Education Organization (NDEO), we support and value your commitment to fostering a meaningful educational experience for students and educators at your institution. The National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) reflects this commitment in its advocacy for dance education. Since 2005, NHSDA chapters have inducted over 35,000 students to honor artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement.

Establishing an NHSDA chapter at your college gives your students and faculty access to leadership opportunities, recognition, and resources to honor contributions in dance. Providing your students with the opportunity to be recognized for their achievements in dance highlights the way dance can contribute to education in terms of serving as an outlet for expression, fostering creativity, and promoting critical thinking. NHSDA is a way for your institution to value your creative student artists and appreciate the ways in which their experiences in dance contribute to your community, while receiving institutional benefits and resources to enhance students' dance education. Since NHSDA collegiate members are also members of NDEO, they are encouraged to explore the field of dance at large. They gain access to conferences, dance journals, professional development opportunities, and other resources that support their journey as dance artists and dance scholars.

As an institution with an NHSDA chapter, you will be listed on the NHSDA website, allowing for additional promotion of your dance program. This can serve as a valuable recruitment tool for students who were NHSDA members in high school and might be seeking this in their college experience. Students will have the opportunity to receive mentorship from their chapter sponsor, gain leadership skills through their NHSDA roles, and network with other NHSDA members. We also offer several annual events including Love Your Body Week and Dance A Difference Week focused on community service, and a Senior Day of Recognition to celebrate our graduating NHSDA members. Upon induction to NHSDA, students will have access to a variety of resources and recognition materials, including induction pins and graduation cords. Students who show exceptional dedication to NHSDA and service to the dance community have the chance to receive Graduation with Honors in dance, for which they can wear an NHSDA medallion.

For more information about NHSDA and its benefits, I encourage you to explore the official NHSDA website at www.ndeo.org/nhsda. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to nhsda@ndeo.org. Thank you for your commitment to education. We look forward to hopefully welcoming your institution to the NHSDA community!

With gratitude,

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