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College News

Barton Dance Department to host “Barton Cougar Dance Day”

February 15, 2022

Story and photo by Joe Vinduska

Barton Community College’s Dance Department invites all dance students aged 13-19 years to be a college dance student for a day from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Feb. 24 on the Barton campus.

The schedule includes classes in dance technique, choreography class, audition tips, being part of a Barton Dance Theatre rehearsal, viewing a Barton Dance Team practice and having lunch with Barton’s current dance students. There will also be an opportunity for visiting high school seniors to audition for dance scholarships for fall 2022.

Barton Dance Coordinator Dance Danika Bielek says this unique college visit is a great experience for teens of all ages who enjoy dancing.

“Our Dance Day is an event I really look forward to,” she said. “It’s such a great positive experience to get the dance community together and share what dancing in college is really like. Dance studio instructors are also welcome to join us as well. We are inviting all dancers to spend the day with us in our excellent dance studio to engage in doing something they enjoy and get a free lunch. You just can’t beat that.”

To sign up for Barton Cougar Dance Day please visit the registration form at tinyurl.com/yc3vjwv8.

For more information, contact Bielek at bielekd@bartonccc.edu or (620) 792-9253.



Barton Dance and Nursing student Jenna Sinnott performs during last year’s spring dance concert, “Once Upon a Time.”

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Barton Dance Department and Student Life to host hip hop dance masterclass featuring KC artist SugEasy Singleton

September 27, 2021

Story by Joe Vinduska

Courtesy photos submitted

Those passionate about hip hop dance techniques can learn from one of the region's best as Barton Student Life and the Barton Dance Department presents a masterclass by Kansas City artist SugEasy Singleton in two sessions at 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 8 in Studio 34 on the Barton campus.

Singleton will teach authentic hip hop dance techniques, which will be followed by a question and answer session about the culture will follow the instruction.

"SugEasy is a practitioner of all the creative elements of Hip Hop— Breaking, DeeJaying, Emceeing, Beat Boxing and Graffiti Writing. He has over 20+ years of teaching. He started teaching when he was 15, then connected to studio format in 2001. He's learned these skills from the original pioneers of this culture and he's always on the move to learn more and grow more so he can constantly become a better artist and teacher. Mostly though, SugEasy invests his time in sharing his authentic knowledge with all people in the community—from many different races, ages, cultures, and backgrounds. SugEasy also toured for 12 years with the band Pomeroy, which opened up doors to share stages with Blink 182, LL Cool J, Neyo and many more," according to SugEasy.



Barton students can attend for free. Tickets are \$5 for non-students and can be purchased at shows.bartonccc.edu. For more information, contact Bielek at bielekd@bartonccc.edu or (620) 792-9253.

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Barton's Dancing for Mobility class to host "Love Letters in Motion" event

August 25, 2022

Story by Joe Vinduska

Creativity can happen at any age and members of Barton's Dancing for Mobility class will showcase that during a performance titled "Love Letters in Motion," at 7 p.m. Sept. 8 in the Shafer Gallery, which will include uplifting music, live artwork and an interactive portion for the audience. Admission is free and the event is sponsored by the Shafer Gallery.

Instructor of Dance & Fine and Performing Arts Coordinator Danika Bielek said the idea of "creative aging" is something she incorporates into the class.

"This is an art education program developed by the national organization, Lifetime Arts," she said. "The program's focus is to enrich the lives of adults aged 55 years and older through engaging art education led by teaching artists with the purpose of empowering them to set creative goals and learn an artistic craft that results in art projects to share with others."

Bielek said art organizations across Kansas have been diving into this creative process with older adults using the theme of love letters and personal stories from their past to create meaningful work.

"Even though the class's primary focus is to use dance as exercise to promote better balance and build strength, some class members decided to work out their creative minds as well," she said.

Student Nancy Carter said the class has been beneficial.

"The love letters project has been an experience of remembering how to use my mind and body to express feelings from the heart," she said.

Teddy Williamson is also a participant and said the class was a positive experience.

"It is good to know even at age 82 I am able to learn new things," he said. "I have enjoyed becoming better acquainted with my teammates and our teacher."

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Love Letters in Motion

A Creative Aging event with Dancing for Mobility in partnership with the Shafer Art Gallery and the Kansas Creative Arts and Industries Commission

SEPTEMBER 8TH
7:00PM

LOCATION
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