

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

International Summer Dance

Dear International Summer Dance Student,

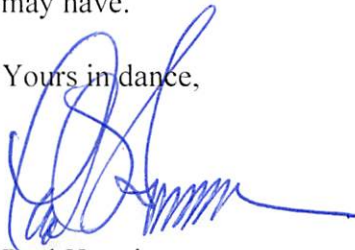
For more than three decades, Point Park University's International Summer Dance has welcomed talented dancers, teachers and musicians from around the globe. We've recently hosted students from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, South Korea, Sweden, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Every year, our studios, corridors, dining halls and parks are filled with joyful celebrations of myriad cultures united by the love of dance.

During the first few days of the program, students, whether they are from across town, across the U.S., or from another country, greet each other with genuine warmth and excitement about the special summer that is about to begin. Over the next six weeks, a multitude of languages can be heard, both from native speakers and from their peers, as each and every one of them delights in sharing and learning – and far more than just technique. The discoveries and bonds forged through International Summer Dance last lifetimes.

So, as the daily news reports may suggest otherwise, we have joined to write this letter to assure you that Point Park University – and the city of Pittsburgh – welcome our international students and teachers with open arms and open hearts. Point Park University is an inclusive community that believes that diversity and inclusion are vital to the well-being of everyone here, to the educational mission of Point Park, and to a bright and peaceful future.

Without our international students, it would not be International Summer Dance. We look forward to seeing you this summer and will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.


Yours in dance,



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