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Ann Marie Seigwarth
Director of Development
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Wichita State University Foundation
1845 Fairmount Street
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Re: Challenge Grant Gift to benefit the new Dance Studio – College of Fine Arts

Dear Ann Marie:

The unparalleled student commitment to the process is evident in the Wichita State Dance Program.

Nick Johnson, Director of Dance, refers to Wichita State dancers as “poet athletes”. It is an apt description of the strong group of dancers I watched perform in the Kansas Dance Festival of 2019, and I knew that my grandson Timothy Portwood was training with the right group of professional dance educators.

The Wichita State Dance and Musical Theatre Programs have partnered together to renovate an existing space into a large dance studio complete with Marley flooring, sound system upgrade, perimeter mirrors and other necessities such as ballet bars. This \$30,000 project is dependent on private funding and, to support Wichita State’s efforts to raise the final \$10,000, I’m offering a challenge gift of \$5,000 in the hope that others will match my gift with their own to achieve the \$30,000 goal.

To make a gift, please contact Ann Marie Siegwarth, Director of Development for the College of Fine Arts at (316) 978-3945 or anmarie.siegwarth@wichita.edu.

Thank you for helping to shape a dynamic future for Wichita State dancers.

Sincerely,


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cc: Nick Johnson