



2024 College & Career Fair

Friday, November 8

Schedule of Events



Seniors

Mahogany Ballroom

7:00 School Tables Open (Hotel Lobby)
Check-In Begins (Mahogany Ballroom)

Juniors

Sapphire Pavilion

7:00 School Tables Open (Hotel Lobby)
Check-In Begins (Pavilion)

8:00-8:40 Welcome & "Preparing for Audition" with Demi Agaiby, M.S. in Pavilion

8:45-10:00 **Ballet**
Rich Grund
(Northern Illinois University)

8:45-9:45 **Musical Theatre**
Tammy Mader
(Chicago College of Performing Arts)

10:10-11:10 **Modern**
Anna Sapozhnikov
(University of Illinois)

9:50-10:50 **Afro Floor and Flow**
Jessica Lynch-Oliver and Madia Cooper-Ashirifi
(Brenau University)

11:15-12:15 **Improvisation**
Matthew Farmer
(Hope College)

11:00-12:00 **Jazz**
Laina Reese
(Illinois State University)

12:30-1:15 Panel Discussion in Mahogany Ballroom - *Lunch Provided for Dancers*

1:30-2:30 **Hip Hop**
Edison House Magaña
(Arizona State University)

1:30-2:45 **Ballet**
Dale Merrill
(The Hartt School, University of Hartford)

2:40-3:40 **Contemporary**
Armando Estrada
(AMDA College of the Performing Arts)

2:50-3:50 **Modern**
Michael Estanich
(University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point)

3:45-4:45 **Jazz**
Michael McCarthy
(Oklahoma City University)

4:00-5:00 **Improvisation**
Meghen McKinley
(Western Kentucky University)

4:45 **Closing Announcements & Visit Schools**

5:00 **Closing Announcements & Visit Schools**

Parent Seminars

Sienna (Lower Level)

(open to parents/guardians of auditionees)

9:00-10:00

"Building Resilient Dancers & Humans"

How to Support Your Dancers in Moments of Disappointment
Demi Agaiby, M.S. (Beyond Horizons Performance)

With Mental Performance Consultant, Demi Agaiby, parents will gain a deeper understanding of the mental frameworks their dancers fall into after receiving rejection or disappointment and walk away with tangible strategies to help their dancer realign with their purpose and goals.

10:30-11:30

"Dancing in College"

Megan Slayter, Professor of Dance at Western Michigan University
Presentation and discussion on dance degrees. BFA vs BA programs, double-majoring, dance minors, and the value of dance education in supporting career goals in ANY field.

12:30-1:15

Panel Discussion (in Mahogany Ballroom)

2:00-3:00

"The Dance Path to College (for Parents)"

Michael Foley, Professor of Dance at University of South Florida

We will discuss what college dance curriculums look like, finding the right school, how to prepare for the auditions, and career paths associated with the dance degree. Participants will be provided with a document from Prof. Foley detailing all of the points covered in the seminar. This seminar is also meant to give you some solid answers, so please bring your questions!

3:15-4:15

"The Business of Dance"

Guide to a Professional Career in Dance

Gerri Brown, Director Commercial Dance Loyola Marymount University

A transformative seminar tailored for parents/guardians. Navigate your dancer's dreams and develop realistic career expectations with expert guidance. This seminar demystifies the industry, offering essential tools and knowledge to support your dancer. From understanding agents and casting directors to recognizing the skills needed to perform with top artists like Taylor Swift and Justin Bieber, this seminar is your starting point.