

# Christian Center for the Arts

## Dance Department

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Dear CCA Students and Families,

The seasons have been changing, as they always do, and spring is finally here! As we transition from one season to the next I am reminded of the verse and the mission statement that the LORD put upon my heart six years ago when I was starting the dance program at West End Assembly of God:

*"There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven"...and NOW is the time to use dance to glorify its Creator.*

I am writing to let you know about a season change that will be taking place at the CCA Dance Department this summer. I prefaced this letter with a reflection on our original mission because even though we are transitioning from one season to the next, the mission remains the same: *to use dance to glorify its Creator*. In fact I am excited to see the many new ways that I know the LORD wants to grow, blossom, and flourish this department and vision as a result of a new season!

So, "What is this new season?" you are asking. Last November the LORD began calling me to spend a consecrated six month season in prayer, fasting, study of the Word, and outreach through doing an internship at the International House of Prayer Missions Base in Kansas City, MO. This internship begins July 16. While I am not sure what the LORD is calling me to after that, there is a good chance I will continue training in Kansas City beyond the six months at either their Bible school or arts school. For those who are interested, I would be more than happy to share the personal details regarding this journey that I am on and all the LORD is doing in my life. (Feel free to ask me and/or visit my website at [www.arielbrittany.com](http://www.arielbrittany.com).)

Although change and letting go is always hard, this is a very exciting opportunity not only for me but also for CCA. There is much to be excited about for the vast possibilities of how God wants to grow CCA in this next season. And this transition will create space for fresh vision to be breathed and alignment renewed with all that God desires for the dance department at CCA.

Pastor Bob Laughlin is in charge of deciding who will be taking over in my absence, and we already have some very exciting plans in the works. We are hoping to have these plans solidified over the next few weeks. As soon as we can share the new vision and leadership with you, we will! In the meantime I would encourage you to be praying for the LORD's continued hand of guidance and presence in this transition and in the hearts of the entire dance community. Both the WEAG leadership and I greatly desire this season change to be seen as something exciting and fresh that the LORD is stirring up in our midst! I invite you to enter into this excitement with us and to stay tuned to all that He is up to! Indeed seasons will always change, but His faithfulness endures forever!

As always, thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your involvement, encouragement, and support in the dance program!

In Christ, the Creator of Dance,

Ariel Williams

