



April 9, 2026

Mary Heller  
Iowa State University

Dear Mary,

Since its founding in 1973, the American College Dance Association (ACDA) has served as a vibrant home for college and university dance programs, bringing together students, faculty, and artists in a shared commitment to the art of dance. For over five decades, ACDA has championed dance as both a rigorous academic discipline and a powerful form of expression, fostering a community rooted in artistry and scholarly exchange.

The 2026 season reflected ACDA's enduring legacy through the presentation of nine regional conferences held across the country, uniting thousands of participants from across the world. At the core of these gatherings are educators like you, whose dedication to sharing your expertise transforms each conference into a vibrant environment for learning and exchange. Each year, ACDA receives thousands of session proposals for its conferences, and conference coordinators along with the ACDA National Office carefully select each session to ensure a high quality and diverse program of classes, workshops, and research presentations. Being chosen to present at an ACDA conference is widely recognized as a significant honor and a meaningful acknowledgment of one's work and contributions to the field.

On behalf of the American College Dance Association's National Office and Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge your professional service during the 2026 ACDA North-Central Conference that took place from March 7-11, 2026 at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Your session(s) played a critical role in the success of this season's regional programming and in advancing ACDA's mission to support, affirm, and advocate for dance in higher education.

We are grateful for your role in sustaining ACDA's legacy and look forward to your continued involvement in the years ahead.

With Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mattie Fenton'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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