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Dear NYSDEA Members,

As the President-elect of our organization I am looking forward to taking over the reins from our current President, Deborah Damast and following in the footsteps of past NYSDEA Presidents.

I start my tenure as President officially in January 2017. I am looking forward to continuing to expand on the initiatives that Deborah, Anne, and Abigail have laid down during the past 5 years. One of those was our incorporation as a not-for-profit. This allows us to raise funds that are also tax deductions for the donor.

Last year we conducted our first major fundraising event in the Hamptons sponsored by Mara Katz and raised over \$7,000.00. This year we are conducting another big fundraiser in the Hamptons, workshops throughout the state, and our annual conference in NYC. We hope that each of these events will bring in revenue that will impact on our membership.

All monies raised by NYSDEA at our fundraising, conference, and workshop events goes towards providing Professional Development opportunities for current dance teachers, as well as scholarships for students of Dance Education programs throughout the state. The members of the board feel that it is necessary and vital to support the next generation of NYSDEA/NDEO members, and to show that support through financial assistance. By providing the next generation of dance educators with scholarships to attend national, state, and regional conferences we are securing the future of dance education throughout New York State. As a contributor to NYSDEA you are standing up for quality dance education that will impact on generations of students in both the private and public sectors of our communities.

I encourage you to make a contribution at this time even if you are not able to attend the fundraiser in the Hamptons and to encourage your family and friends to do so also. No amount is too small, donate what you can but do donate and do it now. Your donation today will help insure that we can provide you with the tools and resources that you need throughout the year to continue to grow as professionals in the field.

Sincerely,
Andrew Jannetti
President -elect

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