Dr. Nichole Ortega, Academy Fellow

Nichole Ortega began her classical ballet training in 1975 with Sandra Allen. From 1984 to 1990, she continued her training with Jacqueline P. Colledge, as a member and soloist with the Utah Regional Ballet Company. Nichole completed her undergraduate degree in Health Education and Dance Education at Brigham Young University, and earned a Master of Arts in Dance, from California State University, Long Beach. For ten years, Nichole acted as a secondary dance educator, developing the dance program and Dance Company at Payson High School in Payson, Utah. Currently, Nichole is in her 18th year at Utah Valley University where she is an Associate Professor and served for six years as Chair of the Department of Dance. She is currently the Ballet Program Coordinator and teaches Ballet and other core courses. Nichole has served as President of the Utah Dance Education Organization and the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters. She served two years as the Secondary Endorsement Dance Representative for the Utah State Office of Education and has choreographed for Synergy Dance Company, Contemporary Dance Ensemble, Utah Regional Ballet, Utah Regional Ballet II, Boise State College, Body Logic, and Scera Shell Outdoor Theater. Nichole has been published twice in The Academy Journal and once in The Journal of the International Arts in Society and has shared her research at several national and international conferences. She was awarded the UVU Presidential Fellowship for her research, "Dance Loops" along with UVU Behavioral Science Associate Professor, Barton Poulson. Nichole just finished two years as the Director of Undergraduate Research and Creative Works in the UVU Office of Engage Learning and is a faculty Fellow in the UVU Center for the Study of Ethics.

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November 5th, 2021
Maeser Auditorium
Brigham Young University

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