



Florida Dance Education Organization
National Honor Society for Dance Arts

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Dear Reiko,

Congratulations! The Florida Dance Education Organization, a state affiliate of the National Dance Education Organization, is pleased to announce that you have been selected by the adjudication committee as the NHSDA **1st Place Winner** of the **2019 NDEO Artistic Merit, Leadership, and Academic Achievement Award for Florida**, which includes a \$300 scholarship award. This award is evidence that you have excelled in all three categories:

- ☞ **Artistic Merit:** The candidate demonstrates technical and artistic excellence in dance as evidenced by performing original choreography and a choreography essay.
- ☞ **Leadership:** The candidate demonstrates outstanding leadership in and outside the field of dance at the school, community, state, and/or national level as evidenced by a strong resume, recommendation letter and leadership essay.
- ☞ **Academic Achievement:** The candidate demonstrates academic excellence with a high cumulative grade point average and two essays detailing future plans and the impact of dance.

We would like to invite you to perform your piece at the Honors Concert on February 2, 2019 at Beyond the Test: Mentoring for Artistic Achievement. Please confirm your participation with your sponsor as soon as you can. Your award will be presented to you at the concert.

The Florida Dance Education Organization recognizes your NHSDA Chapter Sponsors, **Janice Monsanto**, for outstanding teaching, leadership, and guidance shown to you and fellow students. Much of your success, and theirs, is due to your Chapter Sponsors' selfless dedication, guidance, and exemplary leadership. You can be very proud to have earned this honor.

Thank you on behalf of FDEO, NDEO, NHSDA, and fellow dance educators everywhere. We hope you will continue to be involved in FDEO and NHSDA.

Sincerely,

Lauren Gomez
FDEO NHSDA Chair

Jin Lee Hanley
FDEO NHSDA Co-Chair

cc: Valerie Barreiro, FDEO President
cc: Janice Monsanto, NHSDA sponsor at Flagler Palm Coast High School