UNLV AND KOREA NATIONAL SPORT UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

History: The Together Projects

The UNLV Department of Dance and Korea National Sport University Department of Dance developed a partnership in 2008. This partnership was rooted in the desire to create mutually beneficial collaborative dance and cultural exchange experiences for the students and faculty of each institution. The fruits of this partnership have been five shared concerts of choreography that were performed in Seoul, South Korea and Las Vegas, Nevada: Together 1 (Fall 2006), Together 2 (Fall 2008), Together 3 (Fall 2010), Together 4 (Fall 2012), Together 5 (Fall 2014). These concerts have allowed eighty dance majors to participate in this international program and perform in Seoul, Korea. Also, all UNLV Dance Faculty have had the opportunity to have their choreographic, lighting, and musical work showcased in this international exchange.

The 8-Week Cultural Exchange

In 2012, faculty from UNLV and KNSU decided to build on the success of the UNLV/KNSU Partnership by creating an opportunity for a select group of majors to participate in a longer, more in-depth 8-week cultural exchange/residency at the partner institution. Faculty at each institution identified classes within the curriculum which could be completed while the student was in-residence at the partner institution. Faculty at each institution identified classes within the curriculum which could be completed while the student was in-residence at the partner institution. This residency allowed students the opportunity to observe dance training, performances, cultural and tourist events and venues. In essence the students for this exchange participate in an unpaid apprenticeship and enter each country as a tourist. Ten students
(5 from UNLV and 5 from KNSU) participated in this program in 2012 and eight students (4 from KNSU and 4 from UNLV) participated in 2014. During these programs, each institution provided the students with housing and meals (2012) and housing only (2014).

**The Next Exchange - Fall 2015**

Because of the success of this program, KNSU and UNLV would like this program to occur every year and would like invite four KNSU students to UNLV in Fall 2015 and have four UNLV students visit KNSU in Spring 2016.

**Ongoing Development Opportunities**

Without doubt this program and exchange has been valuable and has had an impact on the students who have participated in these programs. It has also enhanced and created invaluable opportunities for faculty research. Additionally this has enhanced the international travel programs within the Department of Dance and has created a valuable recruitment mechanism.