

Hello StuCo!

Thank you all for your attendance for our 2026 StuCo orientation! Below offers a quick recap of our meeting and what was discussed. Included is the Zoom recording link and our powerpoint presentation to follow along. We are here for your questions so please don't hesitate to ask. We are so excited to dance with your students this year!

August 28, 2026: Orientation 4:00-6:45

Students: 4:00-5:00

Students met their dance buddies and tested their drawing skills to answer a series of questions their buddy wrote for them. Students who have not met their buddy will have an opportunity to do so at the next StuCo event! These drawing cards can be a helpful tool in remembering what your buddy enjoys. While dance buddy gifts are not required, students love to gift small things throughout the year to help make their buddy feel special. These gifts can be purchased gifts like candy, fuzzy socks, or a homemade gift like a painting, or a card with a kind message. Students love to give gifts during all student company rehearsals or events, community outings, before shows, and holidays.

Parents & Students: 5:00-6:45

Jan Opened with Ormao Legacy

- Mission:
 - To provoke, challenge, and entertain those in our community and beyond through the creative language of dance.
 - To encourage diversity and experimentation in the arts.
 - To enrich and enhance cultural opportunities within southern Colorado's communities and schools by spear-heading initiatives that bring dance to the public and programs that educate people of all ages.
- Take a class, engage in Ormao's programs, become passionate about your student's passions!
 - We are interested in more crossover between StuCo families and all of Ormao's programs.

WELCOME!~ Foundations Company: This NEW Student Company group houses ages 7-10 and allows students to start their journey early! Please help these families feel welcome and help them navigate the student company journey!

Handbook Comb Through

- Online Portal: Download the App!
 - For Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/studio-pro-portal/id1618298488>
 - For Android:
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.dancestudiopro.parents&hl=en_US
 - Head to your phone's app store. Download the Studio Pro App. A blue app with a white X.



- Stay logged in to access
 - weekly class schedule
 - calendar
 - notes
 - costumes
- [StuCo Website](#): BOOKMARK THIS PAGE
 - This page acts as a catch all for all important events, rehearsals, ticket links, and more.
- Communication Protocol:
 - Parents will receive Monthly newsletters from Ormao with upcoming StuCo events, dates, and information. This information will also be posted to the online portal and the StuCo website page.
 - Directors will create group texts with their student company families and sent a reminder the week of important dates and events.
- Attendance (6 absences for each semester, 12 total)
 - Absent days not classes
 - 3 tardy = 1 absence
 - Left early = tardy
 - Community performances: students must stay for the entire duration and help with set up and strike
 - Recommended, don't schedule more than 3 planned absences
 - Email ormaodance@gmail.com with absences. Ormao will alert all instructors.

- If all students have less than 6 absences each by the end of each semester, we will plan an outing with dancers
- Semesterly parent/director/student meetings: Directors will set up an appointment sign up in January to accommodate meetings
- Dance Diversity quarterly master classes. Take dance class with your dancer! ALL are welcome!
- Performance
 - Label EVERYTHING! We passed around markers to help students label their shoes!
 - Halloween Spooktacular Show: Inspired by Nighmare Before Christmas
 - Holiday Who-pla Show: Inspired by How The Grinch Stole Christmas
 - Guest artist fees: Depend on StuCo group.
 - Foundations Company (OFC): Choreography led by your primary Company Director.
 - Youth Company (OYC): One guest choreographer.
 - Junior Company (OJC): One to two guest choreographers.
 - Senior Company (OSC): Two to three guest choreographers.
 - Costume fees
 - Halloween Spooktacular
Fee Due: October 3
Estimated Cost: \$30–\$50
 - Holiday Who-pla
Fee Due: November 10
Estimated Cost: \$30–\$50
 - Company Showcase
Fee Due: February 10
Estimated Cost: \$100–\$200
 - Recital Costumes
Fee Due: March 10
Estimated Cost: \$30–\$60 per costume
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 - Costume process
 - Halloween & Holiday costumes come from Ormao's costume closet. Your costume fee pays for the costumes to be laundered.
 - Student Company Show is a combination of costume closet rentals and purchased costumes.
 - Recital is mostly purchased costumes.

- Ormao's costume closet rentals should be returned after each show. We have labeled most Ormao costumes. If your costume has an Ormao logo, it should be returned
 - Merch
 - [Student Company Jacket is available NOW!](#)
 - Get yours before September 11
 - Ormao t-shirts, joggers, and long sleeve shirts will be available October 1-15.
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- Handbook Q & A
 - Snacks: Please have your students pack snacks in their dance bags. Donated snacks without a label is free game. Families are more than welcome to donate snacks, we cannot secure snacks for a specific student company group.
 - CoDEO: Juniors and Seniors ONLY
 - Junior and Senior Company dancers have the opportunity to attend the annual Colorado Dance Education Organization (CoDEO) Conference.
This inspiring weekend brings together dancers and educators from across Colorado to learn, collaborate, and celebrate dance in an inclusive environment. Students participate in classes taught by professional artists covering subjects such as ballet, modern, jazz, multicultural dance, anatomy, pedagogy, audition preparation, and more.
Ormao's Junior and Senior Companies also perform in the conference's Opening Showcase and learn new choreography to present in the Closing Showcase.
CoDEO encourages students to build confidence, expand their perspective, and discover new possibilities within the dance community.
Conference Dates: January 17–18
Estimated Cost: \$150–\$175
Fee Due: November 10, 2026
 - [NHSDA: National Honors Society for Dance Arts](#)

[Click HERE to watch the orientation video](#)

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[Click HERE to view the orientation visual presentation](#)