

INNOVATIVE College Combine

**Sunday, December 6th from 9:00am-3:15pm
University of Kansas - Robinson Center
1301 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045**

Join us for the 2026 Combine!

Innovative Choreography is thrilled to be partnering with the University of Kansas to bring a collegiate dance combine to the Kansas City area for the ninth year. Colleges and universities from the midwest will be in attendance to recruit and represent their programs. For a complete and updated list of colleges and universities involved, please visit <https://www.innovativechoreography.com/combine>

Dancers will begin the day with an opportunity to have professional headshots and full body photos taken by the amazing Alexis Close of B.Close Photography. All photos will be made available to purchase! Innovative Choreography faculty members will teach technique, a jazz combination, a hip hop combination, and review pom sidelines/combination (dancers will receive the pom choreography ahead of time). Participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate each routine for the collegiate coaches. Throughout the day, dancers will interact with coaches through scheduled mingle sessions. Additionally, all participants will be provided a list of coaches and contact information. Likewise, all coaches will be provided a list of participants and contact information. Seniors will have an optional opportunity to stay at the end of the Combine for Innovative Choreography staff members to record each of the three combinations. Videos will then be compiled and shared with the senior as well as all college coaches.

Why should high school coaches attend?

The Innovative College Combine is a tremendous opportunity for dancers to explore dancing at the collegiate level. As a coach, you are a critical component of your dancer's success. We hope you will join us at the combine to learn more about what college teams are looking for. Additionally, all coaches will be able to interact with the college coaches. The combine will be a fabulous networking opportunity! You will leave the Innovative College Combine with inspiration and knowledge to help prepare your dancers for the future.

Combine Details for Dancers

The Robinson Center at the University of Kansas is located at 1301 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. Dancers are encouraged to wear formed-fitting dance attire (tanks, sports bras, etc). Please come game day ready! You may wear your hair down and wear performance makeup. You are welcome to bring shoes and extra clothes for the hip hop combo. We will have each grade level wear a different color top to distinguish their age:

Freshmen - Grey

Sophomores - Grey

Juniors - Black

Seniors & Current College Students - any color top (please avoid grey and black)

Please pack a lunch, snacks, and water!

Optional E.D.G.E. Workshop

Saturday, December 5th from 6-8pm

Ovation Dance Academy

5325 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS 66205

Attending dancers will have an option to add on a two-hour workshop. Here's the information shared with them:

E.D.G.E. - Elevating Dancer's Goals Effectively

Join us for a two hour session with Tim Flattery. This is a session designed to elevate each dancer to be the best you can be and to prepare for the next step in your dancing journey. The E.D.G.E. College Audition Workshop will cover tips to improve desired areas of technique while highlighting your greatest strengths and creating a mindset and approach to new combos/choreography. Tim will also take you from being a good candidate to a great candidate by discussing ways to put your best foot forward while achieving goals that will give you that extra E.D.G.E. The E.D.G.E. Workshop will help prepare you for the Innovative College Combine...don't miss your chance to have an edge up!

Senior Recording Opportunity

All Class of 2027 Seniors are invited to stay from 3:15-4:15 for an optional recording opportunity. Innovative Choreography staff members will record you performing all three combinations. We will compile the videos and share them with you **AND** all of the attending college coaches. This opportunity individually showcases your talents for the coaches, and coaches can refer to your video at any time! Additionally, you will have all video files for your future needs: audition videos, reels, etc.

Schedule

Saturday 12/5

Dancers who elect to add on the EDGE Workshop with Tim Flattery will join us at Ovation Dance Academy (5325 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS 66205) from 6-8pm.

Sunday 12/6

Time	Event
9:00 - 10:00am	Registration, Professional Photos & Mingle with College Coaches
10:00 - 10:15am	Warm Up
10:15 - 11:00am	Technique
11:00 - 11:15am	Review Pom
11:15 - 11:30am	Pom Show Off
11:30 - 12:30pm	Lunch Break (no mingling from 11:30-12:00)
12:00 - 12:30pm	SENIOR ONLY Mingle with College Coaches
12:30 - 1:15pm	Learn Jazz Combo
1:15 - 1:30pm	Jazz Combo Show Off
1:30 - 2:15pm	Learn Hip Hop Combo
2:15 - 2:30pm	Hip Hop Combo Show Off
2:30 - 3:00pm	One at a Time Show Offs (each junior, senior & college student gets 4 eight counts to showcase anything he/she would like)
3:00 - 3:15pm	Combine Wrap Up, Drawings & Giveaways
3:15 - 4:15pm	Senior Recording Opportunity

Recruiting

Throughout the day, dancers will interact with coaches through scheduled mingle sessions. Additionally, all participants will be provided a list of coaches and contact information. Likewise, all coaches will be provided a list of participants and contact information.

All high school dancers will be given paper with their names on it. As you visit the college tables, drop off a piece of paper in the drawing on each table. The more colleges you visit, the more chances you have to win some gear, swag, prizes, and awards! Drawing will occur during the Combine Wrap Up at the end of the day. *Please note, dancers may only win once.

Combine 2026 T-Shirt

We are thrilled to offer commemorative t-shirts for the Innovative Combine 2026! Shirts are generic (not women's) sizes, soft style, and are classic fit. Participating colleges/universities will be listed on the back if registered by Monday, November 9th. Be sure to preorder yours as we will have limited quantities on hand on December 6th. Pre-orders are due Monday 11/9. Shirts are \$20 (tax included)



	XS	S				
Body Length	27	28	29 1/4	30 1/4	31 1/4	32 1/2
Body Length Tolerance	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1
Chest Tolerance	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1	+/-1
Chest Width (Laid Flat)	16	18	20	22	24	26

If you need to contact us leading up to or the day of the Combine, feel free to use the following modes of communication:

innovativechoreography@gmail.com

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Lauren: 913-991-7139

Faculty

Alexis Close - *Optional Photography Opportunity*

Alexis Close is a Kansas City native with a lifelong background in competitive dance, gymnastics, and musical theatre. She began teaching dance at just 14 years old and has choreographed numerous musical theatre productions throughout the area. This year marks her 15th season as head coach of the Shawnee Mission East Lancer Dancers.

In addition to her work in the performing arts, Alexis is a talented photographer who specializes in dance, sports portraits, senior sessions, family photography, and headshots. Her unique experience in both dance and photography allows her to capture the movement, energy, and emotion that bring each image to life.

Alexis is excited to work with Innovative Choreography once again at their KU Combine, helping dancers get the high-quality images they need to take their next steps toward college and professional opportunities.

Tim Flattery - *Pom & Technique*

Tim Flattery originally from Onaga, Kansas began dancing at Studio 1 Dance Center. He attended The University of Kansas where he was a member of The Rock Chalk Dancers and The University Dance Company.

After earning his B.F.A degree he worked professionally on Holland America Cruise Lines, for Broadway Dance Center and for the New York City Contemporary Modern Company BEings.

Tim was a studio director for a competitive studio in Kansas, he was the assistant coach for The Rock Chalk Dancers and also a High School Dance Team coach. He is currently the owner of Timothy Flattery Dance Consulting, choreographing for studios and Universities all over the midwest along with pursuing his passion for judging!

Andie Stitt - *Hip Hop*

Andie Stitt grew up in Kansas City where her dance training began at the age of four. She trained under many professional dance educators at studios, conventions, camps and workshops. In high school Andie assisted with nationally ranked companies such as Pulse Dance Conventions, Tremaine Dance Conventions and Monster's of Hip Hop working hand in hand with their professional master teachers such as Nappytabs, Brian Friedman and Dave Scott. Andie graduated from Wichita State University with a performance dance major as well as later completing a Kinesiology degree to further her knowledge of the human body. During her time in Wichita, Andie was employed by Arts Partners; bringing dance to at risk and low income children in the community. She has completed contracts teaching for both Wichita State University and The University of Kansas working with pre-professional dancers headed into the commercial dance world. She specializes in all things technique as well as injury prevention, alignment and culture building. She continues to guest choreograph for NFL and NBA dance teams nationally. Andie guest teaches and choreographs for over 150 studios and teams across the country each year. She also enjoys teaching and adjudicating for different conventions and talent competitions. Andie is the founder of "Dance on with Diabetes"; a support group for dancers living with Type 1 Diabetes. Andie is known for her explosive energy, the ability to make all dancers feel excited and welcomed and her creative insight for technique in all styles of dance. She is honored and humbled to have the opportunity to continue growing her passion for dance.

JaShawn Warren - *Jazz*

JaShawn Warren began dancing at the age of seven at MGM Studio of the Dance in Wichita, Kansas, before continuing her training at Midwest Dance Mechanix in Valley Center, Kansas. With a strong foundation in jazz, ballet, lyrical, and hip hop, she went on to dance at the University of Kansas as a Rock Chalk Dancer. During her four years on the team, including two years as captain, JaShawn competed at UDA College Nationals, performed at eight NCAA tournaments, and showcased her talent at numerous charity events and KU sporting events such as football, basketball, and volleyball games.

Following her collegiate dance career, JaShawn served as head coach of the Gadets Dance Team at Graceland University from 2021–2023, leading the program to multiple top-three finishes at conference and regional competitions. From 2023–2025, she was the head coach of the Mulekickers Dance Team at the University of Central Missouri, where she guided the team to multiple top-10 placements at UDA College Dance Team Nationals.

In addition to her coaching success, JaShawn is the co-owner of Kreative Force Choreo, LLC where she continues to share her passion for dance, choreography, and leadership with dancers of all levels.

Innovative Choreography Directors & Staff

Anne Kastelic - *Co-Owner*

Anne grew up in the Kansas City area and began dancing and baton twirling competitively in 1997. Anne is a former Advanced Miss Majorette of Kansas (NBTA). She also trained in colorguard and competed at World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Anne went to Kansas State University and was a member of the Classy Cats Dance Team. She served as an assistant section leader, and her choreography was featured at numerous football games, basketball games, the Pinstripe Bowl, NCAA tournament, and community events. She also helped lead the team to a Top 5 NDA Nationals placement.

Anne's choreography experience began at Beller Dance Studio at age 16. Her routines received choreography awards at both high school and studio competitions. Throughout her time as a high school dance team coach, she grew dance team programs to compete at the national level. She has taught camps across the United States where she shares her energetic and encouraging instruction with dancers and coaches. Anne also choreographs for middle school, high school, and college teams across the United States. She served as a judge for the NAIA Collegiate Regionals, high school and middle school dance team competitions, and numerous auditions for studios, high school, and collegiate teams.

Outside of dance, Anne serves as a high school assistant principal. She recently completed her doctoral degree in PK-12 Educational Leadership.

Kati Oddo - *Staff*

Born and raised in Kansas City, Kati Oddo began her dancing career at age three and has had a passion for dance ever since. She danced competitively with Dance Xcel where she earned several national titles, trained with instructors from across the country, and began her career as a teacher and choreographer. In addition to training at Xcel, Kati was also a member of her high school dance team. Upon graduating high school, Kati went on to dance at Kansas State University as a member of the Classy Cats dance team. An assistant section leader her junior year and captain her senior year, Kati performed at basketball games, football games, volleyball games, parades, pep rallies, NCAA tournaments, bowl games, and numerous other university activities. Additionally, Kati received three "All American" awards at National Dance Alliance camps and placed in the top ten at the collegiate national competition. During her years at K-State, Kati took four years of ballet, yoga, and body conditioning for dancers through the university's dance program. After graduating college, Kati continued her dancing career as a Galaxy Girl for the Missouri Comets soccer team. She currently choreographs and teaches throughout the Kansas City area. Kati is honored to be a part of the Innovative Choreography team and looks forward to using her experience to guide young dancers to perform to the best of their abilities.

Lauren Wilson - *Co-Owner*

Kansas City native, Lauren Wilson, has been a dancer from age three through her college career. As a collegiate, she competed with a first-place NDA All-Star college division team then went on to compete at Worlds. Lauren brings music to life through movement. As a competitive dancer herself since 1998, Lauren has trained in pom, jazz, hip hop, ballet, lyrical, contemporary, and twirling. Lauren has been teaching various forms of dance in the Kansas City area since 2005. Lauren's teaching career progressed from teaching to being the director of a competitive team for 5 years. Lauren is not only passionate about her students' success and progress but also about the art of dance. As an accomplished and award-winning choreographer, Lauren effortlessly inspires her students to express themselves creatively, artistically, and gracefully. Lauren has extensive experience and background in developing choreography for competitive high school and college dance teams. With more than ten years of coaching at various high schools in the Kansas City area, Lauren has fine-tuned and expanded her skills and abilities to choreograph unique dances that highlight the talent of a soloist and the strengths of a group. By combining her choreography skills and expert coaching abilities, Lauren creates works of art tailored to the individual and team. Lauren is currently the head dance team coach at Ottawa University.

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Register online: <https://www.innovativechoreography.com/combine>

Pricing

Combine Observer: \$30

Walk-In/Register Day of: \$35

Shirt: \$20

Refund Policy:

- Full refunds (less \$5 to cover fees) are available until November 24th.
- 50% refunds will be given from November 25th-December 4th.
- No refunds will be given on or after December 5th.

Required Waivers

Innovative Choreography Waiver

All coaches and dancers attending must submit a waiver for Innovative Choreography. You will receive a confirmation email once we have received your waiver. Fill your waiver out here: <https://www.webwaiver.com/sign/innovativechoreography/waiver>

University of Kansas Waiver

All coaches and dancers attending must submit a waiver for the University of Kansas. Download your waiver, fill it out, and submit it to Innovative Choreography.

Download here: [HERE](#)

Submit to Innovative Choreography via Dropbox: [HERE](#)

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