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Dear Dancers and Friends,

Have you ever watched Dancing With the Stars, or seen competitors on So You Think You Can Dance perform ballroom dances? Whether it's a fun quickstep across the floor, or a flirty cha-cha, ballroom dancing never ceases to captivate audiences.

Our team today is the largest collegiate competitive ballroom team on the west coast, and we can now also boast our status as the largest intercollegiate competitive sports club at Cal! As a student group, our goal is to spread awareness and passion for ballroom dancing throughout the community.

We teach ten international dances on the team, including five International Standard dances (Waltz, Foxtrot, Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, and Tango) and five International Latin dances (Rumba, Cha Cha, Samba, Jive, and Paso Doble).

Over the course of the first year, beginners (also known affectionately on our team as Rookies) will learn and compete in eight of the ten dance styles. Their instructors, who are all students at Cal, have all gone through the same program and are now advanced dancers on the team.

Within two years, with the help of these instructors and the support of other advanced dancers, students are thoroughly trained to compete at high levels of amateur dance, and often go on to compete (and place well!) in national championship competitions.

While ballroom dancing is undoubtedly a fun activity, it is



"I just put my feet on the ground and move them around."
- Fred Astaire



Advanced dancers Alex Hanganu & Christine Yim at Berkeley Classic 2011

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Intermediates Paul Jung & Sarah Tang



Beginner teacher Kenny Gallanosa & his partner Elisha Cohen