

# Dance Classes at CSUH Put a Little Swing in Your Workout

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Cal State Hayward's hip-hop dance class is described as hot, fun, spunky, fresh and a great way to stay in shape.

The classes consist of elaborate footwork from all over the United States, Cuba, West Africa, and Latin America.

The hip-hop classes use a variety of authentic routines that are choreographed by Laura Elaine Ellis, dance instructor for the department of theater and dance.

"The classes are great for students with a will or desire to have fun while they learn," said Ellis.

Ellis is a professional dancer with a bachelor's degree from Mills College in Oakland. She has performed and trained for Dimensions Dance company and has 20 years of experience on her belt.

According to Ellis, the hip-hop classes are offered for both beginning and intermediate levels and no experience is required.

The class is designed to teach creative aspects of hip-hop and jazz styles, while learning the rhythms and dynamics.

"I have so much fun in class



Gotta Dance: Instructor Laura Elaine Ellis leads the beginning/intermediate hip-hop class in a dance routine.

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and I get a great work out," said Leeda Barreau, a dance student. "I definitely recommend the class to students."

According to Barreau, the class is a great way to meet

people. The students get to know each other and help each other learn the choreography.

"I have little experience with dance, but the instructor makes me feel at ease and I learn at my

own pace," said Annick Rivera, a dance student. "My dance skills have really improved."

The hip-hop courses are offered throughout the year in each catalog.

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By CSUH News Services

Remembering Slavery and the Civil Rights Movement: The History of African Americans Through Song and Rhetoric" will be presented in celebration of Black History

Month on Sunday, Feb. 17, 3 p.m. by the Sociology Department of California State University, Hayward and the Sunday School program of Church by the Side of the Road in Berkeley.

Wendell Brooks, who has per-

formed throughout the United States and Europe, will sing various selections; Nicholas Baham III will read from other selections. Both Brooks and Baham are lecturers in the Ethnic Studies Department of Cal State Hayward.

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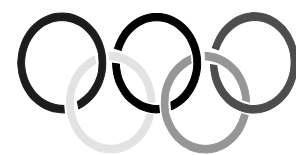


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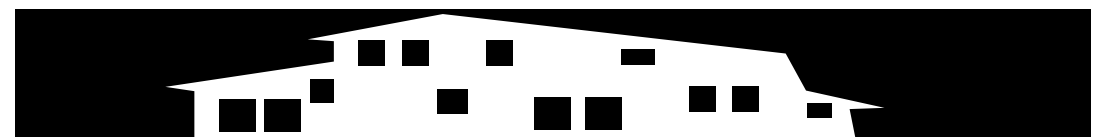
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