I am honored to accept this scholarship from Friends of Dance. This generous gift will be very helpful to me in my educational journey as well as allow me to pursue my passions, dance and otherwise. This award will give me financial freedom, support, and ultimately the gift of time. Without this award I would not have been able to continue my degree in dance at my desired pace and with the same enthusiasm that I began it. This journey has been one of many ups and downs, but with this Friends of Dance Scholarship I am able to enjoy the journey rather than worry how I will be able to finish.

As a full time student who also works full time, I am amazed at the amount of freedom this scholarship gives me. This scholarship will not only help me pay for classes but it will also help me save money to pay off loans and travel to new places. I accept this award with joy, knowing that I will be able to enjoy my education and my life at the same time.

I am also thankful for the support of the dance program through this journey. This award is just another way that the MiraCosta Dance Program has been able to help me learn and grow over the past few semesters. With this award I am able to finish my degree and move on to new and exciting things that I never would have known were possible be it not for the assistance of the dance program and Friends of Dance who so selflessly support us all on our journeys.

Finally, I am beyond humbled my this award and the peace of mind it brings. I am able to study my passion because of a scholarship that is so incredibly generous and needed. The gift of time is the greatest gift that this award has given because it means that I can study what I want to on my terms. I could not do the things I dream of doing without the help of Friends of Dance not only because of this scholarship but also in the myriad of ways that they support the Mira Costa Dance Program. I am moving on to the next chapter in my studies and in my life because of Friends of Dance. Thank you for this scholarship. It means more than you will ever know.

Graciously,

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