



39th Annual Black College Dance Exchange 2026

LODGING OPTIONS

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Cypress
27130 US-290, Cypress, TX 77429
Phone: 281-304-2711 (24 Minutes from campus)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Waller-PV by IHG
31380 Farm to Market 2920, Waller, TX 77484
Phone: 936-372-3700 (11 minutes from campus)

Best Western Plus Waller Hotel
19720 Stokes Rd, Waller TX 77484
Phone: 936-372-7570 (11 minutes from campus)

Conference Highlights

Thursday - Opening Social and Master Class

Friday - Classes, Panel Discussion, and Student Showcase

Saturday - Classes, Professional Company Concert, and Banquet

Prairie View A&M University



Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Music, Theatre & Dance
Classic Dance Ensemble

The 39th Annual Black College Dance Exchange (BCDE) returns in 2026, launching a bold new chapter for collegiate dance education, creative exchange, and artistic leadership.



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Conference Dates April 9 - 11, 2026

Payments Accepted Here



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Conference Description

Originally founded as the Black College Dance Exchange, the conference emerged as a national convening that connected college dance programs, professional artists, and educators through performance, scholarship, mentorship, and shared cultural practice. Today, BCDE builds on that powerful foundation while expanding its invitation to a broader national community of institutions and artists.

BCDE's annual conference is typically held during the second weekend of April and is hosted by a different member institution each year. This rotating location provides student participants and directors with opportunities for travel and exposure to HBCU campuses across diverse regions of the country. The conference invites participants into a living laboratory of movement, ideas, and shared inquiry. Over three days, the dance conference becomes a space where technique meets innovation, tradition meets experimentation, and embodied knowledge becomes a catalyst for growth, visibility, and collective momentum.

Conference Dues:

Membership dues for the 2025-2026 academic year have been waived. Individuals seeking membership for the 2026-2027 academic year must complete the application process and remit the applicable dues for the spring 2027 conference.

Conference Registration Fees

Registration Link : [Click Here](#)

\$125 Per Person (After Deadline - \$150)

Includes: Unlimited Dance Classes, Panel Discussion, Student Showcase, Professional Concert, Dance Intensive Scholarship Audition, and Banquet

\$100 Per Person (After Deadline - \$125)

Includes: Unlimited Dance Classes and Panel Discussion

Individual services may be purchased à la carte

\$20 Individual Payment Per Class

\$40 Individual Payment - Banquet

Student Showcase Tickets

Students/Faculty & Staff w/ ID - \$10, General Admission - \$15

Professional Concert, Urban Souls Dance Company

Students/Faculty & Staff w/ ID - \$15, General Admission - \$20



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The BCDE conference serves as an invitation to step into possibility, reconnect with purpose, and contribute to the next evolution of dance education. The conference is open to all individuals ages eight and older.