The JAG CREW Dance Team is the official dance team of Johnston Community College

Our style of dance consists of a combination of jazz, hip-hop, contemporary, and pom. The squad meets at a minimum of 3 to 4 times a month for practices, games and various community performances during the fall and spring semesters. Due to the dedication of the dance team members, dancers are expected to maintain and have good academic standings and leadership skills due to possible positions held on the team. Additionally our dance team will also have to attend Johnston Community College’s Athletics Orientation provided by Student Services and the Athletic Department of Johnston Community College. All dancers will be held accountable for their academic progress in all of their courses. This also includes a mandatory study hall for the team. Study hall may be at a minimum 2 to 3 times a month. Those dates will be discussed after tryout. If the student who is trying out is either Early College or Middle College, we will work out something with their principals.

Our goal is to have a squad between 12 to 20 people. Please note that this does not mean that 20 is considered to be the final number of dancers on the team.
General 2016 Tryout Requirements

- Freshmen/Transfer Students - Accepted to JCC for Fall 2016
- Current JCC students:
  - Enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours
  - Cumulative & Current GPA of 2.0 or above
- Must provide an Athletic Physical (due no later than August 29th, 2016)
- Fill out the JAG Crew Dance Team Application
- One freestyle dance of your choice must be presented along with learning the tryout performance as well. The freestyle

Tryout Attire (Skills Section, Days 1-4)

- Black, Royal or Navy Shorts (please no basketball shorts)
- Solid Color Shirt (no exposed sports bra or ripped shirts)
- No Embellishments on top or bottoms allowed
- Hair should be up and out of your face for Day 1-3 (Bangs do NOT need to be pulled back)
- Day 4 is Full Performance Day. You will need to have your hair down and presented with a Full Face Make-up (this includes a nice shade of Red Lipstick and lip liner)
- Jazz Shoes if you have them, if not any colored sneakers (cannot dance bare foot, color of shoe does not matter)
- Nail Polish should be clear, French or American manicured
- No Jewelry allowed, except for stud earrings

Tryout Elements

- Individual Interview (Day 1, Day 2, and Day 3)
  - Rotating interview with coaches
  - Each individual will be placed into a tryout grouping (A, B, or C)
  - Group A will interview on Day 1, Group B will interview on Day 2, and Group C will interview on Day 3.
- Tryout Routine (Preliminary Round)
  - Approximately 6 eight-counts of jazz, hip hop, or contemporary.
  - A variety of skills will be included in the combination in order to review your technique, skill level, and ability to perform the skills within a routine setting.
  - Team captains will create a short YouTube video of the tryout dance. This information will be given to you on Day 1.
Tryout Schedule

We will meet in the Tart Auditorium for the first day of tryouts.

**Day 1-Tryout Routine Rehearsals & Interviews**

Group A will not be learning the tryout material due to their interviews and freestyle. Group B & C will learn the tryout routine during Day 1.

**Day 2 -Tryout Routine Rehearsals & Interviews**

Group B will not be learning the tryout routine due to their interviews. Group A & C will learn the tryout routine during Day 2.

**Day 3-Tryout Routine Rehearsals & Interviews**

Group C will not be learning the tryout routine due to their interviews. Group A & B will learn the tryout routine during Day 3.

**Day 4- Open Gym & Auditorium from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.**

All dancers can practice their tryout performances with their groups for an hour. At 4:00 pm it is show time. Each group will present the tryout routine which includes a full face to current dance team members and coaches.

- **Potential Call Backs during Day 4 will be announced at 5:00 pm**
  - This may consists of *Tryout Routine* or revisiting your *Interview*.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- As a member of the Dance Team you are obligated to a semester-to-semester contract no greater than one year, and to fulfill the financial obligations that will be stated at the beginning of the season.

**Questions?**

- Contact JAG CREW Spirit Advisor, Courtney Bobb-Meilinger 919-464-2378
2016-2017 Johnston Community College
JAG CREW Dance Team Application

Information Sheet
(Please keep for your reference)

Application must be submitted by August 29th, 2016

Hand Deliveries to:
Courtney Bobb- Meilinger
JAG CREW Spirit Program Advisor
STEAM 132 or to Derrick Arnold Wilson C1043A
919-464-2378

Tryout Packet Includes

- Application
- Release Form
- JAG Crew Dance Team Participation Agreement (Early & Middle College)
- Dance Team Constitution

Please make sure the following are enclosed in your packet:

- Completed Tryout Packet
- One Note Card that answers the following question
  - Why do you think you are a good candidate for JCC JAG Crew Dance Team?
  - Are you interested in trying out for Team Lead?
- 4x5 Color Headshot (photos will not be returned and please no selfie portraits where camera is visible)
- Signed Release form
  - Age 18 and above fill out the Release Agreement
  - ECA/MCA students
    - Please fill out the Minor Release Form
    - Principal Participation Agreement Form
# 2016-2017 Johnston Community College JAG CREW Dance Team Application

Please complete the information below. All contact info must be current and checked regularly. This will be the method of contacting you regarding any changes.

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List all Dance Experience (including years):
Do you have any scheduling issues/concerns? (Especially in regards to Saturdays. Include any shared parenting concerns...)

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What is the earliest you can get to practice on a weekday and weekends (if requested by Advisor(s)/Coach, Captain, or Co-Captain)?

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Other commitments that will interfere with dance? (e.g. other dance team, club, organization, etc.....)

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What qualities make you a good dancer?

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Dance Experience Years of Experience

I have with

☐ Tumbling or Gymnastics
☐ Weight Training
☐ Sideline Chants
☐ Jazz
☐ Eight Count Routines
☐ Choreography
☐ Cheer
☐ Hip Hop
☐ Halftime Performances
☐ Dance Competitions or Festivals
☐ Pom

Please choose all that apply.

Any other thoughts? Any comments

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How did you hear about us?

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Return this completed application to Courtney Bobb-Meilinger (Advisor/Coach) located at Tart 112 or Derrick Arnold at Wilson C1043A. You may put this questionnaire in a sealed envelope if you like. Of course, all information will be kept private! You will be given an audition number and time that suits your current schedule with the audition schedule as soon as your application is reviewed. This information will be provided via email. If you make the team, please note that you are financial responsible for acquiring the appropriate approved attire for the team. Thank you!
JAG CREW Participation Agreement

Johnston Community College

EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY & MIDDLE COLLEGE ACADEMY

Student participation in JCC JAG CREW dance team is a privilege that carries with it certain responsibilities. The following regulations apply to all students participating in the Johnston Community College dance team known as JAG CREW:

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Students must be present in school and in good standing the entire day in order to be eligible to participate in any after-school Student Activities scheduled on that day. Exceptions to this standard may be made with the prior approval of the principal or her/his designee.

2. Students must be successfully progressing toward the graduation requirements and have a C average (2.00 GPA) in all work attempted during the previous grading period to be eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities.

3. Students must be defined within the parameters of their school as a junior or senior. If student does not fall into either category an exception can be made on their behalf for participation in JAG CREW, by their counselor and principal.

PARTICIPATION:

1. Dance team advisors have the authority over who becomes a member of the team, which students play/participate, and who is removed from the team.

2. Students will be instructed in proper techniques to be used in dance team athletic competitions or events. As well as the proper utilization of all equipment worn or used in practice and competition. Students must adhere to that instruction and utilization and must refrain from improper uses and techniques. As previously stated, no amount of instruction, precaution, and supervision will totally eliminate all risk of serious, catastrophic, or even fatal, injury.

3. Students should note that some athletic events may end after 11:00 p.m.

4. Student’s photograph will be used on the the school’s website, or in other Johnston Community College social media outlet or organizations.

TRAVEL:

All participants are required to travel with the dance team to and from all events. Written requests for other travel will not be accepted. All students will be transported via a college approved vehicle.
Consequences and Procedures

Students Violate the JCC JAG CREW Participation Policy: If the school or JCC JAG CREW advisor determines that a student who is participating in Student Activities has violated the terms of this policy, the student will be subject to consequences. Prior to making such a determination and imposing any consequence, the ADVISOR, COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, and/or school official shall give the student the opportunity to explain his/her actions. The school administration and advisor shall record in writing the factors that lead to its conclusion, and shall stipulate the consequence(s) to be administered.

Consequences

- Denied JCC JAG CREW participation based on specified time
  - Mention of days
  - Mention of events that will need to be missed
  - Mention of semester term
- Removal from JCC JAG CREW with no foreseeable return
- May not dress for a contest, sit on the bench, or practice if you are not eligible to participate.

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We have read and acknowledge receipt of the Student Participation Policy
For Student Activities

Student’s Printed Name

Student’s Signature                      Grade                      Student ID #

Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature           Date
Courtney R Bobb-Meilinger & Ramonda Davis-Carter
JAG CREW SPIRIT PROGRAM COORDINATOR & ADVISOR
ARTICLE I: Name

This organization shall be known as the JAG Crew Dance Team at Johnston Community College. It started on September 14th of 2015 as a part of JAG Crew, which is now formally known as the JAG Crew Spirit Program. Note that the word team used is not indicative of the dance team being seen as an actually team under the NCJAA- National Junior College Athletic Association. We use the word team because we prefer it over the word club.

ARTICLE II: Purpose

The primary purpose of the JAG Crew Dance Team is to provide members the opportunities to perform, inspire, and uphold the spirit of the college through the individuals that are a part of Jaguar Nation (faculty, staff, and students) and our surrounding community.

ARTICLE III: Membership

SECTION 1: To be a member of the JAG Crew Dance Team, and possible Executive Board member, one must be a member of the Johnston Community College student body, excepted by permission of the Coordinator of Student Engagement & Athletics and JAG Crew Spirit Program Advisor(s). One must have successfully completed the Dance Team tryouts.

Potential member(s) and current member(s) must be in good academic standing (cumulative 2.0 GPA) whom does not have any judicial judgments or pending cases. Team members holding officer positions must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to remain actively in position.

SECTION 2: To be a member of the JAG Crew Dance Team, one must successfully complete the Tryout Process consisting of a 4-day practice sessions, an audition, and a recent physical. The *audition will consist of the successful performance of a tryout routine, a two to three 6 count free dance and an interview. Tryouts will be held two times a year. The spring tryouts will be for current Johnston Community College students and those current Dance Team members. Dance Team members who have been on the team for one year is exempt from the tryout process. The fall tryouts will be for entering Johnston Community College students and transfer students.

*Note: The word audition is interchangeably used with tryouts and still represents the process that a student must participate in to possibly solidify their position on the team.

SECTION 3: The panel will list the *members in order of scoring and then the Executive Board will determine the composition of the team based on a combination of scoring and judges’ comments. (Members will be identified by their tryout number given at the point of entry to either the Fall or Spring audition(s).

SECTION 4: Member(s) are considered to be active if they attend dance practices with (4) unexcused absences per semester. Be advised if your absences are either consecutive, exceed (4) within a semester, or drastically effects a required engagement or event on behalf of the dance team, the student will be asked to be excused from participating in an event or the team.
SECTION 5: Each member is responsible for purchasing their own uniform attire specified by the advisor and any additional practice attire that has been approved and either sold in the bookstore or via the dance team. The dance team uniforms will be ordered two weeks after tryouts and once the student has attended athletic orientation.

SECTION 6: This team includes general members and an executive board.

ARTICLE IV: Duties of the Officers on the Executive Board

SECTION 1: The Executive Board is chosen from and by the membership of the Johnston Community College JAG Crew Dance Team; their authority to encompass the entire organization as provided by this Constitution. The Executive Board members shall be: President (Captain), Vice President (Co-Captain) and Public Information Officer (Team Lead) and Advisor(s) (Coach and Assistant Coach). The Executive Board members will be elected after the spring auditions are complete and the new Executive Board attends a change of command general assembly meeting with the previous Executive Board. Executive Board term is May of the current year and end April 30th of the following year, unless stated otherwise by the President (Captain) and Advisor(s) (Coach). Please note that the Advisor(s) (Coach) are a part of the Executive Board but are not elected.

- President (Captain)- shall oversee actions of the entire team with guidance from advisor. The President (Captain) should also help choreograph all dance performances and initiate the discussion for dates of all activities and events. The President (Captain) will also be required to attend SGA Senate meetings. If the President (Captain) cannot attend, then the Vice-President (Co-Captain) should attend on his/her behalf.

- Vice-President (Co-Captain) will take over whenever the President (Captain) is absent. The Vice-President (Co-Captain) may be called to lend additional insight or support regarding the choreography of all dance performances. He/she shall prepare and post a report of all Executive Board meetings and general Dance Team meetings. Lastly, he/she shall maintain accurate attendance records for the Dance Team.

- Public Information Officer (Team Lead)-shall assist the President (Captain) on locating events, ascertaining athletic schedule, competitions, or outings for the dance team. Also he/she is responsible for keeping track of all existing members contact information, create email correspondence, take notes during Executive Board meetings, and Blackboard.

- Advisor(s) will be identified as Coach throughout the JAG Crew Dance Team Constitution. Note that that the expression of Coach does include the membership of an assistant coach. The Advisor(s) are non-elected members of the Executive Board and do have final say in any and all matters pertaining to JAG Crew Dance Team and JAG Crew. Note that the Advisor(s) will ensure that the other members of the Executive Board’s opinions or votes will be taken into consideration before final say is determined.

SECTION 2: Members of the Executive Board shall keep an up-to-date file on the duties and activities of their offices and shall prepare a report at the end of each term to be given to their successors.

SECTION 3: The duties of the outgoing Executive Board are as follows:
A. All members of the outgoing Executive Board shall make up a selection committee for any event which requires cuts due to limited space, poor attendance, etc., until the end of the Spring semester.

B. The Vice President & Public Information Officer (Co-captain and Team Lead) will act as advisor to the Co-captain and Team Lead-elect until May 1.

ARTICLE V: Election of Executive Board

SECTION 1: Elections for the aforementioned offices shall take place during a formal meeting the week of tryouts.

SECTION 2: In order to be eligible for office, a member must fulfill all requirements set forth by the JAG Crew Advisor(s) (Coach).

SECTION 3: In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, a second balloting shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the greater number of votes.

SECTION 4: All offices will be elected by majority vote, with two votes being allocated for the positions of Co-captain and Team Lead, who will be the top two candidates receiving the greater number of votes.

SECTION 5: No person shall hold more than one position on the Executive Board.

SECTION 6: All offices shall be open to re-election each year. In the event that the Co-captain is running for re-election, the Advisor(s) shall preside over the election of the Co-captain. The next available officer shall be determined in the following order: Treasurer, Secretary. If all offices are involved in the election, the Director (Derrick Arnold), or a neutral party designated by him or her, shall preside over the election.

ARTICLE VI: Meetings

Meetings for the JAG Crew Dance Team (coordinates with practices and rehearsals) shall be held at a minimum of twice a week during the academic year unless specified otherwise by ones President (Captain), Vice President (Co- Captain), & Public Information Officer (Team Lead), or Advisor(s) (Coach). There must be 24 hours of notice of all emergency meetings. Note that meetings now also include one day for study hall. Study hall allows for all members of the team to work on their academic responsibilities in their courses. This also includes tutoring if need be. Study hall days are mandatory and attendance will be taken during this time.

VII. Practices, Rehearsals, Performances

SECTION 1: If a member is absent from the last practice prior to a performance, the member will be unable to participate at that performance unless an approved extenuating circumstance has occurred. If a member misses rehearsal, they are required to make up what they missed with another member of the team before the next rehearsal date or during a schedule time period that does not conflict with the next upcoming rehearsal time.
Extenuating Circumstance Clause: Include serious illness/injury/ Natural catastrophe and/or disaster/or a death in the immediate family. In such circumstances, documentation is required. Thus if none of these situations applies to you, than you will not be given the opportunity to participate in a performance or JAG Crew Dance team event.

SECTION 2: Appropriate dance attire is to be worn for all rehearsals and performances.

SECTION 3: The President (Captain), Vice-President (Co-captain), and Advisor(s) (Coach) will decide what dances are to be performed at venues and costuming. If a tie vote should arise, a silent vote must take place, which will include the Public Information Officer (Team Lead). Whichever receives over 50% of the vote, shall be the dance performed/costume worn. If nothing receives over 50%, then the decision will be determined by the Advisor(s) (Coach).

ARTICLE VIII: Removal of Officers on the Executive Board

SECTION 1: Any officer absents themselves from meetings that is not deemed as an extenuating circumstance or is otherwise negligent in the performance of their duties shall be liable for removal.

SECTION 2: A member of the Executive Board may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the Dance Team, the officer in question excluded. Appointed Officers may also be removed with a majority vote of the Executive Board. The officer in question will be allowed to present their views in defense of their actions but they will be absent themselves from the voting and the debate immediately following it.

SECTION 3: If the Advisor(s) suggests the removal of an officer, the members of the Executive Board voting on his or her suggestion have the responsibility to respect this judgment/decision.

Section 4: Upon removal of a member from the Executive Board, an election shall be conducted within two weeks to fill the vacancy. Should a progression of officers take place, the voting will continue until all vacancies have been filled.

ARTICLE IX: Amendments

SECTION 1: Proposals for amending the Constitution may originate from any member of the Dance Team organization.

SECTION 2: Any proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board for their consideration.

SECTION 3: The Executive Board shall review the proposed amendment for possible conflicts with other articles of the Constitution and shall report its findings to the entire Dance Team within one month of receipt of the proposed amendment.

SECTION 4: Having reviewed the validity of the proposed amendment, the Executive Board will then present the proposal to the full membership by means of a written ballot indicating both the article to be amended and the proposed amendment. If deemed necessary by the Executive Board and/or the
Advisor(s), a hand vote may take the place of a ballot vote.

SECTION 5: A two-thirds majority vote of the full membership shall be required for adoption of the proposed amendment.

SECTION 6: If adopted, the amendment shall be effective immediately.

SECTION 7: This Constitution will be subject to a complete review every two years.

ARTICLE X: Travel Policy

The purpose of Student Travel Policy is to acknowledge the responsibilities that are necessary complements to rights and authority of any student traveling on behalf of Johnston Community College and JAG Crew Dance Team. The following regulations are in exact accordance with the afore-mentioned purpose and seek to ensure that students represent Johnston Community College and the JAG Crew Dance Team in a positive manner.

General Behavior- Johnston Community College JAG Crew Dance students are chosen to travel on behalf of the College because they exemplify character that is representative of the College. The opportunity to travel on behalf of Johnston Community College JAG Crew Dance Team is an honor as well as an enjoyable experience. Students must conduct themselves in an orderly manner while traveling on behalf of the College and the JAG Crew Dance Team. Failure to comply with travel rules and regulations will result in dismissal and/or a ban from future travel. Johnston Community College JAG Crew Dance student travelers must be mindful of the following:

- Students must work cooperatively with the attending Advisor(s) Coach or travel coordinator.
- Proper preparation for and knowledge of the travel itinerary is the responsibility of the student.
- Students must contact an advisor in advance (1 week notice) if they are unable to attend an event or trip.
- If at any time students plan to leave designated areas, the advisor or trip coordinator must be notified for approval.
- When lodging is provided:
  - Smoking within the *lodging confines is prohibited.
  - Phone calls (via hotel telephone or vacation rental), ordering movies/videos, or lude acts while residing at the lodging are prohibited.
  - Private parties on the hotel premises or vacation rental are prohibited.

* Smoking is PROHIBITED as a member of JAG Crew Dance Team, if you are representing the team or college at any events on or off campus. Especially, if you are wearing an approved uniform or JAG Crew Dance attire.
* Lodging does include either hotel accommodations or vacation rentals ascertained by the team.

Travel Attire- Students representing Johnston Community College and JAG Crew Dance Team must wear collegiate attire. Students should always communicate with the advisor or travel coordinator for preferred dress and presentation. Student travelers must abide by the following:
Clothing must be clean and in good condition.
- Pants worn by students should be fit for the occasion and should not fall below waistline (no sagging).
- Shirts/blouses worn by students must be fit for the occasion and be in good taste.
- Skirts/ dresses worn by students must be in good taste and should hang at least three inches above the knee.