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## **Dancing with the SUU Stars**

Dancing with the Stars will be held in the Centrum Arena on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Watch as students, faculty, and staff dance their hearts out to win this year's Dancing with the Stars competition. Tickets are \$7 to the public and \$5 for SUU students, faculty, and staff.

This year's competitors include a variety of Southern Utah University favorites: Natalie Trejo, senior SUU gymnast; Dr. Janice Scarinci, professor of Management, Marketing & Hospitality and the Hospitality Management Guild advisor; Dallas Hall, campus events technician; Brandon Day, current SUU Student Body President; Parker Hess, current College of Performing & Visual Arts Senator and this year's Mr. SUU; Tommy Gugino, a graduate student and campus marketing employee; Joshua Price, economics professor; Gina Dodge, an Alpha Phi and art major; and Lizzy Brown, this year's Miss SUU.

Beth Feild, SUU Ballroom Director, said the ballroom dance company looks forward to this exciting competition: "This event is one of our favorite nights of the year! It brings the whole campus community together for a night of music, dancing, and some hearty competition."

This evening proves to be exciting as stars from varying levels of dance ability take the stage with their ballroom company counterparts! Each star will perform in one number with a response and score from the panel of judges. Two finalists will be chosen by the panel. The third finalist will be determined by audience vote. With a performance from each of the finalists, the audience is asked to vote one last time.

"If you've ever watched Dancing with the Stars on ABC and wished you could be in the audience; this is your chance to come experience the competition live!" Feild went on to say, "The winner is determined by audience vote, so it can be anybody. Come show your support and vote for your favorite SUU star!"

Tickets can be purchased from the Centrum Box Office (435) 586-7872, online at [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com), or in advance from any participating star or member of the ballroom dance company.

## **ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The **Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts** is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as graduate programs in Arts Administration and Music and a Center for Shakespeare Studies. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Arts in Arts Administration, Master of Music Education and Master of Music in Music Technology graduate degrees. More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents over 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year. The College's affiliate organizations include the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), Utah Shakespeare Festival and SUU's Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, visit [www.suu.edu/pva](http://www.suu.edu/pva).

### **For Calendar Editors: SUU's Dancing with the Stars**

- What:** Southern Utah University Campus Stars team up with the Ballroom Dance Company in a friendly competition to see who is the best ballroom dance couple. Audience members vote for their favorites throughout the competition. Don't miss it!
- Who:** SUU Ballroom Dance Company and SUU Campus Stars
- When:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016
- Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- Where:** Centrum Arena
- Tickets:** \$7 for General Public, \$5 for SUU Students/Faculty/Staff
- Info:** Tickets can be purchased in advance from any star or member of the SUU Ballroom Dance Company or at the Centrum Box Office (435) 586-7872, online at [tbirdtickets.com](http://tbirdtickets.com).

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