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Edmond Dancer Accepted Into Prestigious University of Utah Program

EDMOND, OKLAHOMA—Laura Pratt, a senior at Edmond Santa Fe High School, was recently accepted by audition into the Department of Ballet at the University of Utah. The program is considered one of the most prestigious collegiate ballet programs in the United States. Pratt, the daughter of Dr. Tom Pratt and Dr. Marsha Pratt, will attend the University of Utah beginning in Fall 2010.

“I am so excited to be accepted into the University of Utah’s ballet program,” said Pratt. “I knew it was the place for me after I saw their students perform modern and classical pieces. I was very impressed. I also fell in love with Salt Lake City’s professional company, Ballet West.”

Pratt, 18, has been studying ballet for 14 years and attends Academy of Ballet and Theatre Arts under the instruction of Director Lisa Webb. She has performed in productions such as *The Nutcracker*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, and *Don Quixote*.

“I am extremely proud of Laura for gaining acceptance into this exclusive ballet program. Her dedication to the study of classical ballet and her hard work have yielded a great result in her young life,” said Webb.

The Ballet Department at the University of Utah has a history of excellence dating from 1951. Faculty and graduates of the University of Utah's Ballet Department were fundamental in the formation and growth of Ballet West, one of three major professional dance companies in Salt Lake City, according to www.ballet.utah.edu.

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