



GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone gathered here for the 6th anniversary season of the *Infusion* competition, hosted here at Penn State University.

Since its inception, *Infusion* has strived to teach self-expression, discipline and enthusiasm for South Asian arts and culture, while creating a healthy and competitive atmosphere for students. This year's participants hail from all over the nation and commonwealth, with nine different teams representing their colleges. The Bollywood-hip-hop *Infusion* style vibrantly represents the mixture of cultures and traditions - South Asian Bollywood, Raas, and Bhangra styles and American Hip-hop — that stands at the intersection of these student's identities as South Asian Americans. These students have exemplified hard work, remarkable talent, and passion for the arts and dance. Each dancer's success is a testament to not only excellent training, but also unwavering encouragement from family, friends, and teachers, as well as a commitment to the preservation and perpetuation of South Asian culture in the commonwealth and beyond. I am certain that the skills, ambition, cultural display, and creativity enjoyed by audiences will serve as inspiration to others for many years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am delighted to welcome everyone to the *Infusion* competition. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful competition and continued success.



TOM WOLF Governor March 17th, 2018