

Learning Communities Monthly



Updates from the LC Program

Happy December and happy holiday season!

The LC Program has been busy, preparing for many of our large-scale communications, including information on LC assessment and 2021 LC Proposals.

On Tuesday, December 1st, the **LC Assessment Survey** links were sent to LC Coordinators. This included information on surveys for all Coordinators, all Peer Mentors, and all students participating in an LC in Fall 2020. We greatly appreciate your help in distributing the survey invitations, and encouraging all of your LC PMs and students to complete the appropriate survey. The deadline for survey submission is Friday, January 15, 2021. Below are links to each of the surveys.

LC Coordinator Outcome Survey Fall 2020:

<https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wayne/lcssforfall>

LC Student Outcome Survey Fall 2020:

<https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wayne/lcsosw>

LC Peer Mentor Outcome Survey Fall 2020:

<https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wayne/lcpeermosf2020>

Get Registered events

We understand that registering for the winter semester might seem like a lot for students to take in right now, especially if students have questions they need answered first. The Offices of WSU Enrollment Management and Student Success have created a series of events to help students get this off their to-do list, with direct access to academic advising, financial aid and student accounts receivable. If students have specific needs, our offices may reach out to them directly, so be sure to have students provide contact information when they register to attend. Students can request help related to registration at the following link:

<https://slate.wayne.edu/register/winter2021>

There is so much to be thankful for this year, despite all of the challenges this year has brought to each of us. I thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to the Learning Community Program. I hope that you all have time with family and friends this holiday season, and can make the most of the holiday break. Happy Holidays!

Amy Cooper

Manager of the Learning Community Program

PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Mayra Torres

LC: TEMPEST

Major: Mathematics

Year: Senior



What sort of extracurricular activities do you do?

Lately, I enjoy listening to podcasts to educate myself beyond what I learn in my courses. Before the pandemic, I enjoyed traveling to new places when I could.

How long have you been a peer mentor?

This is my first year as a peer mentor for TEMPEST.

Why do you like being a peer mentor?

I love being able to pass on knowledge from my own experiences to the TEMPEST LC. This is also an opportunity to change the narrative of Mathematics for my mentees, who are future teachers. The leadership skills that I am gaining will contribute to my development as a future student affairs professional.

Is there any advice you would give to peer mentors?

Learn about the resources available and how to access them. Also, I encourage you all to share ideas with your coordinators to further contribute to the growth of your LC, especially now that we are remote. Be kind and listen to your mentees; we don't know what they are going through. Take time for yourself too!

December/January

Save the Date!

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23

Important Dates:

12/25-1/3: University Closed

1/8: LC Proposals Due

1/8: Peer Mentor Training 2-5 pm
(For mentors who missed August Training)
[Zoom Link](#) Password: LCPM21

1/14: Coordinator Meeting 4 pm
[Zoom Link](#) Password: LCCJAN21

1/18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
University Closed

1/21: Peer Mentor Professional
Development 3 pm
[Zoom Link](#) Password: PMPD21

Week of 1/25: LC Pitch Week

Save the Date!

2021 Learning While Leading Conference

Friday, February 26th, 2021

The Learning While Leading Conference is a free, annual conference hosted for student leaders at WSU. It is student-led and student-created. It is a great opportunity for peer mentors to get conference experience and learn from fellow student leaders at Wayne State. This year's conference will be virtual. LC peer mentors are encouraged to attend as well as submit breakout session proposals.

For more information and to submit a proposal, click the following link:
[Conference Proposal](#)
Proposals are due by January 8th, 2021

Learning Community Proposals

Proposals to **initiate new** and **renew continuing** Learning Communities are now being accepted for the next academic year. Last year, we revised our proposal process to a Qualtrics form, which we have decided to continue for this year. In the proposal, you will be asked some of the basics on peer mentor roles, faculty involvement, incorporation of high impact practice activities, learning outcome, and budget. This form should hopefully feel brief and provide us a good overview of the learning community being proposed. You can view the preview of this year's proposal here: [2021-22 LC Proposal Preview](#) (PDF)

The deadline for submitting the online proposal form for a learning community starting in Fall 2021 is January 8, 2021. As we continue to work in a remote environment, should you need additional time to acquire signatures and/or complete the proposal's budget pages, please email us at learningcommunities@wayne.edu to discuss options for getting all pieces of your proposal submitted.

Following the submission of the online learning community proposal, we will invite you to participate in LC Pitch days to discuss your LC idea with a team of LC campus partners. Each proposed learning community will have twenty minutes with the pitch team for your presentation. 2021 LC Pitch Days are scheduled for the week of January 25, 2021 and will be virtually held on Zoom.

You can find more information about proposing an LC for fall 2021 at <https://wayne.edu/learning-communities/faculty/propose>

As always, the LC Program team is happy to meet with any current LC coordinators, faculty members, and/or staff from across campus to discuss your learning community ideas. Let us know how we can help support you in the proposal process. We cannot wait to hear about all of your great and innovative ideas to better support our students.



Group photo of Learning Community Coordinators from the 2019-20 academic year.

Created by Rachel H, Myyon L, and Amy N

Wayne State University Learning Community Program
learningcommunities@wayne.edu | 313-577-2254
1600 David Adamany Undergraduate Library
5155 Gullen Mall, Detroit, MI 48202