

*“Action is the fundamental key to success.”
-Pablo Picasso*

Learning Communities Coordinator Corner



Pictured above, left to right: Brandon Shamoun, Rabeya Ali, Amy Cooper, Isabella Brown, Roxanna Zuniga, Karen Myhr

Amy N's Updates

We need your help!
The Learning Community Program is looking to put together a **team of experienced peer mentors to help plan August Peer Mentor Training!** This team of rock star peer mentors will help shape our two-day training on August 22nd and 23rd. All summer long, we will work with this team to update to the training agenda and make it the best possible experience for all of our peer

mentors. Peer mentors on this planning committee will also have the opportunity to present or facilitate activities during training! Peer Mentors on the planning committee will earn extra hours towards IMTPC Certification. Please join us! Take your leadership to the next level! If you are interested in participating on this committee of peer mentors, please email:

learningcommunities@wayne.edu.

-Amy Novotny

Project Coordinator for Learning Communities



May/June 2019

Save the Date!

- **May 8 – General Education Learning Community Meeting**
- **May 15 – Year End Assessment Due**
- **May 24 – VIP Coalition Retreat**

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PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Isabella Brown



Extracurriculars: dancer, choreographer, president of WSU's Dance Workshop, dance teacher in the community, waitress at local pizza joint, and Housing Director and Administrator for Complexions Contemporary Ballet Detroit Summer Intensive.

Why did you decide to become a peer mentor?
My decision to become a peer mentor came from the influence of the peer mentors I had before me. The Theatre and Dance Learning Community is a unique environment of tight knit artists. In my first years at the University I came to know my peer mentors through classes, summer programs, and free lance work in the city. Their devotion to the job and to the students of our learning community are what inspired me to say YES to peer mentoring!

How long have you been a peer mentor?
I was a peer mentor for two years.

Why do you like being a peer mentor?
When I was first interviewed for the position, my coordinator began to discuss the limits of hourly pay. I had no idea this was a paid position. I was eager to start this job AND I GOT PAID TO DO IT?? Freakin awesome. This job has allowed me to flex my leadership skills, create a community of support, and interact with our AMAZING first and second year students, um, what's not to like?

Advice you would give?
To my mentors: Don't give up. This job has its ups and downs, sometimes you will be in a tough spot with your students. Remember that we cannot pour from an empty cup, rely on your coordinators. A great leader is not someone who has all the answers but knows where to go to get them.

To my students: Trust. Trust in this wild ride of undergraduate education. Trust yourself. Trust your gut. Goosebumps never lie, follow what your heart asks of you and you will always succeed.

TIPS FOR LC SUCCESS

- Support your students' growth mindset
- Congratulate PMs and students on a job well done!
- Acknowledge students who work hard and show them appreciation

IMTPC Award Recipients 2018-19

The IMTPC Certification awards that are listed are for the peer mentors who went above and beyond this past school year. We want to thank all of our peer mentors who have supported their students' success. Your hard work and dedication is what makes the Learning Communities program so impactful!



2018-19 "Mock" Award Winners
Pictured above, left to right: (top) Amy Cooper, Alice Santana, Lisette Lemerise, Emily Smith, (bottom) Josue Salas, Tori Miller, Elyssa Mathy, Ashley Garcia, Kristal Michal-Brasseur

Announcements

AAC&U Workshop

Amy Cooper and a team of Learning Community coordinators will be attending the Association of American Colleges and University's (AACU) HIP & Student Success Workshop in June.

This workshop will help the coordinators learn more about High Impact Practices, student success, and how we can increase HIP impact in all our LCs. We want to wish the coordinators the best as they travel to Villanova University for this workshop.

LC Year End Assessment Reminder

LC Year End Assessment is due May 15th. Coordinators, Peer Mentors, and LC Students all have surveys to complete (links below). LC Coordinators should be encouraging their peer mentors and students to participate. Coordinators also must complete a short report on their individual LC's progress (please check your emails).

Advanced Awards

Enas Al-Ani, WIDER
Sonya Ali, Warrior VIP
Maya Baiyasi, Warrior VIP
Celine Bazzi, Warrior VIP
Stephanie Bedore, CFPCA LLC
Cam Blackwell, Theatre & Dance
Isabella Brown, Theatre & Dance
Julia Chase, Wayne Med Direct
Riaz Chowdhury, BIO 1050
Kamau Clark, Warrior VIP
Kamali Clora, Warrior VIP
Carlitta Diggs, Warrior VIP
Shirley ElFishawy, Warrior VIP
Nneka Ezeanya, Warrior VIP
Matthew Gatzek, WIDER
Alyssa Grabinski, Theatre & Dance
Sarosh Irani, BIO 1050
Arnell Kinney, Warrior VIP
Hala Lutfi, BIO 1050
Marva Malik, BIO 1050
Raveena Mata, Anthropology
Elyssa Mathy, Theatre & Dance
Isabel Measzros, Warrior VIP
Tori Miller, Theatre & Dance
Stephanie Morgan, Warrior VIP
Aishwariya Mudunuri, Warrior VIP
Cedric Mutebi, Warrior VIP

Advanced Awards, Continued

Chinelo Njubigbo, Warrior VIP
Lucero Perez, Warrior VIP
Miles Reuben, Warrior VIP
Osman Shareef, WIDER
Jack Spurlock, Warrior VIP
Rama Wahbeh, Warrior VIP
Cassidy Wood, BIO 1050

Master Awards

Rabeya Ali, BIO 1050
Courtney Mansour, Warrior VIP
Seetha Changayah, Warrior VIP
Gabrielle Gordon, Warrior VIP
Jasmine Coles, Warrior VIP
Christofer Smith, Warrior VIP

Learning Community of the Year

Spanish

Peer Mentor of the Year

Isabella Brown, Theatre & Dance

Coordinator of the Year

Karen Myhr, WIDER

Over the Shamoun Over-Achiever Award

Rabeya Ali, BIO 1050



REMINDER! Complete LC Year-End Surveys by May 15.

Learning Community Assessment Surveys 2018/19:

- *Coordinators* – <https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wsu/lccordinator1819> (also please check your email to complete an additional short report)
- *LC Students* - <https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wsu/lcstuoutcome1819>
- *Peer Mentors* - <https://baseline.campuslabs.com/wsu/lcpeermentor1819>

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