Welcome to November! I hope you are all well, and able to take advantage of the beautiful fall weather for the next few days. The Learning Community Program has been hard at work, creating opportunities for connection and community. I hosted a session at the National LC Summit on October 23rd, where we talked about how LCs across the country are navigating and “Embracing Adaptability During Uncertain Times”. Almost 300 LC colleagues from a variety of colleges and universities participated in the two-day virtual Summit, sharing ideas, challenges and suggestions.

Amy Novotny and I submitted a WSU BOLD MOVES idea for consideration. Our proposal provided detail on creating a way to track and acknowledge students’ co-curricular activities, with a focus on leadership, research, service, career and international experiences. We have received positive feedback so far, and look forward to the next phase of review and development. Stay tuned for more details!

November is Native American Heritage Month. The Office of Multicultural Student Engagement is collaborating with campus partners to host a variety of workshops and events. Please encourage your PMs and students to participate. All events can be found [here](#).

Amy Novotny hosted a Peer Mentor Professional Development on Friday, November 6th. The discussion topic for this session was Creating Boundaries. We have scheduled an LC Coordinator meeting for Thursday, November 12th at 3:00 pm via Zoom. We have invited Heather Marks, Associate Director of Student Life Marketing in the Dean of Students Office, to join us and discuss Get Involved, and how LCs can use this platform to advertise events and activities, and track attendance. The LC Program BOLD MOVES project will incorporate use of this platform; Heather is an integral member of the BOLD MOVES project team.

The LC Program Team is finalizing details on the next round of Learning Community Proposals and LC Pitch process for 2021-22. Be sure to check our Teams channel for more details in the near future. Please feel free contact us if you have questions, new ideas, challenges where we can provide support; the Learning Community Program Team is here to help!

Amy Cooper  
Manager of the Learning Community Program
The new Learning Community in the School of Medicine has jumped right into getting the word out about the great work they are doing in their Wayne Warrior: Physicians in Training Learning Community. Coordinators and mentors had three posters accepted at the National Learning Communities Institute (LCI) conference, which was hosted on October 24th. LCI is a group specifically for learning communities based in health profession schools. We wanted to give a special shout out to the students and staff that worked on each of these posters and represented the great things we are doing in LCs at WSU. The following are the poster titles and their presenters:

**Implementation of International Certified Training Protocols through Learning Communities: Developing Professionalism and Fostering Leadership Among Mentor and Mentee Medical Students**

LaToya Sherman, MBA; Sara Saymuah, BMS; and Eric Ayers, MD, FAAP, FACP

**Learning Community Initiatives to Engage Medical Students During COVID-19: A Series of Virtual Conversations**

Sara Saymuah, Emilyn Anderi, LaToya Sherman, Eric Ayers, and Heidi Kromrei

**Preventing Isolation in Medical Students; Restructuring into Learning Communities and the Impact it has had on Medical Students Learning Behaviors**

Emilyn Anderi, Brittany Kashat, Sruthi Sathyakumar, Mohammad Sattar, and Akhil Vedere

In addition to their posters at the LCI conference, mentors and coordinators from the Wayne Warrior: Physicians in Training Learning Community also wrote and published an article in a medical journal, Cureus. Check out their publication [here](#).

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**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

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