

"Every Set Back is a Set Up for a Come Back"
-Willie Jolley

Learning Communities

Learning Community Spotlight

This month the Learning Communities Program is shining a spotlight on a learning community that has gone above and beyond this year— The Sociology for Pre-Meds.

SOCIOLOGY 4 PREMEDS is a Learning Community that is embedded in a section of Sociology 1010, Understanding Human Society. Dr. Janet Hankin, Professor of Sociology, developed the Learning Community class in 2015 in conjunction with Helen Wilson, an advisor in the Pre-Med and Health Sciences Center. Peer mentors for the course are: Niharika Chinta, Randi Foust, and Samantha Tirakian. The course is particularly relevant to pre-med students and it is essential for performing well on the new version of the MCAT exam. The course examines traditional sociological theories and uses examples from the health care sector to illustrate concepts. The students create power point presentations in their peer mentor groups that address the topic: "The Impact of Social Factors in Health and Health Care." The peer mentor groups are analyzing inequalities in gender, race & ethnicity, and poverty and the effects of such inequalities on health and health outcomes.

LC students in the photo (right) were at a presentation on pathways to medical school by Helen Wilson and Deborah Holland (WSU Medical School Admissions). On October 9th, 2019 students heard from a panel of senior pre-med majors and WSU medical students. In addition to the class, LC students are required to attend two lectures, meetings, or programs on a variety of topics. Movie nights are another activity sponsored by the learning community. A panel of physicians will talk to the LC students in November.

PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Isabelle Rios-Colon

LC: Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies (CLLAS)

Year: Senior Year

Extracurriculars: I garden in my free time and enjoy cycling when it is nice outside.

How long have you been a peer mentor?
This is my third year as a peer mentor for the CLLAS.

Why do you like being a peer mentor?
I love being able to pass on the knowledge and resources I have learned on to incoming students while supporting upperclassmen in their research and career endeavors.

Is there any advice you would give to new mentors?
Organization is key! Keeping your student responsibilities organized, makes it easier to keep up with peer mentor responsibilities. Also, use the campus resources as a mentor too, we all need support sometimes.

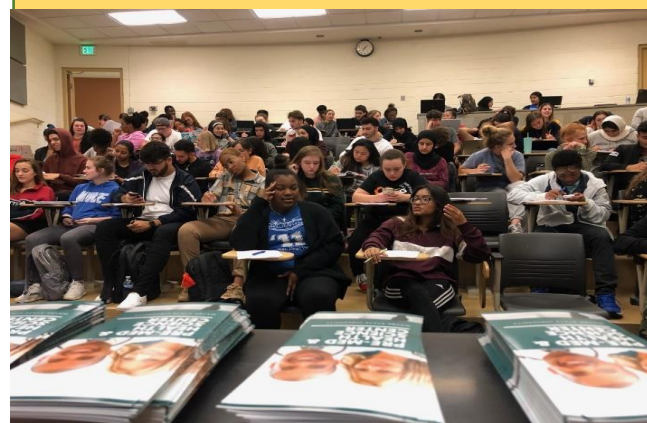


Photo of Sociology 4 Pre-Meds Learning Community class Sociology 1010 taken at September 30th class presentation of "Pathway to Medical School" by Helen Wilson (Pre-Med and Health Sciences Center) and Deborah Holland (WSU Medical School Admissions)

November 2019

Save the Date!

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Peer Mentor Important Dates:

Nov 21st – Professional Development session 4pm in the community room of the Undergraduate Library

Nov 28-29th- Thanksgiving
UNIVERSITY CLOSED

Coordinator Important Dates:

Nov 8th – Peer Leader Supervisor Summit in the Student Center- Hilberry B/C

Nov 14-16th – National Learning Community Conference (LC Team will provide 3 presentations in Indianapolis, IN)

Nov 22nd – Student Success Summer in the Student Center ballroom

Nov 28-29th- Thanksgiving
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PEER LEADER SUPERVISOR SUMMIT

On **November 8, 2019**, WSU faculty and staff from across campus will come together to share best practices in supervising peer leaders. Expect to gain resources and networks of support on topics such as team building, expectation and goal setting, standards of performance, creating a culture of growth, and more. Hosted by the Academic Success Center and WSU Learning Communities Program.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 am. The program will begin at 9:00 am. The day will conclude at 3:30 pm. Participants are not required to attend for the duration of the day. However, please know that conversations and collaboration will build on work as the day progresses.

Reminder! LC Coordinator meeting will be a part of the Summit.

HOMECOMING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Learning Community Program's Homecoming Tailgate event on Saturday, October 12th. We had a great time handing out cider and donuts to all of the Warriors. We loved seeing the WSU community come together to celebrate being Warriors! While WSU Warriors did not get the win, the crowd was the largest in Adams Field history with over 7,000 people in attendance.

We are looking forward to a Learning Community Program sponsored basketball game in the Winter semester. We hope to have a great turn out for this game!

Go Warriors!



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