

*"Every great achiever is inspired by a great mentor."
-Lailah Gifty Akita*

Learning Communities Jumping into the New Year

Welcome back Learning Community Family! Happy Fall semester! We have had an exciting and enriching summer, preparing for this new academic year, and we are very ready to work with each of you to make this semester an impactful one.

In June, I was able to take a team of LC Coordinators to participate in the AAC&U Institute for High Impact Practices in Student Success. Kenya Swanson from Warrior VIP, Tonya Whitehead from Office for Teaching & Learning/WIDER, and Roxana Zuniga from Spanish, and I spent a week together, drafting a plan to increase HIP characteristics across the Learning Community Program, and to inventory other HIPs across campus. Jule Thomas from Composition/WRT Zone is also an integral part of this team. I am starting a pilot program with these LCs this fall, to determine processes and next steps of this plan for the larger LC family. Stay tuned for more detail in the coming months.

On July 1, the LC Program (myself, Project Coordinator Amy Novotny, and Student Assistant Lela Jimenez) moved our offices from FAB to the Academic Success Center, suite 1600 UGL. This move will allow our team to continue to support learning communities across the campus and to leverage collaborations with campus partners, to continue to support the development of peer mentors campus-wide, to promote the use of high impact practices and to positively affect the persistence of all students. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of furniture from the WSU warehouse; once we are settled we are planning an OPEN HOUSE to show off our new space in the ASC.

We have been working closely with Housing and Residential Life to increase support and connection for our Living Learning Communities. Katie Turner is Community Director in the Thompson Home, and is the newly appointed Academic Initiatives Coordinator for Housing and Residential Life. We are collaborating on LLC "lesson plans" which will potentially become the framework for future LLC event planning.

We have been meeting with Dean of Students Office regarding the GetInvolved platform, to increase access and support to LCs through existing technology. This fall, a test group of LCs will be enrolled in a new facet of GetInvolved, to gauge effectiveness in support of LC programming, with the hope of incorporating all LCs by next semester.

Thank you so much for all YOU DO in support of the LC Program at WSU. Please feel free to contact me if you have ideas, suggestions, or are in need of support.

Have a great semester! Woo Hoo!
Amy Cooper
Manager of the Learning Communities Program

PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Miles Reuben



LC: Warrior VIP

Year: Junior

Extracurriculars:

The Brotherhood Co-President

Warrior VIP Mentor

Member of The Network

How long have you been a peer mentor?

I am entering my second year as a peer mentor.

Why do you like being a peer mentor?

I love giving a helping hand genuinely. I love seeing people succeed and seeing them do their best in every single field of their lives. I don't do this for glory or fame, I enjoy being a mentor just to help others reach their own success.

Is there any advice you would give to new mentors?

Don't always be so nervous. Peer mentoring can be very frightening at first but you just have to unwind and be yourself. That allows you and the students you work with to become more comfortable and build a genuine connection. It might be a brand new environment and experience but it's a reason you became and were chosen to be a mentor so just be the mentor.

Resource Links

[LC Peer Mentor Canvas Site](#)

[LC Coordinator Canvas Site](#)

[Academic Success Center Workshops](#)

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#)

[The WRT Zone](#)

September 2019

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Peer Mentor Important Dates:

September 26th- Join us from **4:00-**

6:00pm in the **Simons Room** of Purdy

Kresge Library we will be having our first peer mentor professional development session. This event is an opportunity for LC Peer Mentors to continue their learning and earn additional hours toward their IMTPC Certification. This month's topic is leadership.

Coordinator Important Dates:

September 27th- This will be our second

meeting **noon -1:30 pm** in **Computer Lab**

A, room 1140 UGL. We are happy to welcome Dr. Cathy Barrette, Director of

University Assessment, to co-host this meeting. She will be leading a

discussion/workshop on creating/developing Learning Outcomes. Each LC is expected to

determine and assess three Learning

Outcomes each year. Please bring your current LC Learning Outcomes with you to

this meeting. If you do not have existing LC Outcomes, please come prepared to create them.

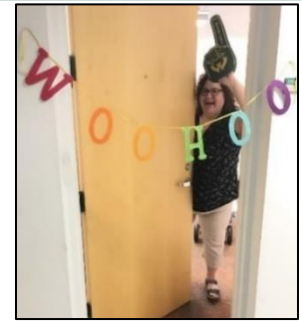
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Our New Home!

We Moved! We are so excited to announce that the Learning Community Program has joined forces with the Academic Success Center. We will now be located in the heart of campus, room 1692 UGL. Feel free to stop by and say hi!



Another Successful Peer Mentor Training

We hosted an exciting two day training event for 150 peer mentors on August 22-23rd, 2019! This year our training topics covered all the requirements needed for IMTPC certification. Thank you to all our awesome campus partners— Counseling and Psychological Services, the WRT Zone, Student Service Center, Office of Multicultural Student Engagement, and the Academic Success Center for providing presentations for our Peer Mentors. We also incorporated a lot of time for peer mentors to share advice with each other— including a student panel and conversations between rookie and returning peer mentors. We want to thank all of the peer mentors for participating and giving us some great feedback. We are looking forward to a great year!



Peer Mentor Important Dates

October 6th- Please come join us at **3 pm** in the Matthaei parking lot for our annual Homecoming game tailgate!

October 23rd- Another Professional Development Session

Coordinators Important Dates

October 6th- Please come join us at **3 pm** in the Matthaei parking lot for our annual Homecoming game tailgate!

November 8th- Peer Leader Supervisor Summit

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