October’s LLC Spotlight

Suites on Maple East is our LLC Spotlight for the month of October!

IUP’s Health and Wellness Living Learning Community strives to advocate for wellness through many different means. The Staff and Living Learning Partners of Maple East have been working hard this year to foster a living learning community that is beneficial to their residents. They started off the year with their Kick-off Event, inviting their LLPs to provide information and fun sessions on what their departments/offices offer. Everyone in attendance loved Ranger and his therapy dog friends. CA Allyson teamed up with CAs from Ruddock Hall and Suites on Pratt to host a weekly running group entitled the “Running Hawks” to encourage residents to be physically active in a positive environment.

In preparation for LLP event on Monday called, “How to End a Relationship,” CA Merisa hosted a pre-program event called “Real Talk” to encourage residents to learn more about what makes for healthy relationships. Residents left the program event with hot chocolate, cookies, and information for the upcoming LLP Healthy Relationships event.

Past LLC Events Highlights

Northern Suites:
On Wednesday, October 18th, Northern’s LLC hosted a Professor vs. Student Trivia Night where although the professors were in the lead going into the final round, the students were victorious! Northern Suites Community Assistant Brad O’Hara served as host, as twenty three students battled it out against six faculty members. The faculty members in attendance were Dr. Dan Burkett, Dr. Justin Fair, Dr. Hilliary Creely, Dr. Anne Kondo, Dr. Jonathan Warnock, and Dr. Meg Reardon.

Wallwork Hall:
Wallwork Hall’s G98 was transformed into a speakeasy on Wednesday, October 11th and walked in IUP’s Homecoming Parade representing the Global Awareness Living Learning Community. HCA Autumn also held a pop-up Halloween Around the World event to engage residents in discussion about the similarities and differences seen between cultures.

Putt Hall:
On Thursday, October 19, 2017 the Arts By Design Living learning community held their first PrimaDonna’s al Fresco Coffee house night in front of Donna Putt Hall. Ten student performers played, sang, and spoke for an euthanistic crowd on a nice fall night. We would like to thank our student performers and our audience for sharing their time and talents with us. We will be back in November (but inside) and hope to be outside in the Spring.

Stephenson Hall:
Stephenson Hall is in the process of converting room 402 into a resource room for their athletes to study, hold meetings, and hang out. Additionally, the LLC CAs will be spotlighting one of their student athletes each month. The weekly Stephenson @ 7 with LLC are going really well. Their October sessions included: Homecoming Safety Education, Business Trivia Night, and a Business Club Fair.

All Living Learning Partners 10/20 Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting! The minutes are in the Living Learning folder on the X drive for your convenience. The path is X\group sharing\Living-Learning.

Welcome to our newest Living Learning Partner!
We want to welcome Dr. Rosalie Stillwell to Delaney’s living learning partner family! Dr. Stillwell is an associate professor in IUP’s English department. She also is the co-director of the Student Success through Advising Program and co-director of the Bridge Program. We are so excited to have her onboard!!!

CA & Resident of Stephenson

Door Decorating Contest
Upcoming LLC Events to watch for!

- Stephenson @ 7 with LLC Series every Thursday night at 7pm
- Race, Class, & Gender Diversity PE Facilitation in Wallwork G3 on Wednesday, November 1st @ 6pm
- Suites on Maple East presents “Happy Fall Y’all” serving hot chocolate floats with their LLPs, Day/Time TBD
- Ruddock: “Let’s Get Down to Business” study session, Day/Time TBD
- “How to approach uncomfortable and emotional situations” by Dr. Erick Lauber on November 6th from 4-5:00pm in Suites on Pratt

Online Learning Community Scholars Course

It is an online, asynchronous, six-week course designed to promote scholarly teaching. It consists of five modules and a reflection piece. Upcoming course dates are 3/14-4/25 and 4/18-5/30 2018. Check out http://iu.kennesaw.edu/fts/programs/learningcommunities/lcfs.php for more information about this course.

Consider Living Learning Communities as a Prospective International Student

“Through LLCs, "international students will have more opportunities to interact with domestic students, faculty and staff members outside classrooms," says Shijuan Laurel Liu, assistant professor of Chinese and a partner with the Global Awareness LLC at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In a Chinese New Year celebration associated with the LLC, for instance, students from her language and culture courses worked with Chinese students to introduce Chinese culture to the community,” (Durrani, 2017).

Full article: https://www.usnews.com/education/best-global-universities/articles/2017-10-18/consider-living-learning-communities-as-a-prospective-international-student

LLC Resource Rooms and You

Each residence hall is home to at least one resource room associated with the Living Learning Community. The goal of these rooms is to provide the LLC’s residents with a physical space and resources that are beneficial for their major and/or interests. The resource rooms are a great location for you to host a study session or tutoring hours. There can never be too many resources, so if you have any ideas as to what can be added or of any source that has items to donate items, please let us know! If you would like to reserve any of the multi-purpose rooms on campus, or learn more about them, please use the following link: https://www.iup.edu/housing/livinglearning/use-and-scheduling-of-public-space/

Living-Learning Community Brochure

If your department or college needs some Living-Learning Community Brochures for your recruitment events, please contact Li Teng at teng@iup.edu.

ACUHO-I Academic Conference

Four members of IUP Living-Learning Executive Team, Sondra Dennison, Mimi Benjamin, Dawn Smith-Shenwood, and Li Teng, attended ACUHO-I Academic Initiatives Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 28–30, 2017. ACUHO-I is the international Association of College and University Housing Officers. This conference is designed to provide education and professional development for individuals that focus on cocurricular educational experience, including Living-Learning programs and communities.

The four attendees learned and exchanged ideas with more than 300 delegates from across the United States and Canada about how we can improve our residential students’ experiences and academic success.

Library Living Learning Award

Dr. Theresa McDevitt from the Libraries has worked successfully with residential living staff to inform IUP students about what the Libraries have to offer through library focused informational displays and library related programs in the residence halls. To recognize quality work and show our appreciation for this valuable contribution to student learning, since 2015 the Libraries have offered a series of monthly awards and one annual award for those who developed creative library related bulletin boards for the residence halls. With the new engagement model, the library would like to expand the award to recognize students who invite librarians for programs in the residence halls, or bring groups of students to lead or participate in events occurring in IUP Libraries.