Thanks for another great semester, our wonderful Living Learning Partners! We wish you a relaxing break and happy holidays!

November’s LLC Spotlight

Wallwork Hall is our LLC Spotlight for the month of November!

Wallwork whales have certainly been busy with living learning this semester creating a whalecoming environment for their residents! Wallwork’s entire staff does a large, amazing building-wide program each month with some connection to global awareness. Staff members have the opportunity to chair one of these “Big Awesome Programs” throughout the year as their own professional development. Living learning partners advise Wallwork’s professional staff members as to how to include certain living learning elements such as holidays, language, cultural norms, etc. This semester big awesome programs have included:

- August/September: “Passport”
- October: “The International Speakeasy”
- November: “Wallwork, Who Dun It?”
- December: “Winterlude”

Some of the CAs and Residence Hall Council members have also done programs connected to global awareness. Some of the standouts include a “Stairwell Jam Session” “NOvember” “Make Your Own Country”, “Chinese Singles’ Day” and resident Sania Hassan, hosted a presentation on her home country, Pakistan. She taught residents about customs, economy, language, and a popular Pakistan dance! (picture on the right)

We are ready to swim into next semester!

December’s LLC Spotlight

Punxsutawney is our another Spotlight for the month of December!

IUP Punxsutawney was the winner of the Green Nest competition hosted by the Office of Housing, Residential Living, and Dining! The Green Nest Project is OHRLD’s effort to promote sustainability within our residential communities to make our IUP residential homes a bit more green. After seeing a need for a means of recycling, the Community Assistants took the challenge on themselves to dig out recycling bins, and place them where they would be most accessible to residents. They also hung signage to show what can and cannot be recycled.

Welcome New Living Learning Partner!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Randy Cromwell from the College of Education and Educational Technology. Dr. Cromwell is our new Living Learning Partner for our Education LLC as of December 2017.
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://uc.kennesaw.edu/fyts/programs/learningcommunities/lcfs.php for more information about this course.

Call for Proposals: 2018 Best Practices Symposium

The 2018 Best Practices Symposium, sponsored by the Consortium for Illinois Learning Communities, to be held on Friday, April 20 from 8:30 AM – 2:45 PM at Waubonsee Community College in Sugar Grove, IL.

The CILC is currently accepting proposals for sessions at next year’s symposium!

For additional information and resources related to learning communities, please visit: http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter

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.

Learning Communities Association

Join the Learning Communities Association (LCA) to become a part of the growing network of learning community professionals. In its first year, the LCA offered four LC professional development webinars, which are archived on their website, and they will be offering more in the coming year. They have also created a Facebook group, so members can easily share information with each other. They will be surveying members to find other ways to support student success through learning communities. Visit their website for more info! http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter

Past LLC Events Highlights

Northern Suites:

On December 6th, Northern Suites wrapped up their fall semester with an event for the entire community to enjoy! Stress-Less with the professors was a Living Learning program where professors brought desserts for students to enjoy the week before finals. While enjoying desserts the residents made slime. After all, stressed spelled backwards is desserts!

Suites on Maple East:

The staff of Suites on Maple East partnered with their LLPs and the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics (SAND) to host Overnight Oats! For this event, residents came to the main lobby to build their own jar of overnight oats with a variety of ingredients. SAND also provided nutritional information on the oats and ingredients.

Stephenson Hall:

Stephenson’s Living Learning CAs continued their efforts with Stephenson Series of 7 events. During November/December, they did Cereal Social, Elevator Speech, and “Setting Your Goal for Spring” events.

Suites on Pratt:

The “Got Privilege? - Privilege Walk” took place in Suites on Pratt at a Residence Hall Council meeting on November 1st. They invited the Diversity Peer Educators to facilitate the event. The goal of the exercise was to help residents recognize how power and privilege affect their lives, even if they are unaware that it is happening in order to continue their growth as leaders.