Jan/Feb’s LLC Spotlight

Northern Hall is our LLC Spotlight for the month of Jan/Feb!
The Natural Sciences and Mathematics LLC in Northern Hall has been going strong since the beginning of the fall 2017 semester. Several well-attended events, such as “Ice Cream under the Stars”, “Students vs. Professors” Trivia night, “Stress Less with the Professors”, were presented by Northern CAs and several faculty members in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Shout out to Dr. Dan Burkett, Dr. Justin Fair, Dr. Hilliary Creely, Dr. Anne Kondo, Dr. Jonathan Warnock, and Dr. Meg Reardon for your great support to our LLC events!

For the spring 2018 semester we look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship with Dr. Dan Burkett and Dr. Justin Fair. For more Living Learning events in Northern suites be sure to follow us @Northerniup

Past LLC Events Highlights

Stephenson Hall:
Business LLC staff started bi-weekly newsletter to inform business students the happenings in Eberly College and Business Living-Learning Community. Another survey was created at the beginning of Spring semester to send out to all business students in Stephenson to assess their needs and interests in order to provide intentional programming efforts and support to them.

Wallwork Hall:
In the past two months Global Awareness Living-Learning Community in Wallwork has explored global awareness. Recently, Wallwork staff implemented a week of “love” where they introduced residents to the diversity of relationships and cultural norms surrounding them. In addition our living learning partner, Dr. Liu, hosted a Chinese New Year event along with CA Linus. With the onset of the 2018 Winter Olympics, CAs decorated their floors for the annual event where global awareness certainly takes center stage! We look forward to March and a potato palooza! Stay tuned for details from the Wallwork whales!

Suites on Pratt:
Leadership LLC’s CAs organized a “mock interview” session with the students who are interested in becoming a CA next year. The participants had the opportunity to not only practice their interviewing skills, but also receive feedback from experienced student leaders.

Suites on Maple East:
There has been a lot of fun and educational events going on in Suites on Maple East where Wellness LLC, Nutrition LLC, and Mindfulness LLC are located. For example, a collaborative program with SAND, “Overnight Oats” late night event, was a big success. Students not only had the opportunity to put together a health later night snacks, but also learned current food and nutrition information. Another example is “Stop Traffic Screening” film & conversation. Many students participated in viewing and discussion. Exposing students to global and domestic issues increases their global awareness and community citizenship, puts learning in context, and gets them thinking about their place in this world. Our wonderful therapy dog, Ranger, was present at this event.

Putt Hall:
“Art by Design” Fine Arts Living Learning Community in Putt hall held “Safe Sex” Bad art night where CA’s had safe sex facts available and had residents stopping in and out creating drawings and/or coloring pictures. They also plan to bring “Fresco Coffee House” back right after Spring Break. Poetry Nights, as some students suggested, will be planned for April. So stay tuned!

Delaney Hall:
Social Justice LLC in Delaney Hall has many exciting events planned for Spring Semester. For example, the staff will be working with Diversity Peer Educators on having facilitation with residents in the all. They also want to encourage residents to attend a 6 o’clock session hosted by IUP alumnus Justin Brown to discuss diversity issues.
Leadership Banquet

On behalf of all student leaders at our office, I am writing to invite you all to attend this year’s Student Leadership Banquet, which will take place on Sunday, April 22nd, 12pm-4pm, at HUB Ohio Room. This year is our 18th annual Student Leadership Banquet where we recognize the accomplishment of our wonderful student leaders (office workers, Community Assistants, Residence Hall Councils, NRHH) in our department, as well as recognize the support/achievement of our Living Learning partners with Living Learning communities. Please mark on your calendar and invitation will be sent to you soon!!! Thanks for your support and our student leaders can’t wait to celebrate their success with you all!

Living Learning Partner Award through CTE

Thanks to those who considered and/or applied for this award!

We are Hiring!

Our office is in the process of hiring Community Assistants for next year and Summer Housing Representatives for this Summer.

National Summer Institute on Learning Communities

We are accepted to attend the 20th National Summer Institute on Learning Communities this summer. A group of IUP representatives (Mimi Benjamin, Dan Burkett, Sondra Denison, Justin Fair, Dawn Smith-Sherwood, and Li Teng) will be at the Evergreen State College on July 9th-12th to work with learning community experts to rethink IUP living-learning community programs as high impact practices.

Community of the Year Award

Every year our office recognizes outstanding residential community by giving “Community of the Year” award (COY). This award is designed to honor the most outstanding residential community among Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s Indiana and Punxsutawney campuses. The bidding process is designed for your community to collaborate and develop bid that reflects the area’s achievements by analyzing and evaluating programs, involvement within the IUP community, and community pride which occurs throughout the year. Living-learning is one of the most important components. As some of you are aware, your community might or might not have reached out to you for reference letter for their COY written bid. Just want to give y’all a heads-up!

Business SUITABLE

Eberly College collaborates with SUITABLE.CO in a program to track soft-skill competency development among all Business Honors students. If you are interested in learning more about this product, here is the upcoming free webinar: https://notifs.suitable.co/w763ugZzP763AS763GHeuXacJOMew/ea892for1k/sUOGh0XynCowfCqjYdW0JGHUZ2f68l1HfA

Learning Communities Research and Practice

The newest issue of Learning Communities Research and Practice (LCRP), has just been published. Here is the link: https://washingtoncenter.evergreen.edu/lcrpjournal/. LCRP is an open-access, peer-reviewed journal that provides a forum for higher education faculty, staff, researchers, administrators, and students to share current research, effective practices, critical reflections, and resources related to student learning communities in 2-year/4-year colleges and universities. LCRP is published twice a year by the Washington Center for Improving Undergraduate Education at The Evergreen State College.

Learning Communities Faculty Scholars Online Courses

Registration is now open for the spring sessions of the Learning Communities Faculty Scholars (LCFS) online course. Offered by the Learning Communities Program at Kennesaw State University, this six-week professional development course allows you to dive deeper into the literature on teaching and learning, integrative assignments, SoTL, and more, while applying this information to your work in learning communities. There are two sessions for Spring: March 14 - April 25, 2018, OR April 18 - May 30, 2018. For more information, see the website at www.tinyurl.com/LCFScourse or email Dr. Hillary Steiner at hsteiner@kennesaw.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at our next “All Living-Learning Partners Meeting” in April!