Meet a LEAP Student

A weekly student spotlight column that lets you get to know our LEAP students.

Name: Sami Algethami
From: Taif, Saudi Arabia
Level: Level 4
Major: Special Education

Sami has been in the U.S. for almost two years. Before coming to LEAP in January, 2016, he studied in an intensive English Program in Illinois. He discovered WSU while searching online for a university that fit his interests and had his major. Sami plans to pursue a master's and PhD in Special Education and “WSU is the perfects choice,” he says. This semester Sami is taking the Level 4 TOEFL Waiver Track with an Education graduate course.

In Saudi Arabia, Sami worked as an assistant teacher at the University of Imam Mohammad. When he has free time, he likes to spend it with family and have fun. “I’m proud of my family because they believe in me and I always find them standing by me.” He also loves traveling.

When asked to share something about Saudi Arabia, Sami says that “people in Saudi Arabia are generous and like to invite others to eat something even though many of them aren't rich.” A big difference he has noticed between his home country and the U.S. is that in Saudi Arabia, people like to visit their friends and relatives regularly, but because people in the U.S. are so busy, they don’t seem to do it as frequently.

Sami lives in Beavercreek with his wife and a newborn baby boy. Congratulations on becoming a father, Sami!