Dear Friends,

We have reached the end of Spring Semester 2020 at Wright State University.

Since remote teaching began six weeks ago, the LEAP students have done a fantastic job keeping up with their classes and completing the semester. We are so proud of them for sticking with it despite all the challenges we have had to deal with. Being international students far away from home and family during a crisis such as the one the world is currently experiencing is extra difficult. But the LEAP students are #RaiderStrong and they did it!

All of us in LEAP hope this finds you and your family safe and well. As always, we love to hear from you so please send us a message and let us know how you are doing. We are always your #LEAPFamily.

/ Jeannette

Working and Studying From Home

Students, faculty and staff set up home offices from which to work as campus started remote teaching on March 16. On the left is LEAP Student Services Coordinator Cathy's office complete with a WSU mug to show Raider pride.
Look closely at the picture on the right and you'll see that L4 student Ahmed has a whiteboard on his desk to write up work. Teacher Tricia's new office colleagues include a cat and two dogs. Students in Level 3 got to hear Teacher Tom play guitar and sing to lighten things up and sometimes, his son Cowan stopped by to chat with students before class.

LEAP Into the News!

LEAP was featured in a recent Wright State Newsroom article, "International
At the end of February, students in Level 3 Integrated Skills participated in a "professor panel" where they had the chance to ask questions to three WSU faculty members representing different fields and colleges, College of Liberal Arts, College of Nursing and Health, and College of Engineering and Computer Science. In addition to LEAP students observing academic classes while in Level 3, this panel discussion is a great way to help prepare them for university classes.

Click here to read the article:

"International students transitioning to Wright State quiz faulty on test-taking, course load."

LEAP and Ohio's Stay at Home Order

On March 23, Ohio's governor Mike DeWine issued a "Stay at Home" order for Ohio, requiring Ohioans to stay at home to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here are a few pictures that show how LEAP dealt with #StayHomeOhio during the semester. When taking a break from working and studying, we baked, laid puzzles, chalked the driveway, BBQd outside on nice days, took walks and hikes (always 6 feet apart from others = social distancing!), listened to music, drank lots of coffee and tea, played online games and watched press conferences with news updates. Notice Governor DeWine wearing a Wright State tie and giving WSU a shout-out at one of his press conferences!
Have you checked out the LEAP website lately? If not, click here to visit!

Also, be sure to take a look at the new Wright State University - Virtual Brochure! If you know anyone interested in studying in the U.S., suggest Wright State to them and pass along this brochure so they can learn more.

#WrightStateRightSchool

Graduates, Where Are They Now?
In 2014-2015, some 30+ students from Iraq came to Wright State University on a scholarship program sponsored by the Higher Committee for Education Development in Iraq and coordinated by the College of Engineering and Computer Science to study English for one year in LEAP and then continue in various graduate programs at WSU. All the students earned the LEAP TOEFL Waiver for graduate studies before starting their Master's and Ph.D. programs in engineering and mathematics. The Master's degree students have graduated and returned home. This year, many of the Ph.D. students are graduating. In April, some of them held their dissertation defenses remotely. Though we are sad not to celebrate in person, we are honored to send a special shout-out to the graduates in this newsletter.

Congratulations to:


**Humam Al-Baidhani**, Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering. Dissertation: "Design and Implementation of Simplified Sliding-Mode Control of PVM DC-DC Converters for CCM."

**Farah Hamandi**, Ph.D. in Engineering, Medical and Biological Systems. Dissertation: "Hierarchical Structure, Properties and Bone Mechanics at Macro, Micro, and Nano Levels."
Former LEAP Students:
What are you up to? Do you have a success story of your own?
Email Jeannette at jeannette.horwitz@wright.edu.
We love to follow up with LEAP alumni and would like to feature your story in an upcoming edition of LEAP News!

This summer, all of Wright State's courses will be offered online. Our Pronunciation Improvement and Test Preparation courses are available to non-LEAP students, including Wright State students and community members. Contact us today at leapadmissions@wright.edu to learn more.
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LEAP Test Preparation for IELTS & TOEFL

LEP 0480 Test Preparation is a course designed to help non-native students of English prepare for standardized English tests such as the TOEFL and IELTS.

In this course you will:

* Learn strategies to identify key points and accurately respond to tasks from IELTS and TOEFL Listening and Reading passages.
* Develop skills and techniques to effectively respond to IELTS and TOEFL Writing and Speaking tasks.
* Take practice exams and receive guided feedback.

The course will be delivered through Wright State University’s Learning Management System ‘Pilot’ with live lessons delivered via Blackboard Collaborate Ultra.
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**Upcoming Events:**

Due to the current COVID-19 situation and Wright State University being open only to essential personnel, we currently have no in-person events scheduled. Remember, we are active on social media so please connect with us there!