Dear Friends,

It's Friday. It's the end of the month. It's the end of the semester. And it's the end of another school year at Wright State University! Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we had a good year in LEAP and are very proud of our students for the accomplishments they have made learning and improving their English.

We enjoyed beautiful daffodils blooming outside the LEAP office in April. The colors are so Wright State appropriate!

Jeannette Horwitz
LEAP Director
Nayomi Lee from South Korea is the Summer 2021 recipient of the LEAP Community Scholarship. She studied in LEAP Level 3 Spring 2021 and will take Level 4 classes this summer to continue to improve her English.

Nayomi plans on joining WSU's College of Business this fall. "I didn't have a plan to study in the university, but now I have decided my major after taking LEAP classes and learning more about Wright State. I want to major in Management Information Systems with Business Analytics Concentration. Once I graduate, I want to work for a large international company that will need a lot of data analysis. LEAP Scholarship will help me reach this goal. I know that it will be hard to study, and I should do more practice for my goal. But I believe in myself because I never give up, and I always try to do my best for my life."

In her free time, Nayomi enjoys traveling, posing here in front of the Victor Emmanuel II National Monument "Wedding Cake Building" in Rome, Italy.
A big thank you to the following students in WSU's TESOL Program (classes taught by Dr. Deborah Crusan) who worked with the LEAP students during Spring Semester: Andy Mattingly, Mary Beth Sjostrom, Yijing Zhang, Brianna Posey, Laurel Baertschi and, pictured here, Jessica Brown. Our collaboration is a win-win for both LEAP and TESOL students!

Spring semester, Jessica Brown helped out weekly in one of the LEAP Writing classes. A third-year English-TESOL major, expected to graduate in 2022, Jessica has wanted to be a teacher since middle school. In high school, she began listening to music and watching television shows in other languages. She learned that she could teach English abroad, allowing her to travel and learn different cultures and languages, a concept very compelling to her. Her high school English teacher thought TESOL would be a perfect fit for her. Jessica hopes to get a teaching job in South Korea after graduating from WSU.

She says the hands-on teaching experience in LEAP has taught her the importance of keeping track of time, to know how much time will be allotted to different activities and to always have a backup plan. "The most important thing I learned though is that not every student is the same in their needs and what works best for them. As prospective teachers we are taught this from the get-go in our classes, but I believe it doesn't hit us until we begin tutoring or student teaching."

Thank you so much for helping out in LEAP this semester, Jessica!

Graduates - Where Are They Now?

Venu studied in LEAP in 2015. He has fond memories of his time in the program and at WSU. "I still remember those days which included activities like a trip to the Cincinnati Museum Center where I experienced the 360-degree theater and a movie about whales. Another interesting trip was to Teacher Jeannette's house where we made waffles."

After LEAP and passing the IELTS,
Venu Gopal Valeti
Ongole, Andhra Pradesh
India

Venu earned his MS in Industrial and Human Factors Engineering from WSU in December 2016. Today, he works as a Systems Engineer / Application Programmer for Bank of America in Pennington, New Jersey. He says, "the LEAP classes really helped me to improve my communication skills which I am using in my current role." As with so many others due to the pandemic, Venu is currently working from home. "It is a hard situation going on everywhere in the world and my country is also suffering a lot because of the second wave of the pandemic. I hope there will be some light for everyone which gives us back our normal life soon." We do too, Venu, and our thoughts are with our friends in India during this difficult time.

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!

Congratulations to the Spring 2021 Wright State Graduates! WSU will hold in-person commencement ceremonies Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1. For more information and to watch the services remotely, click here: Spring 2021 Commencement Ceremony
Spring 2019 Commencement with former LEAP students graduating from WSU.

Free English Placement Testing and Course Consultation

We offer **free** English language placement testing and course consultation for anyone interested in taking English as a Second Language classes in LEAP.

The LEAP Placement Test takes about two hours to complete. It tests writing, listening, grammar, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. After the test, you will meet with a faculty member to discuss your results, look at the Fall 2021 schedule for course options and learn more about how LEAP can help **YOU** improve your English!

**Test Date & Times:**

**Date:** Contact LEAP to schedule a date.

**Times:** Test starts at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m. or 12:00, 1:00, 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** LEAP Intensive English Program, 106 Allyn Hall at WSU.
**Note:** Test can also be done remotely.

For more information, contact LEAP:
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We have created mini-lessons to help students prepare for the TOEFL & IELTS. We also have some cool pronunciation lessons available. Click here to access: **LEAP on YouTube**.
Summer Semester 2021 Office Hours:
Summer Semester: May 10 - July 29
The LEAP office is open for in-person visits Mondays & Tuesdays, 12:00 - 4:00
Appointments are encouraged. All other days, we work remotely.
You can always reach us via email: leapadmissions@wright.edu