Dear Friends,

We are excited to welcome a brand new group of LEAP students to campus this fall semester! Our students are a mix of international and local ESL students representing seven countries: China, Iran, Libya, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Turkey, and Uzbekistan. Welcome to Wright State, everyone! We are also happy to host three interns from the TESOL Program in the Department of English Language and Literatures in three of our LEAP classes: Abdullah, Brianna and Yijing - a LEAP 19' graduate.

Here's to a great semester, everyone!

Jeannette Horwitz
LEAP Director

LEAP in the News

The Wright State Newsroom recently published an article about a specialized summer ESL course offered by LEAP. Click the green box to read:
specially designed LEAP Basic Communication Workshop at Wright State*

Beth Sjostrom working with employees from Aircraft and Avionics Solutions.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped out as in-class speaking partners in the Basic Communication Workshop this summer: Beth Sjostrom, Andy Mattingly, Chris Hall, Rick Johns, Chris Sitko and Pam Everly.

Volunteers Rick Johns, Chris Hall, Pam Everly, Andy Mattingly

Virtual Workshop with English Teachers in Nicaragua
Pam Everly and Jeannette Horwitz recently conducted a workshop on teaching English pronunciation to English teachers with Access Program Nicaragua. Former LEAP, WSU and Global UGRAD Program student Francisco David Acuña Aguirre, now a teacher with Access Program Nicaragua, initiated the collaboration. Pam and Jeannette enjoyed their virtual trip to Nicaragua and working with the wonderful group of teachers. Thank You Francisco and Ulises Alaniz, Access Program Coordinator in Nicaragua, for working with us!

Pam has adapted a traditional face-to-face pronunciation activity for the virtual classroom. Workshop participants got into breakout rooms and played "Pronunciation Journey" to practice making and distinguishing difficult English sound contrasts.

Graduates - Where Are They Now?
"The year and a half I spent in LEAP and at WSU was one of the most important in my life. I met some of my favorite people ever. Both classmates and teachers were like family to me. I still keep in touch with most of them even after all these years."

Salah studied in LEAP in 2010-2011. After passing the IELTS and continuing his studies at a different Ohio university, he returned to Saudi Arabia in late 2014 and started his first job as a risk management officer at a bank. He later became a store manager for a retail company. Today, he is a supervisor and manages a VIP movie theater, Muvi Cinemas, "one of the best entertainment companies in the Kingdom," he adds, in Daharan, Saudi Arabia. Salah's favorite part of the job is meeting new people every day and making new connections. This is not surprising to his former LEAP teachers who fondly remember Salah as a social and outgoing student.

Above: Managing a press conference for Summer Eastern Concerts sponsored by the General Entertainment Authority in KSA, Salah was recently interviewed by a local TV station.

Below: Salah with the team he supervises at Muvi Cinemas in Daharan, KSA.
"The skills I learned in LEAP have helped me a lot in my work. I am extraordinarily proud of my accomplishments and I’m glad and grateful for every minute I’ve spent and for every single person I met in LEAP."

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!

Classroom Action

Group discussions, pair work, a game of Jeopardy to review what we've just learned, pronunciation practice using a map to travel across the USA and more!
LEAP Community Scholarship - Fall 2021

Congratulations!
Hamideh Abdollahi
(Iran)

Congratulations to our Fall 2021 LEAP Community Scholarship recipient, Hamideh Abdollahi from Iran. Hamideh has lived in Dayton with her husband and daughter since 2018. Before joining LEAP, she took English classes in the MVCTC Aspire Program in Dayton. She is hoping to improve her English further so that she can continue her education with a master's degree and eventually teach math.

If you are a local ESL resident looking to improve your English, you can be our Spring 2022 scholarship recipient! To learn more about the LEAP Community Scholarship, click here: LEAP Community Scholarship - Information & Application.

Improve your English Pronunciation with LEAP!

Evening Course
October 12 - November 18, 2021

Register now for our 6-week Pronunciation Improvement course. The course meets Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:50 p.m. in 393 Millett Hall.

For more information about the course, check out our website with videos, testimonials and detailed course information. Click here or contact us at leapadmissions@wright.edu.
Spring semester classes start January 10, 2022.

There is no application fee for the LEAP and the Undergraduate applications.

Visit our website for more information and to apply.

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Fall Semester 2021 Office Hours:

The LEAP office is located in 106 Allyn Hall.
We are open for in-person visits Mondays - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment on Fridays.
You can always reach us via email: leapadmissions@wright.edu