Happy Holidays from LEAP!
Level 3 Writing class took this picture right before their final exam. They look so happy and relaxed, don't they? Fall semester, Level 3 included students from 9 different countries: China, Egypt, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia & Vietnam. They loved having class with Teacher Catherine in the "map room" in Millett Hall.

Presentation Time!
As every LEAP student knows, presentations are a big part of all LEAP classes. They are a great way for students to share...
what they have learned while they practice multiple skills like grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation simultaneously. Giving presentations also help students build confidence and is a skill that will be useful in future classes and in the workplace. Pictured here is Astrid from Venezuela giving a presentation about injection molding to her Pronunciation Improvement classmates.

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#LEAPIntotheCommunity

Many of our current students and some of our graduates enjoyed a Thanksgiving Celebration at the Fairborn Senior Center hosted by the Campus Bible Fellowship International in mid-November. This was the 35th annual celebration and LEAP students have been attending it for many years. Mr. Gary Holtz, a great friend of LEAP and international students in the Dayton community, is pictured here with the LEAP crew.
LEAP *Pronunciation Improvement* is a 6-week evening course that has been offered eight times since Fall 2017. A total of 47 students have taken the course so far. Many of the students are English-as-a-second language speaking community members who are taking the course to improve their spoken English for professional purposes. The course provides high-intermediate to advanced non-native English speakers with the knowledge and skills they need to improve their intelligibility when speaking English. In-class lectures and activities along with opportunities for out-of-class practice focus on the most important aspects of North American English pronunciation. Students study the vowel and consonant sounds of NAE, rhythmic and musical aspects such as syllable stress and intonation, and the use of the voice and articulators to improve the accuracy of speech production. Students use OneNote notebooks, allowing them to upload recordings that the instructor provides personalized feedback on.

**Next session stars March 10, 2020.**

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**Graduates, Where Are They Now?**

Noha Daftardar from Saudi Arabia started in LEAP Level 1 in January, 2012. She completed the program in Spring 2013 and enrolled in Wright State University's [Raj Soin College of Business](https://www.wsu.edu/rajsoin/). She graduated from WSU Fall 2018 with a BS in Business, double major in MIS (Business Analytics concentration) and Supply Chain Management. After graduation, Noha applied for OPT (Optional Practical Training) and secured an internship with [The Boeing Company](https://www.boeing.com/) in St. Louis, Missouri. There were six
internship positions available and 300 Saudi applicants. Noha is the only woman among the six Saudi interns. When she returns to Saudi Arabia next year, Noha will be living in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, where she will be working as a Supply Chain Specialist for The Boeing Company. Congratulations on your wonderful accomplishments, Noha! We are so proud of you and grateful to have been part of your journey in the United States!
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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!

#LEAPIntoWSU

Each semester, students in Level 4 Advanced Academic Success complete a Panel Presentation project where they research different campus resources. This semester, students selected Campus Recreation, the Wright State University Libraries and the Raider Food Pantry for their projects. Students interview staff, survey WSU students, take pictures or video and then prepare a 30-minute presentation followed by a Q & A. Pictured here are Karthika from India and Vlad from Ukraine during their visit to the Dunbar Library.
Nasser from Saudi Arabia and Daniel from Colombia participated in a fall campus photo shoot earlier this semester. We just love these colorful pictures and these two - always smiling- amigos!
Coming Soon:
....another session of **LEAP Pronunciation Improvement**!

Mark your calendars: Spring Semester 2020 we are offering another session of our 6-week evening course, **LEP 0550 - Pronunciation Improvement**. Contact us at [leapadmissions@wright.edu](mailto:leapadmissions@wright.edu) to learn more.

**Deadline to register is February 28.**

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professional purposes (LEAP)

Pronunciation Improvement is a 6-week interactive course to help you improve both your pronunciation and your listening comprehension skills so that you’ll have more confidence when you speak English. The course focuses on:

- Learning important pronunciation patterns and techniques to help native and non-native English speakers understand you clearly.
- Improving your ability to understand the speech of North American English speakers.
- Helping you recognize your own pronunciation problems, set goals for improvement, and establish methods for ongoing pronunciation enhancement.

**Give to LEAP**

The LEAP program promotes linguistic and cultural diversity, and intercultural understanding with quality English
George Rincon from Mexico / United States received the Fall Semester 2019 LEAP Community Scholarship. George completed basic training for the U.S. Navy Reserve in 2018 and is planning on studying Nursing after his studies in LEAP.

Meet a LEAP Student!

Each week, we introduce a new student on our social media. Fall semester, we featured 13 students from 9 different countries. Meet our final student feature for Fall 2019: Daniel Zarrate Gomez from Colombia. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to meet our students and to read about their experience at WSU. #LEAPFamily
Meet a LEAP Student

Get to know our LEAP students!

Name: Daniel Zarrate Gomez
Level: 4
Major: Medicine (M.D.)
From: Ibague-Tolima, Colombia

I am: Outdoorsy - Proactive - Loyal to the game - Meet Daniel from Colombia!

Daniel, what should we know about Colombia?

"Colombia is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world (#4) and with the greatest diversity of birds in the world. We are the only country in South America that has two coasts with the Pacific and the Atlantic Ocean. We don’t have seasons, the weather of each city depends on their closeness to the mountains and the level above the sea making unique weather all year long. We are the world leaders in production of emeralds and our coffee is considered the best ever. A Colombian, Jorge Reynolds, created the first pacemaker in the world, and we have a lot of famous musicians like Shakira, Juanes, and J Balvin."

Before coming to Ohio this August, Daniel, who grew up in the “musical capital of Colombia,” completed his medical studies at the University El Bosque in Bogotá, Colombia. He plans to continue his medical studies in the U.S., doing his residency in general surgery and then a fellowship in plastic surgery. When asked how he ended up in Dayton, Daniel explains that he first looked at the school options available in Dayton as his older brother lives here. "I found that WSU has a great campus and then I took a look at the LEAP Program and it looked like a great place to have fun." He adds that Dayton is a nice place to live, "quiet and without too much traffic, located centrally to go to Cincinnati or Columbus, and it has a significant history related to the field of aerospace in the U.S." When he is not busy studying for his LEAP classes or the USMLE (United States Medical Licensing Examination), Daniel likes to exercise to stay healthy, "I like to go to the gym, play soccer, do mixed martial arts (MMA) like Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai, but I also like to do brainless activities like playing video games, discovering new music and watching movies."

To new students coming to LEAP, Daniel says, "Most people come to the U.S without family or friends, so my first advice is trying to find new friends and build a good relationship with them because those could become your new family in the future. Get involved in as many activities possible that you can do in your free time."

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Upcoming Events:

Winter Break (LEAP & WSU Closed): December 24 - January 2, 2020

Placement Testing New Students: January 8, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in 229 AL

Registration Workshop: January 10, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 039 MH

First Day of Spring 2020 Classes: January 13