We’re finally enjoying a sunny summer in Dayton and are eager to share the latest LEAP News with you!

Happy Eid!

We celebrated Eid, the end of the holy month of Ramadan, with a special LEAP Cultural Hour in the Allyn Hall lobby. The teachers prepared a light lunch consisting of dates, hummus, feta, tabouli, olives, pita bread, salads and of course sweets. Students brought delicious Arabic coffee and special Eid treat boxes for everyone. Eid Mubarak!

Summer in LEAP

For our summer field trip, we went to Carillon Historical Park. Students visited the oldest building in Dayton, Newcom Tavern from 1796, a one-room
school house from 1896, saw the original Wright Brothers Wright Flyer III, learned about printing in the 1930s, climbed a 100-foot tower with views of the entire park and had lunch at Culp’s Cafe. Of course, they also learned about Dayton’s many inventions: cash register, ring-pull can opener, self-cooled refrigerator, gas mask, artificial heart and...oh yeah...did we mention the airplane? Thank you for hosting us, Carillon Historical Park. We always enjoy our visits!

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**Ponitz High School Visit**

For the second year in a row, LEAP hosted 25 soon-to-be high school ESL students from Ponitz Career Technology Center in Dayton as they visited campus. The students, from Iraq and African and South American countries, have been working with WSU faculty member Dr. Brian Boyd in WSU’s College of Education and Human Services on a math preparation course during Summer A-term. The students spent the morning learning about LEAP and WSU and played a competitive trivia game together with the LEAP students.

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**Graduates, Where Are They Now?**

Mehmet Tatli from Antakya, Turkey, completed LEAP in 2010 and his MS in Organic/Polymer Chemistry at **WSU** in 2012. He then went on to complete a PhD in Biochemistry & Biophysics at Texas A & M. Since January 2018, Mehmet has been employed as a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. His work at the University of Wisconsin includes engineering Z. mobilis strains that produce large amounts of terpenoids that can be used as biofuels and commodity...
chemicals. In his free time, Mehmet plays soccer and enjoys traveling together with his wife Elisa.

Former Students: Do you have a success story of your own? Let us know what you’re up to. 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!

#LEAPIntoTheCommunity

The month of June brought LEAP downtown Dayton to connect further with the community. Irena Joseph and Jeannette Horwitz visited St. John's ESOL classes on June 6 to give presentations about LEAP to those ready to take the next step in their English language learning journey and come join us at Wright State. On June 20, Irena participated with a LEAP resource table at World Refugee Day at St. John's Church while Jeannette was at the Dayton Metro Library next door with Free LEAP Placement Testing and Course Consultation.

Congratulations!

Yaaqoub Khajah from Kuwait (LEAP 2010; BS in Business 2015) got married in Kuwait City June 14! Pictured here celebrating at his friend's wedding is Hussain Alkhalil from Saudi Arabia (LEAP 2010; BS in Business 2015). Yaaqoub is currently working as an Assistant Manager at Gulf Bank in Kuwait and lives with his wife Maryam, an engineer, in Kuwait City. Congratulations, Yaaqoub! How great to see your "old" LEAP & BS in Business friends celebrate with you!

Proud Moment

LEAP's Director Jeannette Horwitz was selected for the third cohort of the Wright Leader Academy and
participated in the year-long leadership program during the 2018-2019 academic year. The 14 participants, faculty and staff from across campus, graduated in early June. Jeannette enjoyed making lots of new connections on campus and learning new skills she can apply to her work at WSU.

Read more here about the Wright Leader Academy:


On campus this summer? Join us for our next LEAP Cultural Hour and meet our wonderful international students!

LEAP CULTURAL HOUR

4th of July

Come Celebrate the

Fun 4th of July Facts!

When? Tuesday, July 2, 2019
What time? 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Where? LEAP Office, 106 Allen Hall

Refreshments!

#PreparedForSuccess

Upcoming Events:

LEAP Cultural Hour: Fourth of July! Tuesday, July 2, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the LEAP Office
Air Force Museum Visit, Friday, July 12, 10:00 a.m.

Cedarville Conversational English, Thursdays 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in 153 Student Union

LEAP Cultural Hour: International Potluck, Tuesday, July 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the LEAP Office