Dear Friends,

June was a busy and fun month in LEAP. We are off on a new journey!

On June 29, the LEAP Basic Communication Workshop took flight. Attendees of this specially designed ESL class are 17 employees and family members, all natives of Cuba, from Aircraft & Avionics Solutions in Wilmington, Ohio. We welcomed the group to Wright State with an Open House and Orientation on June 22 and look forward to working with them to improve their English communication skills.

Jeannette Horwitz
LEAP Director
Catherine Crowley, Senior Lecturer, is teaching the 8-week evening LEAP Basic Communication Workshop. Faculty from LEAP and students from the MA TESOL Program are volunteering as in-class speaking partners.

LEAP Into The Community

LEAP participated in the City of Dayton’s World Refugee Day Celebration on June 18. Former LEAP student Martha Jeannette Rodriguez (Colombia) works for Welcome Dayton - Dayton Human Relations Council. Former LEAP student Bárbara Brandt (Brazil) participated by telling her "coming to America story." The event was held at St. John’s United Church of Christ in downtown Dayton. It included personal stories, community resource tables, a health and vaccination clinic,
Did you know that Dayton is the first US city to be certified a Welcoming City? You can read more by clicking here: [Dayton is America’s first certified welcoming city](#).
Great advice to new international students from Maryam Albishi, a hardworking young woman from Saudi Arabia who started LEAP in Spring 2016, completed all four levels of the program and earned the TOEFL Waiver for Undergraduate Studies one year later. At WSU, she is majoring in Social Work with a minor in Organizational Leadership expecting to graduate Spring 2022. This fall, she is excited to start an internship at a local juvenile detention center as part of the SW Program. Her future plans include finding a good job that can help her apply what she has learned from her studies, "and help people, that's what I want to do." At WSU, she is a member of the Social Work Club and participates in UCIE activities including Convo Club. She also volunteers in LEAP by serving on student panels and helping with LEAP activities.

When asked what she has enjoyed most about her time in LEAP and at WSU, Maryam says that in LEAP, "the instructors were so friendly. They showed me that teaching is a big part of learning a new language and they provided me with all the necessary resources to ensure my higher-level education success." She adds that Wright State is "a great place to learn about other cultures since there is so much diversity here. I love that about WSU and I feel very much at home here. Everyone cares."
Fun Fact about Maryam: She is one of five (!) members of her family to attend LEAP. Her sisters Sarah and Amal are LEAP and Wright State graduates. Her brother Abdullah took a summer off from work in Saudi Arabia to study English, and even Maryam’s father Ali has taken LEAP classes! #LEAPFamily

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

Thank you to the wonderful staff at WSU who are always up for collaborating with LEAP and helping our students navigate campus life!

On June 8, Reference Librarian Brian Olesko from Wright State University Libraries visited L4 Adv. Reading & Writing class and held a research workshop for our students. On June 9, L4 AAS students enjoyed a virtual visit from Christopher Hogan, Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct. Mr. Hogan engaged the students in a discussion about academic integrity and talked about the role of his office on campus.
Next up is Dr. Sarah Peters from Counseling and Wellness Services. She’ll be visiting L4 AAS class on July 12.

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**Campus & LEAP Updates**

- As of June 7, Wright State has lifted all Covid-19 restrictions for fully vaccinated students and employees. Masks and social distancing are no longer required. Most classes will return to in-person Fall Semester 2021. For the most updated information, please visit WSU's [coronavirus website](https://www.wsu.edu/health-safety/coronavirus/).

- There is **no longer an application fee** for the LEAP and the Undergraduate applications. **Apply for free!**

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**LEAP Community Scholarship - Fall 2021**

Nayomi Lee is the Summer 2021 recipient of the LEAP Community Scholarship. If you are a local
ESL resident looking to improve your English, you can be our Fall 2021 scholarship recipient! To learn more about the LEAP Community Scholarship, click here: [LEAP Community Scholarship - Information & Application](#).

**Fall semester classes start August 23 - Apply Now!**

[Visit our website for more information and to apply.](#)

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**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](mailto:leapadmissions@wright.edu)

The LEAP Office (and WSU) is closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday.