Happy Thanksgiving from LEAP!

The month of November went by quickly. As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun." And, we always find a way to have fun in LEAP! Today, we ended the day with a Thanksgiving LEAP Cultural Hour in the office. Students took a Black Friday shopping survey, did a crossword puzzle, hung notes on a "Thankful Tree" and ate pumpkin pie.

Future Raiders?

On November 21, 11 junior and senior ESL students from Centerville High School visited LEAP and Wright
State. They participated in LEAP classes, met with CoLA faculty, had lunch with the LEAP students and faculty, attended an Admissions presentation and took a campus tour. They also got to try drinks from around the world at the UCIE as part of International Education Week and UCIE's "Thirsty Thursday."

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LEAP Students Volunteer with We Serve U

LEAP students volunteered at "Cards for Kids" on November 5. This annual activity is organized by Wright State's We Serve U. Get well and holiday cards are created and donated to kids at Dayton Children's Hospital. It's a great initiative and LEAP likes to help out every year!
Classroom Action

The L3 Listening & Speaking students did a textbook unit on handmade crafts and the first part of the chapter was on quilting. Instructor Pam Everly brought in a quilt she made when her son was in 3rd grade (homeschool) and they were studying the American Revolution. None of the students had seen an American quilt like this before. They also looked at a smaller quilt Pam had made with several traditional block patterns on it and watched a video on American quilts. Each student later brought in a handmade item from their home country to share with the class. Pam’s quilt also provided a mini-lesson in American history.
Yiran He from Xi'an China earned the LEAP TOEFL Waiver in Spring 2018. She is currently a graduate student at Wright State University School of Music. Her major is Master of Music in Piano Performance and she studies with Dr. Jackson Leung.

After Yiran graduates in 2020, she hopes to continue studying in a Ph.D. program to gain additional knowledge and performance experience. Eventually, she hopes to become a professional music teacher.

Says Yiran about her time in LEAP: "I think my favorite part of LEAP was to see my progression. Sometimes I still can't imagine that I can now use English to study in graduate school, speak, give presentations, and write. I still can remember my first day in LEAP. I couldn't understand anything. But now, I feel so happy. LEAP gave me a lot of encouragement." About being a Piano major, she says: "My favorite part of being a piano major is performance because not only can it help express my music idea to the audience and it can build communication between us, but it can also give me more confidence. But, performance is also hard because you are not
allowed to make mistakes and you can't do it over. Therefore, it always requires me to practice hard and continuously accumulate more performance experience."

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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!

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#LEAPIntoWSU

Guest speakers from all over campus are a frequent part of the upper level LEAP classes. Christopher Hogan, Assistant Director of Community Standards and Student Conduct, recently spoke about academic integrity in Level 4 Advanced Academic Success. Students played a friendly game of Kahoot to review what they learned.

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**Congratulations to a LEAP friend!**

If you're a LEAP graduate, chances are you have heard Kurt Holden from University Police speak in a class. He comes to LEAP every semester to talk about campus safety and answer questions. Holden is being promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant this December and we took the opportunity to congratulate him when he spoke in a recent class. What better way to celebrate than with donuts! Lieutenant Holden, we appreciate the work you do, and we thank you for being a wonderful friend to LEAP!
New LEAP Courses!

Spring Semester 2020 we are offering two new evening courses: LEP 0580 ESL Grammar Refresher (6 weeks) and LEP 0560 American Culture and Communication (full semester). Contact us at leapadmissions@wright.edu to learn more. **Deadline to register is December 20.**
George Rincon from Mexico / United States. is the recipient of 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. **Deadline to apply for Spring 2020 LEAP Community Scholarship:** December 6.

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**Give to LEAP #GivingTuesday**

The LEAP program promotes linguistic and cultural diversity, and intercultural understanding with quality English instruction taught by highly qualified instructors. Your donation helps bring students together in social, cultural, and academic activities. It helps connect the world.

**Available Funds:**

- **LEAP Scholarship fund:** Award recipients and number and amount of awards will be determined by the LEAP program office
- **LEAP Program fund:** Supports the activities of the LEAP program

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- Improve your ability to understand and be understood when interacting with Americans.
- Communicate effectively in whole class and small group discussions.
- Conduct interpersonal communication with improved confidence.
- Demonstrate an understanding of common cultural issues found in informal social settings.
- Demonstrate an understanding of social cues in discussions.

**New ESL Course!**

*American Culture and Communication*

**Days and Times**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:50 p.m.

**Next Sessions**
January 13 - April 24, 2020

**Registration Deadline**
Friday, December 20, 2019

**Fee**
$925 + cost of textbook

For information or to register, contact leaptuition@wright.edu or (937) 775-5287

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Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to meet our students and read about their experience at WSU. This week, meet Nasser from Saudi Arabia! Nasser is the seventh member of his family to study in LEAP and at WSU! Two brothers, two sisters and two cousins were here before him. That's #LEAPFamily!

Meet a LEAP Student

Get to know our LEAP students!

Name: Nasser Alshaikhjafar
Level: 4
Major: Nursing
From: Safwa, Saudi Arabia

I am: Outgoing - Helpful - Funny

Meet Nasser from Saudi Arabia!

Nasser, who started his studies in LEAP Level 3 this summer, was only 8 years old the first time he came to Dayton. Between then and now, he has been to the Gem City five times to visit his siblings who were studying in LEAP and later WSU. "I choose Wright State University because six of my family members attended the LEAP Program. Neither knew how to speak much English when they started and now they speak it fluently. I want to speak like them." After completing LEAP, Nasser is planning on studying Nursing at WSU and after he graduates he hopes to work as a night shift nurse for children. "I choose Nursing because I like to help people and I don't like to see people hurt. When I was young, I got really sick and my father took me to the hospital. I didn't want to talk to anyone, I was so tired and sad and then a nurse came and started joking and playing with me. This made me feel so much better. I want to do the same that nurse did for me for sick kids. I want to work the night shift because there are many kids who sleep alone at the hospital at night because their parents have to go to work. I want to make them feel happy and not alone."

In his free-time, Nasser enjoys doing sports, play instruments (he plays four including oud and Arabic drum!) work out (he can walk on his hands!), hang out with friends and watch Netflix. His favorite place on campus is Campus Recreation "because they host really nice outdoor campus activities such hiking, camping and caving."

Ever since he came here this summer, Nasser has been involved on campus. When asked what he contributes his success in improving his English so fast to, Nasser says: "My advice for the new students coming to LEAP is that they have to immerse themselves in English. Going to a lot of activities can help you so much in learning English. Since I came to the United States, I have volunteered for more than 10 activities, this helped my speaking a lot and gave me the confidence to speak English even if I knew my sentence was not correct. If you are not external person or you are shy to be around American people, the University Center for International Education (UCIE) is the right place for you. In the UCIE office everyone has the same situation as you, they are all from around the world. You can go there and talk to anybody, and you can attend their amazing activities such as Convo Club, Coffee Hour, etc."

LEAP Intensive English Program, Wright State University, Fall Semester 2019

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Upcoming Events:

Thanksgiving Break: November 27-29, 2019

Last day of LEAP classes: December 6, 2019
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