Dear Friends,

We have almost reached the end of Fall Semester 2020. Today, we started our last week of classes in LEAP. Although it has been a semester different in many ways, we have managed well. A big Thank You to the students, faculty and staff in LEAP for going with the flow - not just this semester but most of this year - and for making the most of a challenging time.

With one month left of 2020, I am sure we are all looking forward to the new year and for 2021 to be better, brighter and simply blissful! All of us in LEAP are excited to continue providing a great place to learn English and preparing our students for success!

Jeannette Horwitz
LEAP Director

New! Online Mini-Lessons with LEAP

Test Preparation Mini-Lessons

As we head into 2021, we are
Click here for LEAP's Online Mini-Lessons

Launching some new and exciting program initiatives. Assistant LEAP Director Tom has created five online mini-lessons focusing on strategies for the IELTS. The lessons are available on LEAP's YouTube channel. Be sure to check them out.

Coming in 2021: TOEFL Tips and Pronunciation Improvement online mini-lessons.

LEAP Into the News

About 30% of Wright State's classes were held with an in-person component Fall Semester. This included LEAP, as most of our classes met in person on the Dayton campus. The Wright State Newsroom wrote an article on how our program navigated social distancing, wearing masks, and what creative activities we came up with to bring students together - all while learning English 18 hours a week!

Click here to read the article:

"Some international students maintain campus presence with in-person classes"

Level 4 student Bowen Gao from China giving a presentation in Adv. Academic Success.
Campus Collaborations

In LEAP, students study English grammar, learn how to write APA and MLA research papers and give academic presentations to practice their spoken English. However, they also learn about resources available to them on campus and engage with faculty in various disciplines who share advice on what makes successful university students.

Thank you to the following guest speakers for visiting our classes, in-person or virtually, and helping our students connect further with Wright State University!

Lieutenant Kurt Holden, Wright State Police Department.

Sarah Peters, Staff Psychologist and Therapist, Counseling and Wellness Services.

Dr. Deborah Crusan, Professor, Department of English Language and Literatures.

Dr. Lee Hannah, Associate Professor, School of Public and International Affairs.

Ms. Alysoun Taylor-Hall, Instructor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

Sarah Peters (CWS) talked to the LEAP students about how to deal with stress.

Are you a faculty member interested in collaborating with LEAP? We also organize course collaborations and LEAP student panels.

"The international students in LEAP bring their rich cultural backgrounds to the Wright State campus and provide a great opportunity for the university’s U.S. students to get a taste of the world beyond the country’s borders."

Check out our website - Collaborate with LEAP - for ways to collaborate with us.

Graduates, Where Are They Now?

Jiayi Zhang
Jiayi Zhang, a native of Xianyang City in China, came to Wright State University Fall Semester 2016. She started her studies in LEAP Level 1 and earned the LEAP TOEFL Waiver for Graduate Studies Summer 2018. She began the Master of Music Voice Concentration program Fall 2018. On November 4, 2020, Jiayi gave a recital required for the degree of Master of Music in Performance at the Schuster Hall in the Creative Arts Center at WSU. "The songs in the recital included five languages: English, French, Italian, German and Chinese. The performance was one hour long with a 10 minute break," Jiayi explains. She performed works by J.S. Bach, Dominico Sarro, George Friedrich Handel, Henry Purcess, Reynaldo Hanh, Yiming Jiang and others, for a total of 12 pieces. Jiayi graduates this semester and will be traveling back to China on December 4. "I am so excited! After I go back, I wish to be a teacher in a university in China and I want to open my own studio to play music. Four years at Wright State University have given me unforgettable memories!"

Congratulations on graduating, Jiayi! We are all so proud of your accomplishments and know you have a bright future ahead! Safe travels this Friday! / Your LEAP Teachers
Jiayi with Dr. Kim Warrick, Professor and Coordinator of Vocal Studies and Opera Theatre.

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!

In the Classroom

Students in Level 4 Advanced Academic Success do a semester-long project where they research a campus resource and present it to the class. This semester, students selected Campus Recreation, Office of Latinx, Asian, and Native American (LANA) Affairs, University Center for International Education, Student Legal Services, University Writing Center and Raider Food Pantry. Thank you to the staff at each office for participating in interviews conducted by the students (a required part of the project).

The students did a great job presenting their findings!
Mock Election

On November 3, Election Day, the LEAP students participated in a "mock election" where they voted for their choice of U.S. president. Leading up to the mock election, students discussed the voting process in class and watched some of the televised debates.

Who won? With all votes counted, it was an even 50/50, Biden/Trump.
LEAP Into the Community

Our LEAP Success Workshops were offered virtually this semester. This gave us a great opportunity to connect with even more local ESL students.

On November 11, LEAP teachers Irena and Jeannette hosted "Professional & Writing Etiquette in English." Participants learned how to address people, use appropriate tone and language in requests and ways to write effective emails in English.
LEAP Community Scholarship

The deadline to apply for the scholarship for Spring Semester 2021 is December 4.

Don't delay - apply today!

Click here for LEAP Community Scholarship

LEAP For Locals

Are you an Ohio resident holding U.S. citizenship or permanent residency? Are you looking to improve your English skills for academic, professional, or community advancement? If so, you can take advantage of LEAP’s half-price fees. We are proud to offer in-state fee options for Ohio residents. You can study full-time or part-time.
To learn more, visit our website, LEAP for Locals, or contact us at leapadmissions@wright.edu to schedule a one-on-one virtual meeting.

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Our office is closed for in-person visits in December. We work remotely and you can always reach us via email: leapadmissions@wright.edu