Happy Halloween from LEAP!

The month of October has been absolutely beautiful in Dayton! We have enjoyed comfortable temperatures, lots of sunshine, blue skies and gorgeous fall foliage. The LEAP students have been working hard in class, but they have also had time for some fun. We're excited to share what we've been up to in the latest edition of our monthly newsletter - LEAP News!

LEAP Field Trip to Downtown Dayton with Dayton RTA!

On October 17, we spent the day off campus and explored downtown Dayton together with the Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority, RTA, Dayton's public transportation
system. After a classroom information session with RTA's Nathan Owens, we hopped on a specially-chartered-for-LEAP-bus to check out the city. We first stopped at the main RTA hub to learn about the various bus lines and how to make transfers. Then, we had a guided tour of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Park where we also watched a movie about the Wright Brothers. We swung by Courthouse Square, Fifth Third Field (Go Dragons!) and RiverScape Metro Park. We ended the day at the 2nd Street Market where we had lunch, drank coffee, bought freshly baked artisan bread and sampled sweet Ohio maple syrup!

For more pictures from our field trip, visit our Facebook page.

#LEAPIntoTheCommunity

Fika [fee:kah] Friday!

"Fika" (noun & verb) is a concept in Swedish culture which means to take a break and have coffee/tea, often accompanied with cookies or pastries and conversation. Every Friday, we have "fika" in the office and students can stop by between or after their classes. LEAP director Jeannette, a native of Sweden, typically bakes something Swedish, but students also host a fika. Earlier this semester, Ahmed (L3) and his wife Abrar (L1) brought in Arabic coffee and tea + Saudi dates. Recently, LEAP’s Student Services Coordinator, Cathy Lee, and L3 student Hung "Henry" Tran from Vietnam hosted a Vietnamese-themed fika where students sampled umbrella cookies, jack fruit chips, mung bean cake, coconut cream flavor-coated peanuts, almond cookies
and a delicious coffee drink made with condensed milk and ice. Yum!

### Classroom Action

Our 6-week evening *Pronunciation Improvement* (LEP 0550) class started October 15 and is now in full swing! Students from Brazil, Kenya, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Ukraine, and Venezuela meet twice a week to learn pronunciation patterns and techniques that will improve their ability to communicate with native and non-native English speakers.

To learn more about LEP 0550 *Pronunciation Improvement*, which offers lots of personalized instruction and the latest computer technology, click here:

[Information about LEAP's Pronunciation Improvement Course](#)

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**Graduates, Where Are They Now?**

Jen-Chi Chen from Kaohsiung, Taiwan, graduated from LEAP in 2008 and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from WSU's [College of Nursing and Health](#) in 2012. Says Jen-Chi, RN, "I have been working at a local hospital since I graduated in 2012. I have been working for Kettering Health Network for 6 years and still currently work for them. I got another job last
I have always wanted to be a nurse, ever since I was a kid. However, I ended up doing an engineering degree in Taiwan because my father made me. The best part of my job is to see when patients are so appreciative and tell me I make them feel better in their worst days. I have a lot of good days and also lots of bad days at work, but having bad days doesn't make me hate my job. I love what I do and it's not just because it pays well, but also it makes me feel that I have a capability to help people."

Jen-Chi currently lives in the Middletown area with her husband Alan and their two dogs, pit-mixes Matcha and Cocoa.

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!

LEAP Ladies Tea & Talk
At our October Ladies Tea & Talk, we put our creative skills to the test and decorated the LEAP Office together. Cobwebs and spiders and ghosts, oh my! Celebrating Halloween is one of our favorite things to do!
Another successful "Wright State Professor Panel" is on the books!

Thank you to Dr. Cai, TESOL, Dr. Tritschler, Biomedical, Industrial, and Human Factors Engineering and Dr. Sturm, Marketing, for sharing helpful advice and answering the Level 3 students questions as they prepare to transition into the university!
You are invited!
LEAP
Intensive English Program
~Open House~

Friday, November 8, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
LEAP Office
106 Allyn Hall
Wright State University
For more information:
www.wright.edu/leap
leapadmissions@wright.edu

Join us for light refreshments while you meet our students, faculty & staff and learn more about our program.

Give to LEAP
The LEAP program promotes linguistic
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.

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

Meet a LEAP Student!

Every week, we introduce a new student on our social media. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to meet our students and read about their experience at WSU.

Meet Purity from Kenya, one of our [Global UGRAD Program](#) students this fall semester.
Meet a LEAP Student

Get to know our LEAP students!

Name: Purity Mngindo
Level: 3
Major: English Literature
From: Malindi, Kenya

I am: Quiet in a new environment - A smiling machine!  
Meet Purity from Kenya!

Purity is our fourth Global UGRAD student, at WSU for one year as part of a U.S. Department of State-sponsored program that provides scholarships to outstanding undergraduate students from around the world for non-degree full-time study combined with community service, professional development, and cultural enrichment. In her native Kenya, she studies English literature. She has one year left to complete her bachelor’s degree, then hopes to travel and eventually do her master’s degree in English so that she can teach English at a university. Languages are a big part of Purity’s life. In addition to English, she speaks Swahili and 9 (9) different Eastern Bantu languages. An avid reader, she enjoys books by African writers, Kenyan native Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o in particular. “Oedipus Rex” by Sophocles is another favorite.

When she’s not busy studying or reading, Purity enjoys doing hair. “I like to braid hair. At home, I do it at a salon for fun for my friends. I am also doing it here at WSU for friends. It’s relaxing to make the braids.” She also likes to sing and has written over 800 gospel songs. Just before travelling to the U.S., she recorded some of them onto a CD that will be released when she returns home next year. At WSU, she is involved with Chi Alpha and she enjoys going to bible study meetings.

When asked what differences she has noticed between her native country and the U.S. so far, Purity quickly says, “the library!” She explains, “the WSU library is very big and well equipped. There are books and computers everywhere on multiple floors. It’s different at home where it’s not as organized and there are classrooms mixed within the library.” She adds that the food here has been a little bit challenging to get used to. “At home, we eat something called ‘ugali,” it’s a staple food of Mombasans people, a cornmeal porridge that we eat with beef, chicken and greens. I miss that.”

It’s great having you in LEAP, Purity. Thank you for writing the weekly, “Purity’s Week in LEAP” column!

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

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Upcoming Events:

LEAP Cultural Hour - Pumpkin Carving Contest & Halloween Fun!
Thursday, October 31, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., LEAP Office

LEAP Open House for Campus & Community
Friday, November 8, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., LEAP Office

LEAP Ladies Tea & Talk
Wednesday, November 20, 1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., LEAP Office

LEAP Cultural Hour - Thanksgiving
Tuesday, November 26, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., LEAP Office