Welcome to Fall Semester 2019 in LEAP!
September has been a busy month in the program. Check out what's been going on in the latest edition of LEAP News!

Our website has been updated. Click here to check out the changes!

LEAP Welcome Party

New and returning students got to know each other and the LEAP teachers and staff at our August 29 Welcome Party. Students enjoyed sandwiches for lunch, played "Guess the LEAP Teacher," and won WSU swag and books in a raffle. This semester, our students come from Brazil, China, Colombia, Egypt, India, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Thailand and Ukraine. That's 15 different countries all together in 106 Allyn Hall!

#YouAreWelcomeHere
Classroom Action

In addition to our regular classes, we offer students a number of LEAP Success Workshops each semester. So far this fall, we've held two workshops. First, teacher Pam taught "How to Improve Your English Pronunciation" where students learned fun strategies for improving their English pronunciation. Then, teachers Irena and Jeannette hosted "How to be a Successful ESL/International Student." Six LEAP graduates participated and shared their experiences in LEAP and at WSU with our new students.

#LEAPIntoTheNews

LEAP is a great place for short-term English studies! Gustavo Santos from Brazil spent the summer in LEAP improving his English for professional purposes. He works for the Central Bank of Brazil in Brasilia. While Gustavo took English classes, his two children attended Wright State’s Pre-College Programs summer camp.

Read the Wright State Newsroom article about Gustavo, his family and their unique summer experience here:

LEAP gives student and his family a unique summer experience

"Purity's Week in LEAP"

Every Friday, Global UGRAD student Purity Mngindo from Kenya shares her experience in LEAP and at WSU on our social media. Here is one of her recent posts and picture: "Welcome to
Wright State University, the best place to be! I promise you can never regret being part of this great family. This week I am sharing about "the sharing culture." We have a sharing culture here where we gather in groups such as clubs, families, associations, class groups etc., to share ideas, experiences, abilities and food. This week the LEAP Level 3 class had a gathering just to appreciate our different cultures and specifically the Middle Eastern and Asian cultures. We met in the Hangar cafeteria in Allyn Hall where we shared Arabic and Chinese dessert. In addition to enjoying the dessert, we got a chance to share classroom experiences and assisted one another on undone assignments. It was such a great moment. Welcome to Wright State University! Indeed, it is "the right place" to be!

Graduates, Where Are They Now?

Bassam Kashgari from Saudi Arabia studied in LEAP 2011-2012. He received his MS in Microbiology & Immunology from WSU in 2015. He is currently doing his PhD in cancer research at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. There, he is involved in a big project aiming to find therapeutic, prognostic, and diagnostic targets for pancreatic cancer. The day this picture was taken, Bassam explains, "I successfully passed the biggest step in my PhD journey. In science, motivation is not always there. So, in order to keep myself going, I have to create the motivation myself. After every achievement, I take some time to appreciate the hard work and the people who support me, and remind myself that hard work eventually pays off."

Yes, hard work does pay off, Bassam, and your former LEAP teachers are very proud of your accomplishments. As we said in LEAP when you were a student here and we had something to celebrate: "Bassaaaaaaam!"
We love to follow up with LEAP alumni and would like to feature your story in an upcoming edition of LEAP News!

#LEAPFamily

Thank you to the volunteers who help out as conversation partners and tutors in LEAP! One of our volunteers is retired English Department professor, Dr. Chris Hall, (TESOL). He recently brought in homegrown vegetables to share. Not only did Mandakh from Mongolia, one of the students Dr. Hall is tutoring, learn new vocabulary such as butternut squash, ghost pepper and leek, but he also got to bring home ingredients for a soup that Dr. Hall encouraged him to make his family for dinner!

LEAP Cultural Hour - Game Day

We enjoyed hosting exchange students from WSU’s partner in Japan, Kake Educational Institution, when they visited Wright State for three weeks as part of a program organized by the University Center for International Education. Students had a fun time playing UNO and the most popular board game in LEAP - - - Jenga!

#WrightDay2Give

October 1 is Wright State University’s Founders Day - Wright Day to Give!

Join fellow alumni, students and friends from around the world giving back to Wright State University. Every gift, no matter the size, makes a difference. Consider a donation to the LEAP Scholarship Fund or the LEAP Program Fund.

Click here to make a donation.
Meet a LEAP Student!

Every Wednesday 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 Wright State University.

#PreparedForSuccess

Upcoming Events:

LEAP Ladies Tea & Talk - Decorate for Halloween!
Wednesday, October 2, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

LEAP Field Trip - City of Dayton tour with
Thursday, October 17, all day

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