Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe we've already completed six weeks of the semester. Time flies when you're having fun (...or have a lot of homework!) Our students are keeping busy. In addition to taking five English classes per week, they meet with their conversation partners and participate in campus activities. Pictured above is Seoha from South Korea and her conversation partner, Jessica; below is Hussam from Saudi Arabia representing his country at the Saudi Arabia National Day Celebration held on September 23.

The best way to learn a language is to immerse yourself in it and we are happy our LEAP students do!

Jeannette Horwitz
LEAP Director
Wright Day to Give is Friday, October 1!

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Graduates - Where Are They Now?

Toyoko Kato
(Kawasaki, Japan)
Toyoko Kato came to the US ten years ago from Kawasaki, a city of 1.5 million located between Tokyo and Yokohama in Japan. In 2012, she decided to audit a couple of LEAP classes to improve her English and prepare herself for university studies. She started her studies in the BFA in Art program in Fall 2013. She graduated from WSU with a BFA degree in Spring 2019. "After graduation, I tried to study more at an art school; however, the pandemic happened and the school switched classes to online. So, I decided to continue to practice by myself instead. My favorite medium of art is oil and my favorite object to paint is still life." Toyoko has been in Japan for the past couple of months, but will come back to the US in October. Toyoko posts her drawings and paintings on her Facebook page and it's a pleasure to see her weekly creations. Thank you for sharing your beautiful art, Toyoko!
Above: "A white chinaware ornament of cat and artificial flowers."

Below: A sample of the weekly paintings Toyoko posts on her Facebook page.

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!
Saudi Arabia National Day Celebration

As part of their Global Events series, the University Center for International Education (UCIE) hosted Saudi Arabia National Day on Thursday, September 23. We enjoyed catching up with former LEAP students now in the university, listening to a presentation about Saudi Arabia, watching traditional dancing, and drinking Arabic coffee and sampling some wonderful sweets made by the students. Nasser, Hussam, Mashuj, Maryam, Meead, Nada, Hassan and Bassim - it was great seeing you!

Seen on Campus

LEAP graduates Maryam Albishi (17’) from Saudi Arabia and Yijing Zhang (19’) from China both hold student worker positions at the University Center for International Education. Maryam is a Social Work undergraduate student and Yijing is a graduate student in the MA TESOL program. "We love helping other international students on their journeys at WSU. Working with the UCIE has helped us to connect with others and we enjoy providing as much help to the students as we can. An added bonus of the job is that we get to meet people from all over the world and learn about their cultures."
Global UGRAD students add diversity to WSU

Since Fall Semester 2014, LEAP has hosted 12 exchange students from the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program, a U.S. Department of State sponsored program.

Meet LEAP’s Fall 2021 Global UGRAD student!
This semester, Seoha Lee from Seoul, South Korea, is our Global UGRAD student. She is taking two LEAP Level 4 courses and Criminal Justice Systems in the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA). Seoha is a senior at Yonsei University, a private research university in Seoul and one of the three most prestigious universities in South Korea. A Biochemical Engineering major, Seoha is planning on going to law school after graduation. She has a passion for solving problems and helping people. After completing law school, she would like to work with refugees from North Korea. She says, "our laws are very different. I'd like to help North Korean refugees understand our legal system and adjust to South Korean life."

Seoha enjoys exploring Ohio with her WSU friend Kaylee, who is the President of WSU's Korean Club.

Catching up with former Global UGRADS
Francisco (Nicaragua), Purity (Kenya), Vlad (Ukraine) and Hsan (Myanmar) spent the 2019/2020 school year at Wright State University

It's been two years since Francisco, Purity, Vlad and Hsan first came to Wright State. All spent Fall 2019 in LEAP, then enrolled in academic courses Spring 2020. We recently caught up with the four to see what they've been up to since returning home.

**Vlad (Ukraine)** "I began my master's degree studies in public policy and governance at Kyiv School of Economics this fall. I continue to work for the NGO "Internews" in Ukraine. We turn 25 this year! Oh, and I have plans to start my own NGO. Stay tuned!"

**Hsan (Myanmar)** "Right now, I am working and studying to finish my bachelor's degree. I plan on continuing my architecture studies in the US."

**Purity (Kenya)** "I am completing my bachelor's degree and will graduate in February, 2022. I am also studying an online degree in business administration through a school in Colorado and taking various certificate courses in English media, literacy, teaching English in the 21 century and TESOL. Additionally, I'm working a part-time job in a Christian NGO helping kids know the gospel and reduce illiteracy level through education."

**Francisco (Nicaragua)** "I am about to finish my bachelor's degree in TEFL. I got my dream job; teaching in the program that I started learning English with, Access Program Nicaragua, a US State Department sponsored program. I just finished my first year working for them. I am also teaching at the only authorized Binational English Center in Nicaragua - Centro Cultural Nicaraguense Norteamericano and I received another US State Department scholarship that's virtual, "Developing Digital Citizenship."
Click to read "Exchange students experience American college life through LEAP Program" by the Wright State Newsroom.

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Fall Semester 2021 Office Hours:

The LEAP office is located in 106 Allyn Hall. We are open for in-person visits Mondays - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment on Fridays. You can always reach us via email: leapadmissions@wright.edu