



LLC Parents

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*"To bring a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while."
-unknown*

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*"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others"
- J. Welch*

Fall Leadership Retreat

The 2011-12 LLC Fall Leadership Retreat was a great success. 43 out of the 54 LLC members attended this year's retreat. The week long retreat started on August 14th with members moving into Sandison Hall.

Each day of the retreat offered members an opportunity to: learn more about the LLC, meet other LLC members, have fun and start planning for the academic year. Some of the sessions offered were: civility, community standards, communication, meeting etiquette, LLC expectations, time management, academic expectations, and an introduction to the LLC Community Partner Project.

The following returning members did an outstanding job presenting sessions: Chase Dudine, Bethany Shaw, Jessica Rodriguez, Sergio Anguiano, Jimmy Reed, Beth Cripe, Sharon Johnson and Curtis McGuire.

One whole day of the retreat was spent at the ISU Field Campus where members enjoyed a variety of teambuilding exercises and fun activities.

Members had an opportunity to start giving back to the community by doing a couple of half day community service projects and helping other students with move-in. Members also had fun at the nightly social activities planned by the LLC staff.



FAMILY DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

Program Coordinated by Union Board and Family Services with assistance from the Parent and Families Initiative.

There is a full schedule of events for the whole family. Come visit your student, have brunch, see the football games, attend a parent session, play Bingo and much more. For full details go to: <http://www.indstate.edu/parents/family-day.htm>

Community Partner Projects:



Sandison Hall

THE LEADERSHIP LEARNING COMMUNITY

LLC members have been divided into groups (which are affectionately called Pods) and each Pod collaborates with a different non-profit organization in the Terre Haute community to complete major project during the academic year. The Pods consist of a second or third year LLC member who leads the group, returning members with experience and new members all working as a team to complete their selected project. Each POD has a different colored LLC t-shirt. Currently the PODs are working with their community partners to select a project for this year.

All of these organizations are crucial for the Terre Haute community, and we consider it an honor to assist in any way that we can. This year's community partners are:

Terre Haute Children's Museum: This museum is dedicated to enriching children's lives through the exploration of science and technology.

Big Brothers & Big Sisters: This organization provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-on-one relationships by providing mentors for children.

Humane Society: This organization is the nation's largest animal protection organization, and currently there is an animal shelter in the Terre Haute area.

Habitat for Humanity: The goal is to provide affordable housing for low-income families. Community groups and others have joined together to successfully tackle a significant social problem – decent housing for all.

Ryves Hall: This center acts as a second home for many children who are in poverty or may be in "at-risk" home situations. The center provides after-school activities and provides meals for kids who need a place to stay.

Wabash Valley Red Cross: This organization provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Lighthouse Mission: This organization serves the needy in the Wabash Valley by providing aid, assistance and care for homeless individuals.



Having Fun Doing Community Service

During the LLC Fall Leadership Retreat the members spent one morning at Catholic Charities. Members: helped unload and sort items that had been donated, they did yard work, cleaning, worked with the children in the pre-school, helped recycle old computer equipment, helped in the food pantry and assisted with the preparation of the day's lunch for those in need. The members were very helpful, gracious and show great spirit.



The following afternoon the member rode the Terre Haute bus system to the Humane Shelter. There they unloaded, washed, assembled and inventoried hundreds of pet carriers. These carrier are used on a weekly bases to transport animals to other shelters and new homes. The members worked very hard to see that the total project was completed in the allotted time. Members were divided into different groups: transporting cages from storage, emptying a house where cages were stored, scrubbing the cages, drying cages, matching parts, assembling cages, inventorying cages, making a list of needed parts and finally storing all of the completed cages. As up can see in the pictures below the members worked hard, but had a lot of fun. One rule of this project was that they could not bring any of the animals back to campus with them.



LLC members also gave back to their ISU community. They helped fellow students move into the halls on opening weekend. They participated in Sycamore Carnival (ISU picnic) by dancing, playing carnival games and they donated pre-school supplies for Ryves Hall. Ryves Hall is a Community Partner of the LLC and has a new partnership with ISU.



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“If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”

-John Quincy Adams

LLC PARENT/GUARDIAN NETWORKING

Thank you for your interest in being a part of the LLC Parent/Guardian Network. This is something new this year. Our hope is that you network with other parents/guardians who have students in the Leadership Learning Community (LLC). Since some of the parents did not indicate an email address, we selected to snail mail this newsletter and contact information. We ask that you please keep us updated if your contact information changes.

Being that this is the 1st year for this network, we would like to hear from you. We are open for suggestions on how to improve the LLC program, how to recruit the best LLC members, how to get more parents interested in being a part of this network, whether it would be helpful to setup a link for parents on our LLC website, start an LLC Facebook page or do more LLC Parent newsletters. Let us know by email or send us a letter at: Residential Life Office, Attn: LLC, Terre Haute, IN 47809

LLC Staff

Leadership Peer Advocate. LPAs are student staff members who have been active members of the LLC for at least 2 semesters. LPAs which live on the LLC floors serve as a resource for members, they help plan LLC events, help answer question about LLC or the University and to help build community among the LLC members. The LPAs also help coordinate all LLC community service events and assist with LLC meetings. The LPAs for 2011 – 12 are Jessica Rodriguez and Chase Dudine.

Jonny Grenier is the Assistant Hall Director (AHD) that is working with the LLC. Jonny lives in Sandison Hall and his office is on the 1st floor. Jonny splits his time between being: a graduate student, responsible for the day-to-day functions of the LLC and part of the Sandison Hall staff. Jonny comes to us from Assumption College in Worcester, MA, where he was very involved with student leadership.

Need LLC information or help?

Visit the website at: www.indstate.edu/rllc to learn more about the LLC and see more pictures.

For roommate concerns, room changes, day-to-day things please contact:

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Sandison Hall concerns (non-LLC related) please contact:

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