Welcome to our Quarterly Newsletter!

This is our first venture into a newsletter to keep students, faculty and administration aware of the activities Learning Communities are planning and participating in. We have numerous partners across campus and would not be able to be as successful as we are without the collaboration we have on campus. Residence Life is one of the partners we rely on to make sure our students have a great experience in their living quarters. We have complex directors that work hard to plan activities with our coordinators (Thank you Kevan Hayden, Brandon Blakely, Heather Long, Sh’Nita Mitchell, and Lindsay Gustin). Thank you as well to our wonderful Resident Assistants who keep our students engaged outside of the classroom, and additionally to our Peer Mentors, who play a critical role in and outside the classroom. This year, we have over 600 students participating in Learning Communities, and we know our programs would not be successful without the help of many of the professionals and students on our campus. Thank you for everything you have done thus far, and we look forward to a great year!!

Faculty Spotlight-Jeff Vanevenhoven

Dr. Jeff Vanevenhoven is an Associate Professor in the department of Management. He is the coordinator of the entrepreneurship major at UW-Whitewater, and one of our newest Learning Community coordinators this year.

Venture Hawks is a group intended for students interested in majoring in Entrepreneurship. This group of 23 students has been working hard on learning more about entrepreneurship in their first semester at UW-Whitewater. Venture Hawks is currently taking three classes as a group, one of them being Communication 110 with William Lowell.

William Lowell and Dr. Vanevenhoven have worked together on the speeches the students are required to do in order to match the theme of the Learning Community while challenging the students. Jeff just recently returned from Washington D.C., where he took part in the International Council for Small Business-George Washington University Global Entrepreneurship Research and Policy Conference.

Dr. Vanevenhoven and his peer mentor, Mitch Rankin, have been working together on multiple events for Venture Hawks this fall, including participation in the elevator pitch contest, where one student placed 3rd and was able to win $100!
LC Events So Far...

Beaux Arts- Trip to Madison- Madison Symphony, Trip to Chicago-Art Institute of Chicago.
Becoming a World Class Teacher- LC movie night in Knilans.
Together We Teach- T-shirt Tie Dying, TWeT Reunion and Pool Party, LC movie night in Knilans.
Helahawks- Team Building, Trip to Chicago- Shedd Aquarium.
Double Helix- Trip to Chicago-Shedd Aquarium.
By the Numbers- Trip to Milwaukee-Palermo’s and Deloitte.
Making the Grade- LC movie night in Knilans.
Live&Learn- LC movie night in Knilans.
Everybody’s Business- Trip to Chicago-Federal Reserve.

Calculated Careers- Bingo Night, Pizza Dinner & “Sweet Honey”, Football Game, trip to Milwaukee- Palermo’s and Deloitte.
Future Teachers Program- Trip to Chicago-Shedd Aquarium.
Green Business- Trip to Chicago-Federal Reserve.
King Chavez- “Sweet Honey”, Football Game, Meet & Greet/Orientation.
Leaders in Action- T-shirt Tie Dye, Miracle-Lessons on teambuilding.
Critical Point- Movie night “Magnolia”, Presidential Town Hall Debate.
Sports & Wellness- Dinner & “Sweet Honey”, Run for Trey, Wheelchair Basketball.
Compass to Careers- T-shirt Tie-Dye, trip to the Field Museum in Chicago.

Double Coverage- Bowling, t-shirt tie-dye.
Hearts in Action- Birthday Bash & Games, trip to Milwaukee-volunteer event, Gilda’s run in Madison.
Conscious Capitalists- Pizza/Study Night.
Stars of Tomorrow: Trip to Chicago-including visiting a radio and television stations, Presidential Town Hall Debate.
Legal Eagles- Trip to the Federal Courthouse in Chicago, Meeting with Officer Steve Hanekamp.
Pathway- Pathway orientation, Trip to Chicago-Shedd Aquarium.

Third Annual LC BBQ- Kickball event- Friday, September 14th.

KUDOS!

We are proud of our students for so many reasons, and we want to take the opportunity to congratulate students in our newsletter!

Congratulations to Touly Vang, a freshman from Greenfield, WI and a member of Venture.

Hawks, for winning third place in the UW-Whitewater elevator pitch contest! Touly’s pitch earned him an invite to the National Elevator Pitch Competition on November 1-3 in Chicago, IL.

Congratulations Touly!

In addition, other students who will be traveling to the National Competition were members of Learning Communities in the past.

Congratulations to former Everybody’s Business student, Greg Heal for his invite as well!

Numbers and Figures

Total students in LCs this Year: 651

College of Arts and Communication-69
College of Business and Economics- 158
College of Education and Professional Studies- 103
College of Letters and Science- 79
No College Affiliation- 242