

FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE NEWSLETTER

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What is this paper I've just been handed? This newsletter is planned to be a monthly vehicle to communicate concerns regarding the First Seminar/Learning Communities pilot-test and any other issues pertaining to first-year programming. It is produced by the Gen Ed and First-Year Experience offices under the initial supervision of Fred Foster-Clark and Linda McDowell. Kris Vitucci, the new half-time GA for Gen Ed and First-Year programs, will be in charge of production. After this first issue, it will be circulated by email (unless other arrangements are made).

Please consider submitting materials for inclusion in future issues or give us ideas for articles that we can pursue. If you have a question or concern about some aspect of pedagogy for example (like, what are effective ways to help students understand the purpose of a liberal arts education?), feel free to submit it to one of us and we will post the question to others and print answers/suggestions in the next issue of the newsletter. Important upcoming events will also be noted in each issue. The current issue has a semester long calendar to help you plan your course and to help you stay aware of opportunities your students might want to know about.

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FYE Schedule

Date	Event	Time	Location	Description
Friday 9/1/2006	Last day to drop a course	By 4:30pm	Registrar's Office	Last day to drop a course without a grade. Signed drop/add card must be in the Registrar's Office by 4:30pm at the latest.
Tuesday 9/5/2006	Organization Outbreak	7-10pm	MPR, SMC	Learn about the student clubs and organizations at MU.
Wednesday 9/6/2006	Last day to add a course	By 4:30pm	Registrar's Office	Last day to add a course. Signed drop/add card must be in the Registrar's Office by 4:30pm.
Saturday 9/9/2006	Day of Caring	8:00am-1:30pm	MPR, SMC	Participate as part of MU's contingent to the United Way's Day of Caring doing community service through a variety of local agencies and organizations.
Wednesday 9/13/2006	LibraryFest	10am-4pm	Ganser Library	Join us for the 3rd Annual LibraryFest celebration. Participate in the LibraryFest Passport to Prizes, enjoy good music, sample great food, and express your creativity. Have fun while discovering the exciting resources available through Ganser Library!
Thursday 9/14/2006	Into the Streets Informational meeting	Anytime from 5:30-7pm	SMC Room 43.	Various campus groups and organizations come together to volunteer their time in Lancaster City for the day. Transportation, breakfast refreshments are provided. Into the Streets t-shirt are also given out. Event to be held on 10/7/2006 from 10am-4pm.

Thursday 9/14/2006	The State of Latinos in Pennsylvania & Kick-off to Latino Heritage Month	7pm	Lehr Hall	Mr. Norman Bristol-Colon was appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell as Executive Director of the Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, the Commonwealths advocate agency for its Latino residents. Bristol-Colon is the youngest Executive Director in the 35-year history of the Commission, appointed at age 27, and will present on the state of Latinos in Pennsylvania. This program will kick-off Millersville University's Latino Celebration Events and Latino Heritage Month for the 2006-07 academic year.
Friday 9/15/2006	FYE/LC Brown Bag	11:30am-1pm	Adams House	Center for Academic Excellence sponsored opportunity for informal faculty development and discussion. Topic TBA
Friday 9/15/2006	African American Studies, Latin@Studies and Women Studies Open House	10 am- 5 pm	Somerset House	The African American Studies, Latin@Studies and Women Studies Minors are sponsoring an open house to acquaint faculty, staff and students with the programs.
Fri – Sun 9/15/2006-9/17/2006	Getaway Weekend	5pm 9/15/2006-5pm 9/17/2006	Off campus	Since 1995, new students have journeyed to a campground in central PA to participate in a relationship building, leadership development experience led by upperclassman. Getaway Weekend is a relaxing; fun adventure that helps new students fit in at Millersville and develop confidence. Many surprise themselves and become student leaders.
Monday 9/18/06	Constitution Day Activities	All day	MPR, SMC	
Mon – Fri 9/18-22	Voter Registration			
Monday 9/25/2006	Voting Rights Seminar	7pm	Lehr Dining Room, Bolger Conference Center.	The Honorable, Pedro A. Cortés, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Department of State appointed by Governor Edward G. Rendell, making him the first confirmed Latino Cabinet member in Pennsylvania history. Secretary Cortés will address the Voting Rights Act of 1964, the aspects of the Constitution that prohibit U.S. citizens in our territories from voting, the ramifications for the Latino community and other citizens of the Commonwealth.
Wednesday 9/27/2006	Anxiety Screening Day	11 am- 1pm	MU Counseling Center, Lyle Hall	Anxiety Screening Day is an opportunity for MU students to have a free screening for anxiety disorders. Participants will view a video, take an anxiety disorders screening test, have a confidential meeting with a mental health professional and receive educational materials. Further help is available for those dealing with serious anxiety.
Fri - Sun 9/29-10/1/2006	Getaway Weekend	5pm 9/29/2006-5pm 10/1/2006	Off campus	The cost is \$20 but \$5 will be returned to you on the bus trip to the camp. Sign up at the Activities Fair during Orientation sessions or at Organizational Outbreak. The bus leaves Friday at 5 pm and will return to campus by 5 pm on Sunday.
Saturday 10/7/2006	Into the Streets	10 am – 4pm.	Off Campus	Various campus groups and organizations come together to volunteer their time in Lancaster City for the day. Transportation, breakfast refreshments are provided. Into the Streets t-shirt are also given out. If you are interested in joining for the day, please come to the informational meeting on Sept 14th anytime from 5:30-7pm in SMC room 43.
Thursday 10/12/2006	FYE/LC Brown Bag	3:30-4:30pm	Adams House	Center for Academic Excellence sponsored opportunity for informal faculty development and discussion. Topic TBA
Mon - Tue 10/16-17/2006	Fall Recess	N/A	N/A	Fall recess
Wednesday	WI/SP07 undergraduate	N/A	On campus	WI/SP07 undergraduate registration materials available

10/18/2006	registration materials available			
Wednesday 10/25/2006	WI07 registration begins for all eligible students	Unspecified	N/A	Winter 07 registration begins for all eligible students
Thursday 10/26/2006	Cultural Showcase	6-8:30pm	MPR, Student Memorial Center (SMC)	This event is highlighted by foods, a fashion show and dancing from around the world. All performances are done by MU students, staff, faculty and alumni.
Sat – Sun 10/28-29/2006	Homecoming		On campus	Homecoming
Thursday 11/2/2006	Internship Fair	11am-1:30pm	MPR, Student Memorial Center	The Internship Fair provides students with the opportunity to meet employers that offer internships/co-ops to Millersville Students! Students earn credits and experience in their chosen field before they graduate. All majors will be represented. Students attending will receive a coupon for a free lunch at the Galley!
Thursday 11/2/2006	Millersville University's 22nd Annual Brossman Science Lecture	7pm	Lyte Auditorium	Get Rich and Save the World: Energy, Environment and Innovation. Dr. Richard B. Alley, Professor of Geosciences and Associate of the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at the Pennsylvania State Univ
Friday 11/3/2006	FYE/LC Brown Bag	11:30am-1pm	Adams House	Center for Academic Excellence sponsored opportunity for informal faculty development and discussion. Topic TBA
Saturday 11/4/2006	Family Weekend		On campus	November 3-4 is MU Family Weekend. Sponsored by Student Programs
Saturday 11/4/2006	41st Annual In-Service Foreign Language Conference	8:30am-4:30pm	Myers Auditorium, McComsey Hall	Each fall, the department of foreign languages at MU holds an annual conference, centering around a world language teaching theme. The conference features a variety of high-quality world language teaching presentations, plus a keynote speaker and social events. Attendees can view the latest products from a variety of vendors in the Exhibitors Hall, plus network with language teachers from all over the state.
Tuesday 11/7/2006	Immunization Clinic	1-7pm	MPR, Student Memorial Center	Maxim Health will be on campus administering Meningitis Vaccine (\$125), Pneumonia Vaccine (\$40) and Flu Shots (\$25).
Thu 11/9 - Fri 11/17/2006	WI/SP07 undergraduate registration begins	6am	N/A	WI/SP07 undergraduate registration begins
Monday 11/13/2006	Empty Bowls Bowl-A-Rama	5-8pm	MPR, Student Memorial Center	This annual fundraiser allows students and community members to come out and make a ceramic bowl; which will then be fired and glazed and given out in the Empty Bowls annual dinner in the spring. This event is a reminder that homelessness and hunger are rampant in our country and throughout the world.
Thursday 11/16/2006	FYE/LC Brown Bag	3:30-4:30pm	Adams House	Center for Academic Excellence sponsored opportunity for informal faculty development and discussion. Topic TBA
Wed - Fri 11/22-24/2006	Thanksgiving recess	N/A	N/A	Thanksgiving recess
Friday 12/1/2006	FYE/LC Brown Bag	11:30am-1pm	Adams House	Center for Academic Excellence sponsored opportunity for informal faculty development and discussion. Topic TBA
Tuesday 12/12-Saturday 12/16/2006	Finals/Evaluation period.	Unspecified	Unspecified	Finals/Evaluation period. Special class schedule. Classes will meet during this period for regular instruction or for examinations.
Sunday 12/17/2006	Commencement	2pm	TBA	Commencement