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PEER EDUCATION NETWORK

The official newsletter about Peer Education at the University of Cincinnati



PEN Dining Etiquette Dinner 2.25.19

"Participating in the Etiquette Dinner was an amazing experience and I think many people could benefit from attending"-Student who attended the event

SPRING 2019 IN REVIEW

- In February, the Peer Education Network (PEN) and Alpha Lambda Delta co-hosted an etiquette dinner for all Peer Educators on campus. This unique professional development opportunity allowed students to learn proper dining etiquette in a professional setting. Florine Postell, from UC Conference and Events Services, hosted the event.

- In April, PEN hosted a round table about best practices in peer education. Topics included peer educator recruitment, training, and evaluation. In addition, a student panel comprised of current peer educators presented on how they have been impacted professionally and personally by their jobs.

- Two new professionals have joined the PEN Steering Committee for the 2019-2020 school year. Shannon Campbell-Miller from the Office of Experienced Based Learning & Career Education and Adrienne Mullanax from the Learning Commons.

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PEN OFFICES

- Bearcats Bound Orientation, BBO
- Experience-Based Learning & Career Education, ELCE
- Learning Commons
- Linder College of Business, LCB
- Residence Education and Development, RED
- Student Wellness Center, SWC
- University Honors Program, UHP

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Annual Report 2018-2019

Lindner College of Business

PACE leaders facilitated (3) high impact practices in LEADERSHIP, MENTORSHIP, AND SERVICE LEARNING.

"Being a Peer Educator (PE) for two years of my undergraduate time at UC was a completely invaluable experience. As a PE in the Student Wellness Center, I was able to develop my leadership and speaking skills, interact with diverse groups of students on campus in a positive way, and establish great relationships with coworkers and staff. I know I will carry the skills I have developed in this role throughout my next step inmedical school and into my role as a physician."
- Zara Ahmed

100% of Student Wellness Center Peer Educators felt responsible for helping improve the campus community.



7
PEN offices

23
Total # of Professional Staff Supervisors

1,031 Peer Educators across all PEN offices
(530 non-unique and 501 unique)

142,588
(excluding Orientation)
Cumulative Hours of Programing Across PEN Offices

Resident Education & Development's RA staff has had a GPA of 3.743, with 18 staff members maintaining a 4.0.

Learning Commons served

67.8%

of the **first-year** college student cohort.

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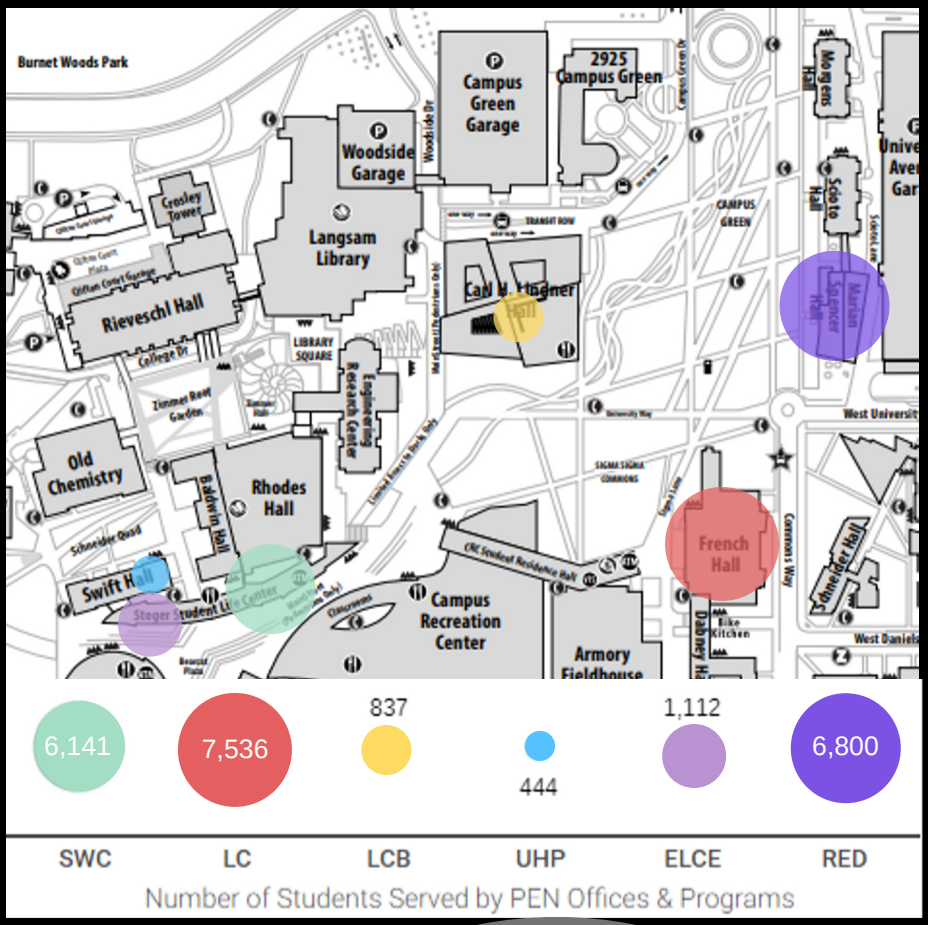
"Serving as a Peer Career Coach has been a really rewarding experience that has allowed me to make a positive impact on other students who are looking for a career."
-Michael Santangelo



100% of University Honors Program students have a Gateway Peer Leader during their first year.



Over 1,100 one-on-one walk-in appointments were completed by Experience-Based Learning and Career Education Peer Career Coaches that represented all academic years, 10 UC colleges, and a full range of degree levels.



"I have been a PACE Leader for five semesters now and have never encountered a group dynamic like mine in Spring 2019. I feel like I am even more open and receptive to others and their individual needs as well as their expectations of me. I was reminded that leadership takes on different forms in different situations. These students were able to challenge me and allow me to grow as a leader and a person."
-Julia Heylo

TWO BIG MOVES FOR PEN OFFICES!

The Learning Commons and Lindner College of Business have moved!

The services previously offered in French Hall West will be offered in 2925 Campus Green Drive beginning Fall 2019. Peer Tutoring, Academic Coaching, and the Math and Science Support Center will be located in Suite 10 as well as our helpful front desk staff. Many Learning Community meetings, Supplemental Review Sessions, and Supplemental Instruction sessions will be found in classrooms on the 200-level. The Academic Writing Center will remain in Langsam Library 401N. Students can continue to make appointments via our TutorTrac system https://lacscheduling.uc.edu/TracWeb40/Default.html or visit the Learning Commons website for information on our other programs https://www.uc.edu/learningcommons.html. The Learning Commons front desk can be reached at learningcommons@uc.edu or 513-556-3244 with any questions.



The new Carl H. Lindner College of Business

> *"The additional space lends itself to more collaboration and has a professional vibe, something that students are excited about using."*

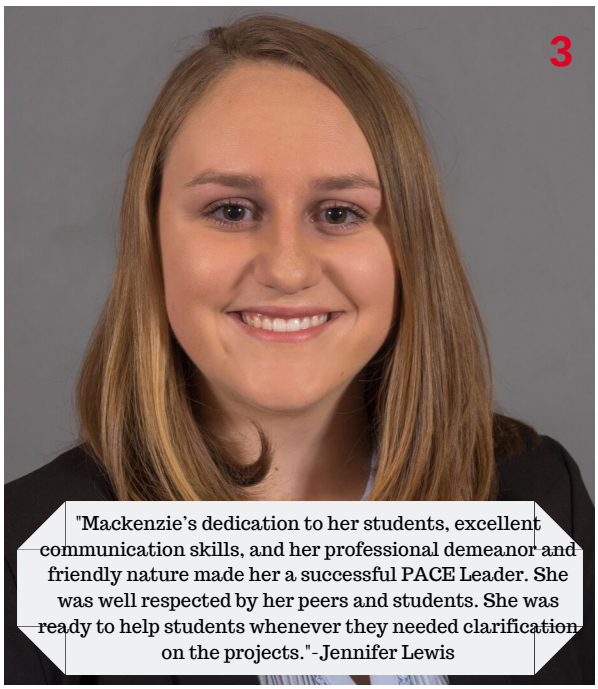
This fall the Carl H. Lindner College of Business celebrated the grand opening of a new state-of-the-art building that promises to firmly position Lindner as one of the best business schools in the nation. With the opening of the new building, PACE Leaders will also have a new home for their work. PACE Leaders are upperclassmen who serve as teaching assistants and mentors to first year business students. PACE stands for Professionalism, Academics, Character, and Engagement. PACE Leaders are able to utilize team rooms to meet with their Learning Communities and help them traverse the Lindner Fast Track and have one-to-one meetings. The additional space lends itself to more collaboration and has a professional vibe, something that students are excited about using.

Peer Educator Spotlights

Spring '19







Throughout the school year Peer Educators are nominated by their supervisors to be "spotlighted" for the phenomenal work they do within their roles, among their peers, and in the UC community.

1. **Erin Sanderson**, Learning Commons Tutor, nominated by Rebecca Elliott
2. **Ainna Pineda**, SWC Peer Educator, nominated by Lori Bishop-Ley
3. **Mackenzie Metzinger**, PACE Leader, nominated by Jennifer Lewis

Fall 2019 Events

Peer Educator Application Openings

The Learning Commons Student Staff application for Spring 2020 will open on September 23rd. For more information check out the Learning Commons website at uc.edu/learningcommons/jobs.html or contact Adrienne Mullanax at mullanan@ucmail.uc.edu.

The Lindner College of Business PACE Leader application will open on September 23rd. For more information contact Jennifer Lewis at jennifer.lewis@uc.edu.

Equity and Inclusion in On-Campus Employment Kick-Off Event! 9/26, 11:30-1:30pm, light lunch provided

Come learn about on-campus student employment at the University of Cincinnati! We will discuss current initiatives as well as research. Participants will have time to workshop and improve their recruitment, interviewing, and hiring materials to make their practices more equitable and inclusive. RSVP here: https://www.uc.edu/pen/news-events.html

Supporting the Mental Health of your Student Employees. 10/24, 2:00-3:30pm, snacks provided

On-campus supervisors will learn about current trends in the mental health of colleges students, how to identify and support students in distress, and how to balance supervision and support. Presented by CAPS. RSVP here: https://www.uc.edu/pen/news-events.html

PEN Homecoming Tailgate, 11/9, Time TBD

Join current Peer Educators and PE alumni as we celebrate another Homecoming with food and friendship!

Want more information about PEN?
Interested in starting a Peer Education program?
Looking to improve your Peer Education program?

Go to uc.edu/pen or email pen@uc.edu