



The First Year Experience Community Update

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Cornerstone Faculty Feature



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Teaching the linked Biology lecture, lab, and Cornerstone classes was a great experience. I was really able to get to know my students and help them with study skills specific to being successful in my Biology lecture and lab. All of the Cornerstone outcomes were customized to help my students succeed in Biology and in their future career related coursework.

I really enjoy getting to know more about my students, their hopes, their fears, their strengths and weaknesses, and to guide them in ways that will facilitate their academic success and improve the quality of their life.

I really wanted to help my true first-year students gain the skills they need to succeed in challenging college courses. Many of them arrive under prepared for college and end up dropping their courses during their first year.

It gave me a renewed perspective on the many challenges faced by many of my students and motivated me to find new ways to help them be successful. I am lucky to have such wonderful students, and I come to work each day to help them reach their goals.



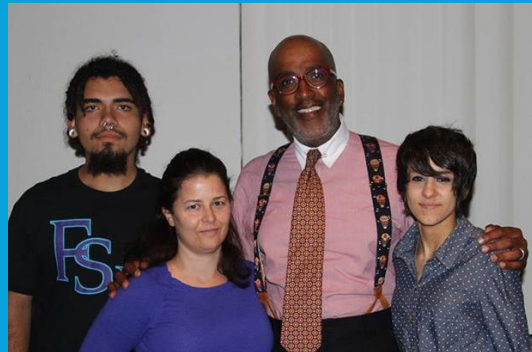
President Allbritten with Professor Ottman's linked Cornerstone Experience and Biology class.



Critical Thinking in Careers Lecture Series

The Critical Thinking in Careers Lecture Series continues to be a tremendous success!

Below, are several of our featured speakers from the month of February interacting with Cornerstone Experience students after their exceptional presentations.



Claude Weir



Michelle Fanslau



Don Abbott

Life Lessons From: A Motown Group; A Dutch Reformer; A British Prime Minister and A Boy From Brooklyn

Critical Thinking in Business

How great could you be, if you were not in your own way?

We look forward to our March speakers listed below.

Who are you?

March 12th at 1:00pm Dr. Mary Myers, March 12th at 6:00pm Jessica Dimmock, March 18th at 1:00pm Dr. Joseph vanGalen, March 23rd at 1:00pm Dr. Phillip Wiseley, March 31st at 1:00pm Wayne Smith

[Click here for a complete listing of our Spring Critical Thinking in Careers Lectures.](#)



Edison Festival Of Lights Parade

The Office of Student Life invited students to ride the FSW float in the Edison Festival of Lights Parade. Former Cornerstone students, Peer Architects, and SLS faculty joined the team to represent FSW.



Service Saturday with Habitat For Humanity

On Saturday February 28, 2015, FSW students and faculty volunteered 64 hours with Habitat For Humanity in Collier County. The FSW volunteers worked on five different houses and completed many jobs including installing vinyl siding and soffits, painting, and caulking, affixing plywood on the roof, as well as building and raising walls.



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