



The First Year Experience Community Update

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Cornerstone Faculty Feature



What do you enjoy most about teaching the Cornerstone Experience course?

I enjoy meeting the students and getting to know them. It is so great to watch them gain confidence in their ability to navigate college life.

Why did you choose to teach SLS 1515?

I think this is a great class for students who are new to college. I've been teaching for nearly twenty years and have experience as a college administrator, so feel I have much to offer. I can discuss issues with students from both perspectives.

How did the course change you?

It has made me look at our college with fresh eyes. I realize how important it is to make sure my students have the best information available to them. We are guiding the people who are our future leaders.

Dr. Mary Myers

Professor of
Cornerstone Experience

Veterans serving first-year students at FSW

We are thankful to all veterans who have served our country. We are proud to recognize several veterans who support first-year students in their roles as instructors of the Cornerstone Experience course and Peer Architects in the Office of First Year Experience. Thanks for your service to our country and your continued work here at FSW.



Professor Harvey
US Army



Professor Maguire
US Army



Peer Architect
Richard Brown
US Air Force



Peer Architect
James Peacock
US Navy



Peer Architect
Kyle Poorman
US Marines



Sweet Success: Making Your Passion Your Profession with Mr. Norman Love

Student Participant Survey Data

92.62% of surveyed student participants “strongly agree” or “agree” that the speaker(s) were interesting and understandable.

89.00% of surveyed student participants “strongly agreed” or “agreed” that the topic was interesting and informative.

N=691

Student Testimonials

“I enjoyed Mr. Love’s presentation, it’s the classic American success story and is incredibly inspirational.”

“Dr. Sal showed how nutrition and food affects our daily lives in various ways most people never expect.”

“I liked Dr. Allbritten’s honest and engaging presentation as well as his pride for FSW, Go Bucs!”



Food is Medicine with Dr. Sal Lacagnina of Lee Health



Critical Thinking in Higher Education with Dr. Jeff Allbritten

F Y E Programming



This fall, the Office of First Year Experience will host **383** academic workshops helping students build competencies in areas such as learning skills and techniques, academic technology, transition knowledge and skills, and key cognitive strategies. During September and October **3,514** students benefitted from the workshops and **95.35%** of surveyed student participants “strongly agree” or “agree” that the session increased their knowledge of the topic. (N=1,936) *data as of 10/31/2016

Prezi Workshop, Charlotte Campus



Student Testimonials

“Very informative, the information is helpful for all of my classes.”
 – Prezi Workshop

“This workshop was an eye-opener, just amazing. The presentation was concise and easy to follow. It was a great experience, I would definitely do it again!” - Truth-Seeking

“It was a great session, both informative, and fun. I enjoy learning about the different note-taking formats and the importance of planning to prepare for quizzes and tests.” –Effective Note-Taking



Truth-Seeking, Lee Campus



College Knowledge Collier Campus



Effective Note-Taking, Hendry/Glades



Learn about Plagiarism, Lee Campus

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