



The First Year Experience Community Update

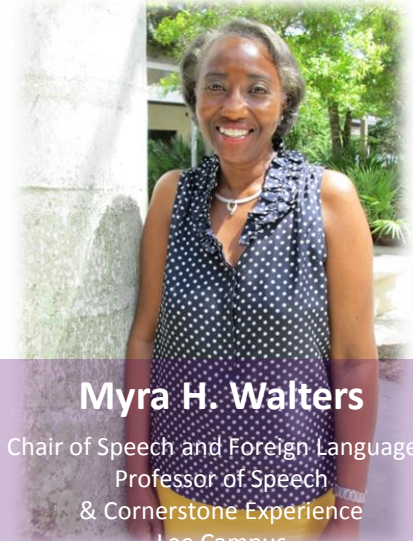
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What do you enjoy most about teaching the Cornerstone Experience course?

This course gives me the opportunity to share some wisdom about life that isn't always relevant within the courses I normally teach at the college.

Why did you choose to teach the SLS 1515 course?

I choose to teach this course because it helps me stay connected with our student population. Over time, memory can often play tricks on us. We sometimes forget the challenges that we faced as a first-time-in-college student, or our memory of that experience is a lot different than it actually was. Having the experience of teaching this course keeps me grounded in reality.



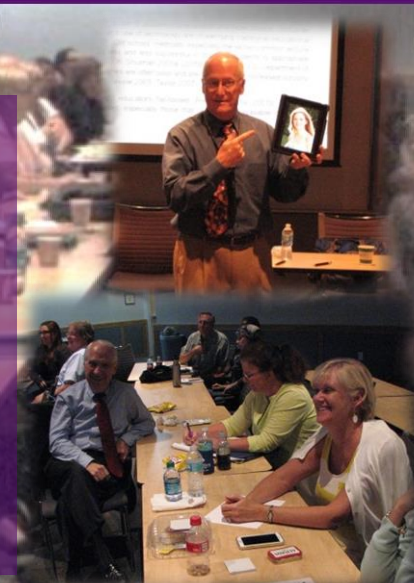
Myra H. Walters

Chair of Speech and Foreign Languages,
Professor of Speech
& Cornerstone Experience
Lee Campus

Cornerstone Institute, Summer 2014

The 2014 Cornerstone Summer Training Institute was a success. Over the course of two days, over 110 faculty and staff participated in one or more of the workshops. Keynote speakers included Dr. Mark Taylor, an award winning speaker who is recognized internationally as an educator, expert and consultant and Kevin C. Clarke, Program Coordinator for Faculty Development and Assessment with University 101 Programs at the University of South Carolina.

Professors Myra Walters and Rebecca Harris attended the 34th International Conference on Critical Thinking and Educational Reform this summer. Professor Walters presented a session entitled "Promoting Critical Thinking in the Public Speaking Course" at the conference. Both professors will host a series of Critical Thinking workshops this fall in the Teaching Learning Center.



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First Year Experience



Fall 2014 marks “year three” of our QEP implementation timeframe. Beginning this fall and going forward, all first-time-in-college (FTIC) students are required to successfully complete the course. We are excited about the positive impact the Cornerstone Experience course and FYE program have already had on student success and look forward to providing every first-year student support in achieving their academic and career goals.

Fall 2014 by the numbers

108

Class sections of the Cornerstone Experience course

50

Instructors teaching SLS 1515

2512

Students enrolled

6

New honors SLS 1515 classes featuring, five special interest topics.

** Statistics as of 8/28/14*

We would like to welcome faculty, staff, and administrations into new roles.



Thomas Carr
Coordinator, NSP
Charlotte Campus



Dr. Kathy Clark
Associate Dean
Academic Success



Dr. Duke DiPofi
Professor
Hendry Glades Center



Aaron Haack
Director, NSP
Lee Campus



Heather Olson
Professor
Lee Campus



Whitney Rhyne
Professor
Collier Campus



Mary Ellen Schultz
Professor
Lee Campus