

Looking Forward to Year Three



The First Year Experience Community Update

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In 2008, faculty, staff, and administrators began a self-study process leading to the development and implementation of a first-year course and program. It is difficult to believe that we are now completing our second year of full implementation.



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The Cornerstone Experience and First Year Experience programs have enhanced student success, persistence, and satisfaction in measurable ways. The success is a credit to many faculty and staff across all of Edison State College's campuses and departments.

Beginning fall 2014, all FTIC degree-seeking students will be required to successfully complete SLS 1515: Cornerstone Experience. To learn more about how to contribute to the Cornerstone Experience and First Year Experience programs, please contact us at cornerstone@edison.edu.

Thanks for all you do to support the College's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Two years ago I was part of the team of faculty who piloted the SLS 1515 Cornerstone course. I'm not going to lie to you...it was a demanding task and somewhat out of my comfort zone—teaching out of my discipline, teaching a class that others had developed, adapting to a new textbook, committing to more grading than I was used to, etc. Have I enticed you to teach it yet? Since the pilot, the course has been nicely fine-tuned and continues to be enriched by the incredibly dedicated FYE team. For this reason and more, I decided to give it another go this semester, and I'm glad that I did. Now, more than ever, I'm convinced that this course serves as a rich foundation for students. Watching them evolve socially and academically as a result of the course activities makes it worthwhile. Prompting them to explore the concept of success, and then standing back as a robust discussion ensues, reminds me of why I became a teacher in the first place. Working with a peer architect, although I was initially uncomfortable with the idea of it, has been an absolute delight. The support of the FYE staff, the option to meet monthly with others who also teach the course, and the collaboration with multiple college services has made me feel more connected to the college at large. The second time around has been a great experience, and I look forward to teaching it again in the fall.



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First Year Experience Programming



Edison Jeopardy



Microsoft Excel

Collier Campus



Writing Workshop



Service Saturday: SWFL Reading Festival March 15th 2014



During the March Service Saturday, 33 FYE students volunteered a total of 195.75 hours at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival. The students provided service to the community at various festival venues.