



The First Year Experience Community Update

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What do you enjoy most about teaching the class?

A Psychology professor came up to me last week and said, "I don't know what you are doing over there in those Cornerstone classes, but my students have been amazing this semester. They are all coming to class, they are on time, and they have all their materials!" Impacting my students and having another professor tell me that this class is changing students' behaviors is truly what I enjoy most!



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Why did you choose to teach SLS 1515?

There are so many things I missed when I first started college. By teaching this class, I have the opportunity to start at the very beginning and make sure my students are prepared for this next phase in their lives. I try to remember what it was like to be in college for the first time, and not take anything for granted when teaching first year students.

Critical Thinking in Careers Lecture Series

This fall, the Division of Academic Success is hosting a Critical Thinking in Careers lecture series featuring various faculty and college leaders from across disciplines and departments. Dr. Jeff Allbritten is the next featured presenter; he will discuss critical thinking in higher education on Monday October 13th. Each session in the lecture series is available to students on all campuses via Polycom. To see complete details for the fall Critical Thinking in Careers lecture series, visit <http://fswfye.blogspot.com/>



Dr. Marie Collins,
Critical Thinking in
Health Professions



Dr. Emery Alford,
Critical Thinking in
Music and the Arts

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Students enrolled in the SLS 1515 Cornerstone Experience classes have been busy this semester. The photos featured across the top are of Professor Ottman's SLS 1515 class making tie dye t-shirts. Professor Ottman's Cornerstone class is a linked class. The students in her Cornerstone Experience class are also in her Biology lecture and Biology lab. Several of the Honors Cornerstone classes have completed the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Watch the video below to see a few of the classes complete the challenge.

Students, faculty, and staff volunteered at the Beach Clean-Up on September 20, 2014. The office of Student Life hosted the event, 195 FSW participants volunteered. 132 of the volunteers are students in the Cornerstone Experience class volunteering approximately 400 hours.



Service Saturday