



The First Year Experience Community Update

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Cornerstone Faculty Feature

What do you enjoy most about teaching Cornerstone?

The challenge. When I see the students on the first day of class and fully comprehend that for most of them that this is their first protracted experience at a college, it looks very much like a person encountering a brand new (sometimes foreign-speaking – think words like “syllabus”) culture. Seeing them change, adapt, and demonstrate success is most enjoyable to me.

How did the course change you?

The not so hidden secret is that I learn as much or more from the students than they may learn from me. New students bring with them so much enthusiasm, diversity of experience, and potential for growth. I enjoy how this helps me grow as a person and professional. I also enjoy the challenge of partnering with them in their development. If the partnership works well, then they are well on the path of knowing what it takes to be a successful college.



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Critical Thinking in Careers Lecture Series

Due to the popularity of the Fall 2014 “Critical Thinking in Careers Lecture Series,” eleven lectures have been scheduled for the spring 2015 semester. The series features Florida SouthWestern State College faculty, administrators, staff, and community leaders.

Professor Jenneine Lambert was the first speaker of the spring semester. Professor Lambert’s presentation focused on critical thinking in Nursing.

Florida House Representative Matt Hudson facilitated a session entitled “Critical Thinking in Public Service.”



Professor Lambert’s Critical Thinking in Nursing Presentation

Representative Hudson



Bucs Night

Bucs Night with the Florida Everblades at Germain Arena

The Office of Student Life offered students the opportunity to enjoy an Everblades Hockey Game and see Dr. Allbritten drop the first puck of the match. Pictured to the left are several Peer Architects enjoying the game. Several Cornerstone students, Peer Architects, and Cornerstone faculty were in attendance.

January Service Saturday with the Lee County Homeless Coalition

On January 31st, the Office of Student Life and New Student Programs facilitated a commendable Service Saturday working with the Lee County Homeless Coalition. 25 students volunteered serving the less fortunate in our community. 17 of the volunteers are currently enrolled in the Cornerstone Experience course.



Service Saturday



MLK Day Parade

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade

Students, faculty, and staff marched in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade on January 19th in Naples, FL. Cornerstone students, Peer Architects, and Cornerstone faculty joined the Office of Student Life for this worthy event!

