

# Beyond the Cornerstone Experience

The SLS 1515 class was an amazing experience. This course prepared me for my future classes and career. I love the fact that I can apply many of the



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skills I learned to my current classes. Time management, critical thinking, and organization skills are the ones I apply the most. In addition, this class has helped me improve my communication skills. One of the most valuable experiences was volunteering for Service Saturdays. I enjoyed it so much that I have continued to participate during my second semester. I help the community, make new friends, learn new skills, and most importantly, I have fun. This class really made my first-year college experience an enjoyable one. Not only did I have the opportunity to learn practical knowledge about how to succeed in college and in life, but I also learned a great deal about myself through the personality and learning styles assessments. I would definitely recommend that all first-year students take this class.



# The First Year Experience Community Update

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Teaching the Cornerstone Experience course has been a perfect fit. It has complemented much of my current role as Academic Coordinator. Whether mediating impasses, discussing grading procedures, navigating scheduling issues, conducting student satisfaction surveys, or simply working with my current religion students, the blessing of the added Cornerstone Course has helped me round out my instructional skills as well as see College life from a student's perspective.

I am here to help the students succeed. What better way to implement that success than instructing the Cornerstone Course and supporting FTIC students at the ground level! Let me add that the opportunity to teach this course has a personal ring to it—I was told by my high school counselor that I “wasn't college material.” Many of my current students also feel like underdogs. I want them to know that I can relate. In other words, if I can do it, they can do it. I didn't succeed alone. A lot of people gave me help along the journey. I just want to give back!

Nothing thrills me more than seeing our students believe that they can be all that they've dreamed and desired to be with a little encouragement, direction, training, and yes, a lot of hard work and perseverance. The sky is the limit with this group, and I am pleased to play this most important role during this crucial season of their lives.



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# First Year Experience Programming

Scavenger Hunt



Games on the Green



Yoga



## FYE Programming Student Survey Results

- 96.73% of surveyed students “strongly agree” or “agree” that the session increased their knowledge of the topic.
- 95.54% of surveyed students would recommend the session to a friend.
- 93.90% of surveyed students “strongly agree” or “agree” that the material covered was interesting.



Tech Tuesday: Tools for Collaboration



Snow Cone Social



College Success Skills