

QEP Update



The First Year Experience Community Update

September 2013

The 2013 Cornerstone Summer Training Institute was a success with over 100 faculty and staff in attendance.

Sessions included: *“Supporting the First Year Student: People, Places, Patience”* with Harlen Cohen, *“Developing First-Year Critical Thinking Skills: Metacognition is the key!”* with Dr. Sandra McGuire, and *“True Colors: Understanding Personality to Foster Communication and Relationships”* lead by Edison’s very own Dr. Martin Tawil, Dr. Rebecca Gubitti, and Whitney Rhyne.



Professors Cindy Campbell, Dr. Catherine Wilkins, and Dr. Phillip Wiseley attended the 33rd International Conference on Critical and Educational Reform this summer and will host a series of Critical Thinking workshops this fall in the Teaching Learning Center.

We are proud to introduce and welcome our second full-time faculty member for the Cornerstone Experience class, Professor Kelley Newhouse. Professor Newhouse is teaching five sections of Cornerstone Experience (SLS 1515) on Collier campus this fall. Please join us in welcoming her to Edison State College!

The SLS1515 Cornerstone Experience course is specifically designed to help first-year students develop skills necessary for academic, career, and lifelong success. Throughout the course, students have the opportunity to strengthen critical and creative thinking skills, build effective written and oral communication skills, reflect on and apply learning in various contexts, and collaborate with others. By engaging in course activities and assignments, students will deepen their understanding of their own learning styles and preferences.



Kelley Newhouse

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Pictured to the left is the **2013-2014 Peer Architect Team** taken at the college-wide Peer Architect Training held on Lee campus August 14th and 15th. This semester there are **32 Peer Architects**: 20 Peer Architects on Lee campus, 7 on Collier, 4 on Charlotte, and 1 on Hendry Glades.

Peer Architects accompany a total of **53 Cornerstone Experience (SLS 1515) class sections**. Peer Architects will spend 159 hours a week in the classroom. Additionally Peer Architects facilitate workshops and provide support to students outside of the classroom in the FYE office. *Pictured below* are snapshots of various workshops that were held on each campus over the summer semester.



Lee Campus



Charlotte Campus



Collier Campus