

Lafayette Advising newsletter

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Did you Know? Advising Resources for Faculty

Did you know that the Office of Advising website has [a number of useful resources](#) for academic advisers, including Lafayette-specific advising information, advising resources, and advising-related articles? We also have information on [advising basics](#), [academic coaching](#), [first-generation student support](#), and other topics. More information will be added and updated soon!



3/12 adviser workshop: Using Banner 9 and DegreeWorks Effectively

As part of the Advising Skills Workshop Series for the current academic year, advisers are invited to a session focusing on using the new version of Banner 9 and DegreeWorks effectively. This session is occurring on Thursday, March 12th at 12:15 PM in the Gendebien Room, 206 Skillman Library, and will be led by our Registrar, Kara Howe. Lunch will be provided. We hope you can join us. [RSVP here!](#)

Also please note this additional upcoming advising workshop (RSVP link will be sent soon):

Bringing our Unique Identities and Experiences into the Advising Relationship (w/ Dr. Tim Cox,
Associate Dean/Junior & Senior Class Dean)

March 24th, 12:15 PM

206 Skillman Library, Gendebien Room



Help support academic integrity: Turning off Moodle during testing periods

In order to help maintain academic integrity during administered exams, it is recommended that instructors hide their course on Moodle during testing periods.

To temporarily hide your Moodle course site from students:

1. Click the gear menu in your Moodle course site, and then click **Edit settings**.
2. In the first section named "General," set Visible to **Hide**.
3. Click the **[Save and display]** button

To make your course site available to students again:

1. Click the gear menu in your Moodle course site, and then click **Edit settings**.
2. In the first section named "General," set Visible to **Show**.
3. Click the **[Save and display]** button.

It is also possible for faculty members to be more surgical when hiding materials since nearly all resources, activities, and topics can be hidden manually as well as by setting a date range. For more guidance on this functionality, please contact the Help Desk at help@lafayette.edu or (610) 330-5501.



Academic Resource Hub certification news!

We are excited to announce that the Academic Resource Hub (The "Hub") was approved for Stage Two Level One certification by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) International Tutor Training Program Certification (ITTPC). This authorizes the Academic Resource Hub program to continue to issue certificates to tutors meeting the CRLA approved requirements. The current active tutor roster includes twelve tutors who have completed the requirements: 10 hours of training; 25 hours of paid tutoring; a self evaluation after 25 hour of tutoring; and have 8 of the 15 ITTPC Topics covered in attended trainings.

The following students have been approved by the Academic Resource Hub as Peer Tutor Level 1 Certified: Rebecca Blocker, Ian Bowe, Evan Braasch (newly certified), Adita Desai, Hiep Le, Kevin Manogue (newly certified), Ishka Rogbeer, Natalie Sampsell, Rachel Sloan, Andrew Schmid, Shanyin Young, Dominic Zhang.

We are so appreciative of their commitment to the Hub tutor program, as their role is integral to supporting the educational mission of the college.

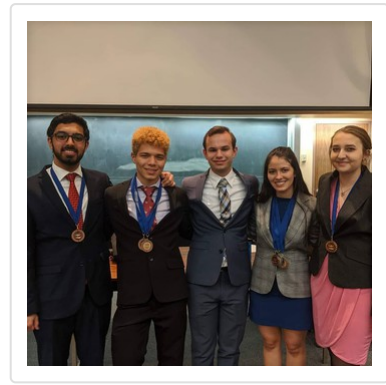


Lafayette's Forensic and Mock Trial teams had massive February victories

The Lafayette Forensic Team (Speech and debate) attended the Pennsylvania Forensic Association's annual state championship tournament at Wilkes University. Lafayette won the tournament with 383.5 points. The second place team (Saint Joseph's University) had 151 points. We won nine individual championships and had the overall 1st (Saeed Malami), 3rd (Scott Kamen), and 5th place (Lia Charles) speakers of the tournament. This victory was Lafayette's best finish at the Pennsylvania State Tournament.

Lafayette Mock Trial participated in their regional tournament at Yale University. The A Team, after a fifth-place finish, received a bid to compete at the Opening Round Championships (the second level tournament on the way to Nationals). Six teams out of twenty-four receive bids. The upcoming tournament will be held at Princeton University on March 15-16.

Congratulations to the Teams and the individual performers!



First Annual LVAIC TESOL Conference to be held March 21st!

The emerging Community of Practice of Multilingual Students Language and Culture Support is pleased to invite you to the First Annual LVAIC TESOL Conference. This full-day conference will bring together writing instructors, research librarians, and TESOL professionals from Lehigh Valley and beyond. Presenters from Lehigh Valley K-12, higher education, and adult literacy institutions will discuss translanguaging as practice in multilingual classrooms.

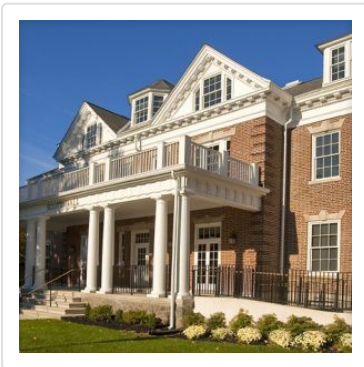
The event will be held at Lehigh University's University Center, 3rd floor, 9am - 3pm on March 21, 2020. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. [RSVP here!](#)



Welcome Donna Heagele!

We are excited to announce that Donna Heagele joined our team on February 20th as the new Assistant to the Dean! Donna brings a wide range of experience to this role, and is excited for the opportunity. Most recently, she worked on campus in 2019 in various temporary roles – as a part-time Administrative Assistant and a full-time Academic Coordinator. She also founded a small business with a focus on providing bookkeeping services to non-profit organizations. Donna has a B.A. in Social Work and Psychology from Cedar Crest College, and an MSW from Marywood University School of Social Work.


Please stop by to say hi if you are in Scott Hall in the near future!




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