

BEARS FOR A JUST COMMUNITY



What is a Living-Learning Community?

A living-learning community (LLC) is a group of students who share a common academic or theme interest and live together in a residence hall. Residence Life partners with faculty and staff across campus to implement special programming related to the LLC focus. Students living in the LLC also have the opportunity to get to know these partners outside of the classroom.

Living-Learning Community Newsletter
2025-2026

WELCOME!

What should I expect as part of the LLC?

Your RA will have information about a variety of activities and resources related to the topic of your LLC and academic support. Plan on being involved in various events! Share your ideas for future programming. The more involved you are with the community, the more benefits you will gain.

MEET YOUR RA!

Cooper Irby

Major: Musical Theatre

Hi everyone! I'm Cooper, and I'm going to be your RA for the Bears for a Just Community LLC! This is my first year as an RA and I'm so excited to meet you all! I am a sophomore Musical Theatre major with a minor in Dance. I love hiking, gardening, making music, hanging out with my friends, and fishing. See you all so soon!

[Take this survey](#)
to tell Cooper what
events you want!

*you could win a \$50 gift
card!

MEET YOUR LLC PARTNER!



Adena Young-Jones

Professor - Psychology

Welcome to the Bears for a Just Community LLC! I am a professor in the Psychology department and teach a range of classes from the Psychology of Diversity to the Psychology of Happiness. My research interests include academic motivation and achievement, student success and retention, and diversity issues. I look forward to meeting and working with you soon!!

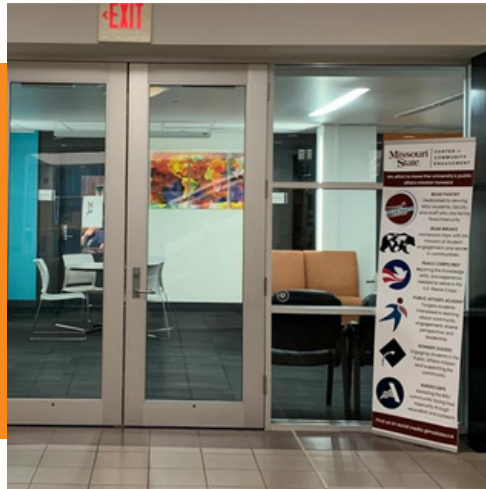
GET INVOLVED!

LEARN ABOUT MSU RESOURCES

There are several offices you may interact with during your time as a Missouri State bear! Here are some offices and resources that you may connect with during your time in the Bears for a Just Community LLC:



The Mary Jean Price Walls Student Resource Center (Bear Cave) is located on the lower level of the Plaster Student Union, room 101, across from Starbucks. It's open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday, and offers services like retreat & refocus spaces, cultural celebrations & events, a resource library, and more! For more information regarding the Bear Cave, click [HERE](#).



The Center for Community Engagement (CCE) is located on the lower level of the Plaster Student Union in room 131, near Starbucks. The CCE works with programs such as Bear Pantry, Bear Breaks immersion trips, Peace Corp prep, Public Affairs Academy, Bonner Leaders, and AmeriCorps. Interested in connecting with local service organizations? Connect with the CCE [HERE](#).



The Bear Pantry is located on the lower level of the Plaster Student Union next to the Center for Community Engagement (CCE), near Starbucks. The Bear Pantry allows students to get fresh fruits and vegetables, non-perishable foods, and now offers single serve meals (from the Union Club located on the 4th floor of the PSU.) To learn more about the Bear Pantry, click [HERE](#).

What is the Public Affairs Mission?



The Public Affairs Mission is an integral part of the MSU experience. It describes a set of values that helps students, staff, and faculty become engaged citizens, on campus and in the community. The three pillars of the Public Affairs Mission are:

- Ethical Leadership
- Cultural Competence
- Community Engagement

You'll hear more about the Public Affairs Mission during Welcome Weekend and throughout your time at MSU. If you would like to learn more about it now, click [HERE](#).

Public Affairs Conference Sept 2025

The 22nd annual Public Affairs Conference will take place on Sept. 16-18. There will be a mix of free in-person speakers and live virtual panel sessions that explore this year's theme. The keynote speaker will be Christina Meredith. You can learn more about the conference and its events [HERE](#).





Want to learn more about Woods House? Check out this video!

Your LLC Social will be on:

**Tuesday, August 19, at
5:30 pm in Woods
House 5 floor**

You won't want to miss this chance to meet your floor and your LLC partners!

Join us for snacks
and tie-dye!



Our campus **Bear Line** service can help you get around once you get to campus! Check out the routes offered by our shuttles so you can figure out the best ways to get to class and to get around town. There is even an app you can download to track each Bear Line and see current wait times! To learn more, click [HERE](#).



Want to check out where your classes are and where to park on campus? Visit the campus map [HERE](#).



Thursday August 14

Button Making 3-5pm

Magers Health and Wellness Center
Room 100

Movie on the Mall 8:30pm

North Mall (Rain location: PSU Theater)
Follow @mostatesac for the movie announcement!



Friday August 15

Snow Glad to See You

11am-2pm (rain or shine)
Plaster Student Union Patio

Playfair/Maroon Madness 6-9pm

Plaster Sport Complex (Rain location:
Hammons Student Center)



Saturday August 16

Yoga 2-3pm

Magers Health and Wellness Center
Room 100

Bear Bash 7-10pm

North Mall and Plaster Student Union



Sunday August 17

New Student Convocation 2-3pm

Great Southern Bank Arena

Student Organization Festival 3-5pm

Great Southern Bank Arena Concourse

Belong-B-Que 5-7pm

North Mall (Rain location: Foster Rec)

For the full list of events, click [HERE!](#)

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and save events to your calendar**

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