

FUTURE EDUCATORS

2025-2026



What is a Living-Learning Community?

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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.

What should I expect as part of the LLC?

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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 and share your ideas for future programming! The more involved you are with the community, the more benefits you'll gain.



MEET YOUR RA

Jenna Hefley.

Major: Elementary
Education

Hey, y'all! My name is Jenna Hefley, and I am going to be your RA for Shannon 5, the Future Educators LLC! Before we officially meet, I'd like to share a few things that will help you get to know me a tiny bit better. I am proud to be majoring in elementary education! I enjoy drinking iced coffee, hiking, kayaking, and just being out in nature. I always have a random project/craft/hobby in progress at all times! My friends know that I am never without a book, preferably historical fiction. If you ever need any good book recommendations, you know who to call! I am so excited to meet you on move-in day! This school year is going to be full of fun for Shannon 5!



Take this survey
to tell Jenna what
events you want!

*you could win a \$50 gift
card!



MEET YOUR PARTNERS!

Dr. James Sottile

Professor - College of Education

Hello COE Future Educator LLC students, I want to welcome you to a new year at Missouri State University. This is a wonderful time to be a COE student because you have many opportunities to engage at the University. It is important to get involved in as many college/university-related activities as you can, so you get the full experience while at MSU. I further suggest you work with a faculty member, so you have a mentor as well as a person to help you navigate the academic components of college. I was once a college student as you are now, but I went to The College of New Jersey for my undergraduate degree which was in psychology. I completed my Master's degree in Counseling from West Virginia University and my doctoral degree in Psychology from West Virginia University. Given the theme noted above, one of the best decisions I made while in college was to get involved in activities, and I worked with a few of my professors on projects. It provided me with more experiences to get a better job than my peers who did not engage in these opportunities.

-Live well, Dr. James Sottile



MEET YOUR PARTNERS!

Annice McLean

**Educational Technology Instructor
& Coordinator Master of Arts in
Teaching Programs**

My name is Annice McLean, Educational Technology instructor and Coordinator for the Master of Arts in Teaching programs, housed in the College of Education, School of Special Education, Leadership and Professional Studies. I can't wait to meet each of you at our first event in August. Congratulations on embarking on an exciting journey at Missouri State University as you pursue a career in education. We are thrilled to have you join the Future Educators living-learning community. Your LLC will help you build a network of peers, mentors, and faculty/staff to support you. As a faculty partner for your LLC, I wish to extend my warm welcome and support as you enter the incredible world of education where laughter may be your best classroom management strategy. Best wishes for fun, humorous, and inspiring experiences on the road ahead! Hope to meet you at our first LLC event and continue to connect with each of you at our LLC partner activities.



Dr. Ching-Wen Chang

**Education Technology Program
Coordinator**

Welcome to Missouri State University as you pursue a career in education. We are very glad to have you join the Future Educators living-learning community. As a faculty partner for Future Educators LLC, I wish to welcome you and support you as you go through your educational journey at Missouri State University.





Want to learn more about Blair-Shannon House? Check out this video!

Your LLC Social will be on:

**Friday, August 15, at
3:30 pm in Hill Hall**
Meet with your RA on your floor

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

Join us for pizza,
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 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](#).

GET INVOLVED!

THERE ARE OVER 300+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT MSU

Among those student orgs, there are several student organizations related to College of Education programs, including :

- Bears Teach Elementary
- Early Childhood Education Bears (ECE Bears)
- Music Teachers National Association – MSU Chapter
- National Art Education Association
- National Association for Music Education – Collegiate
- Physical Education Majors Club
- Sign Language Club
- Society of Science Educators
- Southwest Missouri Student Math Teacher Organization



Professional student organizations like these are great resources to help you prepare for your future career. Learn more [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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