

STEM

LIVING-LEARNING COMMUNITY



2025/2026

WELCOME

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.



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

Meet Your RA

Aven Bridges

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Hey everyone! My name is Aven Bridges, and I'll be your RA this year for the STEM Living Learning Community! I'm a second-year student majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and I'm super pumped to get to know you all and help make your first year here as smooth (and fun!) as possible. I'm originally from Rogersville, MO—just outside of Springfield—so if you ever need recommendations for coffee spots, cool hangouts, or hidden gems around town, I've got you covered. I actually work at Kingdom Coffee, so if you're into good espresso or chill vibes, come say hi sometime! When I'm not in class or working, I'm usually making music or designing stuff to 3D print (STEM kids, I know you get it). I'm really excited to build a strong community on our floor and help connect you to everything Missouri State and Springfield have to offer. Can't wait to meet you all—welcome to MSU and to the STEM LLC! It's gonna be a great year!

Take this survey
to tell Aven what
events you want!

*you could win a \$50 gift
card!



Meet your LLC Partner

Dr. Tammy Jahnke

Dean of the College of Natural & Applied Sciences

Dr. Jahnke is Dean of the College of Natural & Applied Sciences. The college is undergoing significant transformational changes with construction and renovations to Blunt Hall and Cheek Hall. All construction projects will be complete before the end of 2026. Check the college website to find faculty offices each semester as we are moving people around to different places each semester. I am an organic chemist and an avid hiker and traveler. I look forward to meeting all of the new STEM LLC Students.



CNAS Events!



Student Expo!
Sep. 10 11am-1pm

Open House!
Sep. 24 1pm-3pm



Where to find the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CNAS)



While the newly renovated Blunt Hall (pictured) serves as the main home of the College of Natural and Applied Sciences (CNAS), CNAS is actually housed in six on-campus buildings, as well as other facilities and research centers around the area.



- **Blunt Hall** houses the CNAS Dean's office; the Biology Department; the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department; and the School of Earth, Environment and Sustainability.
- **Cheek Hall** is home to the Computer Science Department and the Mathematics Department.
- The Physics, Astronomy, and Materials Science Department is housed in **Kemper Hall**.
- The **King's Street Annex** also houses part of the Biology Department and the Herbarium.
- You'll find the Cooperative Engineering Program based in the **Plaster Free Enterprise Center** downtown.

STEM Student Organizations



There are several STEM related organizations on campus that may interest you! Some examples include:

- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Association for business Information Technology Students
- Bears in Tech (BIT)
- Economics Club
- Embedded Systems Design Club
- Formula Society of Automotive Engineers
- Mechanical Electrical Plumbing Club
- Missouri State Robotics
- Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- Society of Physics Students
- United State Institute for Theatre Technology
- Women in STEM



Find a full list of CNAS students organizations [HERE](#)





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 Blunt Hall**
Meet your RA on your floor

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

**Join us for an
engineering challenge
and food!**



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](#).



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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