

FIRST-YEAR BEARS



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

Addie Hunt

Major: Biomedical Sciences

Hi, friends! My name is Addie Sue, and I'm the Resident Assistant for Wells 3 East Main with the First-Year Bears LLC. I had the sweetest experience living in this LLC during my freshman year, and I hope to help you all have the same experience (or an even better one)! I'm studying Biomedical Sciences with a focus in Anatomy and Physiology, and I'm also minoring in Chemistry and Business. I'm from Kansas City, Missouri—born and raised—but I quickly fell in love with Springy and everything it has to offer. I'm here to help you find your place in Springfield and on campus, so please don't hesitate to ask all the questions. Some of my favorite things include singing, playing guitar and doing anything active. I can't wait to meet you and find something we have in common. Welcome to Wells House—you're going to love it here!

MEET YOUR RAS



KC Culbertson

Major: Journalism

Greetings y'all! My name is KC Culbertson and I am going to be your Wells First-Year Bears Living-Learning Community RA next semester! Just like you are new to MSU, I will be new to this RA business as it's my first year being one. When I am not doing my RA duties, I am studying to become a Journalism major with a minor in Mass Media. I enjoy watching sports and movies, vibing out to music, and working out. Can't wait to be a bear with y'all!

Cade Smith

Major: Secondary

Math Education

Hey guys! My name is Cade Smith and I'll be your RA for the First-Year Bears LLC at Wells on floor 2 West Main. This is my first year as an RA and I am super pumped to meet all of you. I loved my freshman year, so I am super excited to see you guys experience it. I am a sophomore at Missouri State majoring in Secondary Math Education. There is so much to do here in Springfield. Some of my favorite things to do are to go downtown with friends, go to Bass Pro, and go to the mall. I participate in the recreation sports on campus a lot and I plan on making teams in sand volleyball, indoor volleyball, and soccer for the floor, but I will talk more about that when the time to sign up comes.

I am from the St. Louis area, more specifically St. Peters, and I have played soccer my whole life. I like to run, have movie marathons, make ceramic pieces, surf, play sports, board games, video games, and of course hang out with friends. I'm super excited to meet all of you this upcoming year and build an amazing community!!



MEET YOUR RAS

Lydia Hines

Majors: Art Education/Fine Arts

Hey! My name is Lydia and I'm the RA for First-Year Bears Wells 3 West Main! I'm a sophomore here at MSU and am so excited to help you make it your home too. I'm dual major in Art Education and Fine Arts with an emphasis in drawing. Some of my favorite things are rock climbing, reading, music, and, of course, art. I can't wait to get to meet you all and teach you the ins-and-outs of being a Bear <3

MEET YOUR PARTNERS!



Gates Breedlove-Koeppke

Academic Advisor, Academic Advising and Transfer Center

My name is Gates and I have been a full-time staff Academic Advisor at Missouri State for three years. Before advising, I was a graduate student in the Department of Biology. My time working with students as a teaching assistant inspired me to pursue a career supporting students! I'm originally from Oklahoma and love getting to call Springfield home. I live with my husband Aron and my dog Opie and love to go on long walks with them throughout the city's trails.

Kim Stagner

Coordinator, Student Success Initiatives, Academic Advising and Transfer Center

Hello! Welcome to Missouri State University and First-Year Bears LLC! This is the start of your college career. Not only do you have other first-year college students sharing your own experiences, you also have University resources to assist you as you begin your successful academic experience. My name is Kim Stagner, and I am one of those resources. As an academic advisor, I'm able to direct you to your assigned advisor, assist with registration questions, and direct you to the many resources we offer on campus. I look forward to working with you to help ensure your academic success. Go Bears!





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

Your LLC Social will be on:

**Tuesday, August 19, at
6:00 pm in the Foster Rec
Center**

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

Come meet other First-Year Bears and play games with the chance to win prizes!



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.**

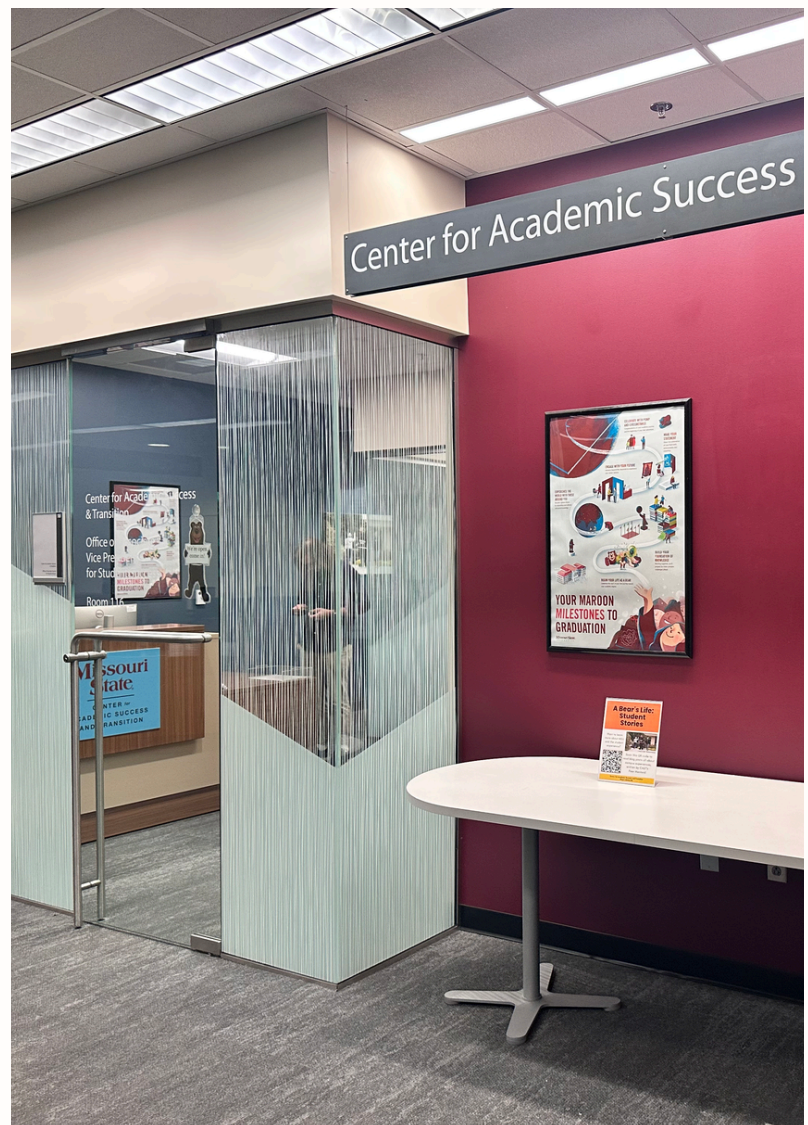
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GEP 101 and feeling at home on campus

When you start classes on August 18, you may find yourself feeling a bit overwhelmed with all the new information that will be thrown at you! Luckily, you'll have a class in your schedule designed to help you navigate the transition to college life and academics. GEP 101 is a 12-week class that will help you develop the skills you need to succeed academically, understand and engage with MSU's Public Affairs Mission, and make connections with others so you can create a support system here at Missouri State!

Your instructor will be a valuable resource to help you navigate your transition to college. The office the course is housed in, the Center for Academic Success and Transition (CAST), is a great resource for you, too! Learn more about the CAST office and their services [HERE](#).

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to tell your RAs what
events you want!
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Check out these resources around campus!

Make sure to check out the Academic Connection Fair this semester! MSU will be hosting our annual Academic Connection Fair on **September 17, 9am-3pm, in the PSU Ballroom**. This is a great event for all students interested in exploring their academic options. Stop by to learn about all of the different majors, minors, and certificates Missouri State University offers.



Need to ask questions about scholarships, students loans, or other financial aid resources? When you come to campus you can find the Office of Student Financial Aid on the first floor of Carrington Hall, room 101. This office works with students regarding scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. You can also find information online [HERE](#).

Need to ask questions about your bill or make a payment? The Bursar's Office, located on the first floor of Carrington Hall, is open from 8:30am-4:00pm, Monday-Friday. The Bursar's Office serves as the cashing function for MSU, processing payments from students, faculty, staff, and others. Have questions about your student account? Check out the list of frequently asked questions [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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