

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
2026-2027

WELCOME!

Your Resident Assistant (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!

Andie George

Major: Social Work

Hi! My name is Andie George, and I am so excited to be the RA for the Bears for a Just Community LLC on the 5th floor of Woods!

This will be my first year as an RA. I'm majoring in Social Work and minoring in Child and Family Development. I am so excited to meet everyone and help where I can, so please don't be afraid to ask any questions! In my free time, I enjoy crocheting, watching movies, and exploring new places in town, especially restaurants. Right now, my favorite is a Thai place called Thailand Station that is definitely worth checking out. I am excited to create a community of just bears. Go Bears! Or as you might hear me say, Bo Gears!

[Take this survey](#)
to tell Andie 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!!

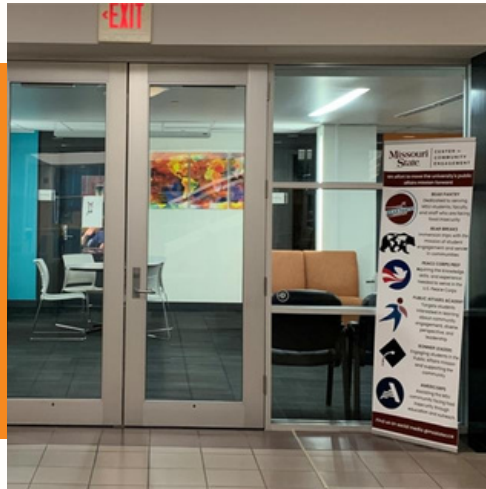
GET INVOLVED!

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 from local farms, non-perishable foods, and some personal hygiene items. 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 Week of Welcome and throughout your time at MSU. If you would like to learn more about it now, click [HERE](#).

Public Affairs Conference Sept 2026

The 23rd annual Public Affairs Conference will take place on Sept. 29-Oct 1. 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 Rainn Wilson. You can learn more about the conference and its events [HERE](#).



THE WE FACTOR

Building Connections That Matter

Public Affairs 2026-2027

Missouri State University



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

Your LLC Social will be on:

**Tuesday, August 18, at
7:00 pm in Woods
House 5th floor**

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

Join us for snacks and community building!



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](#).

WEEK OF WELCOME 2026!

It's time to celebrate a new year! Move in, meet new friends and enjoy a week full of events. Events include:



Thursday, August 13

Room Decor Bingo 7-9pm
PSU Theater

Sponsored by:



Friday, August 14

Snow Glad to See You
11-2pm (rain or shine)
Plaster Student Union Patio

417 Street Fest 6-8pm
Elm Street



Saturday, August 15

BearZEN 9-10am
Magers Health & Wellness Center 100

Grab a Scoop with FSL 12-2pm
Plaster Student Union Patio

Bear Bash 7-10pm
North Mall and PSU



Sunday, August 16

New Student Convocation 2pm
Great Southern Bank Arena

Campus Fest CMA 6:30-9pm
North Mall

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