

Global Community

NEWSLETTER

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 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.



LLC partners welcoming students to Missouri State's campus!



Global LLC residents exploring Dickerson Park Zoo



MEET YOUR RA!

Zetta Ringeisen

Major: History

Hello! My name is Zetta Ringeisen and I'll be the RA for the Heitz Global LLC. I'm a sophomore majoring in history education. I grew up about two hours away from Springfield, but I still love to explore the city and see new places. At home, I enjoy crafting and reading. This is my first year as an RA! Hopefully, over the course of this academic year, we can build a community that we're all proud to share. I'm so excited to get to know all of you and I can't wait to get started. Welcome to Missouri State!

Take this survey
to tell Zetta what
events you want!

*you could win a \$50
gift card!

MEET DAEZIA!

Daezia Smith

Leadership Programs Specialist–International Programs



Daezia works in the International Programs office as the staff coordinator of the Global Leaders and Mentors Programs, and International Orientation. She's also a partner for the Global LLC, which means you'll see her at our events! She enjoys helping connect international and domestic students to help each group broaden their horizons and learn from one another. Daezia also co-leads the International Friends Program and the International Student Experience

Team. Through each program and team, Daezia hopes to encourage cross-cultural connection and communication. Feel free to reach out if you want to learn how you can get involved with international students! DaeziaSmith@MissouriState.edu

Other helpful staff to know:

Yi Wu – Marketing and Recruitment Specialist for International Programs. Contact Yi for questions about university communications at YiWu@MissouriState.edu.

Jinzi Fan – Director of the International Leadership & Training Center. Contact Jinzi to ask about community engagement opportunities at JinziFan@MissouriState.edu

Jorge Reyes Sam – International Enrollment Coordinator for International Services. Contact Jorge for international student health insurance and finance questions at JorgeSam@MissouriState.edu.

MEET CALI!

Cali Pettijohn

ELI Academic Specialist – English Language Institute



Hello! I'm Cali! I've been teaching English to international students on campus since 2008! I must say that it's the best job ever because I get to meet people from all over the world. It has really taught me a lot, and I'm eager to find ways for you to have similar experiences! To that end, I manage International Conversation Circles, which is one of the ways that you can interact with a variety of different people! They occur twice a week during the semester and are free and open to the public.

I'm really excited to be partnering with Global LLC again this year and I look forward to meeting each of you and helping you find ways to get engaged!

Conversation Circles

Join us for light conversation with people around the world!

Tuesdays : Meyer Library Room 107 4-5p

Wednesdays : Hill Hall Room 449
4-5p

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GLOBAL EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

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850 S John Q. Hammons Pkwy.
4:00-5:00 pm

→ **WEDNESDAYS:**
HILL HALL ROOM 449
Global Education Lab
4:00-5:00 pm

LIGHT SNACKS & HOT TEA SERVED!

SIGN UP OR
SHOW UP



GET CONNECTED

There are lots of events & resources at MSU designed to help you get involved on campus! Join us for the first Conversation Circle of the year on Tuesday August 18 from 4-5p in Meyer Library room 107.



The **Mary Jean Price Walls Student Resource Center** (also called the Bear Cave) is a great resource all year long. It's located on the lower level of the Plaster Student Union, room 101, across from Starbucks, and open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday. For more information about their programs and services, click [HERE](#).





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Tour of the Globe

Tour of the Globe is a cultural bazaar event hosted by International Programs, and it's always a learning experience for hosts and guests! The event involves music, food, and dances from around the world! This year's Tour of the Globe will take place on **Friday, November 6** from 5:30–8:00 p.m. If you want to keep up with similar events, follow International Programs on Instagram at **@MOStateGlobal!**



First Friday Art Walks

Visit the Downtown Arts District (near MSU) on the First Friday of every month to enjoy original art, live music, hands-on activities and live art demonstrations in more than 20 participating galleries. You can also enjoy fine and casual dining, cutting-edge fashion, one-of-a-kind retail, and vibrant nightlife throughout the historic heart of Springfield. Art Walks take place on the First Friday of each month from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. Grab some friends or join International Programs to check it out!





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

Your LLC Social will be on:

**Saturday, August 15, at
5:30 pm in Heitz House**

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

Join us for
international food and
yard games with your
neighbors!



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](#).

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!](#)