

LEADERSHIP

Living-Learning Community Newsletter 2026-2027



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.

WELCOME!

What is a Living-Learning 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.

MEET YOUR RAS!

Austin Budwell

Major: Speech and Theatre education

Hello! My name is Austin Budwell, and I will be the RA on Freddy 3rd West Main Leadership LLC! This is my first year as an RA, and I am very excited to meet all of you! I am a junior majoring in Theater Education with the goal of becoming a high school theater teacher. I love riding my longboard around campus and exploring all the nature Springfield has to offer! I grew up on the Illinois side of St. Louis, and I am going into my third year at Missouri State! I also serve as the Academic Chair and Mental Health Chair for an FSL organization on campus, Tau Kappa Epsilon, where I support student success and well-being! I look forward to meeting everyone in the fall and being your RA!

Take this survey.
to tell Austin & Trinity
what events you want!

*you could win a \$50 gift
card!

Trinity Lester

Major: Biology

Hey! My name is Trinity Lester and I will be the Freddy 3 East Main Resident Assistant for the Leadership LLC! I'm majoring in Biology on the Pre- Medical track. I'm from Powder Springs, GA and originally came to MSU as an athlete in my first year. I currently hold positions in Greek life and love serving in my community. I'm excited to meet you all and have a great year. GO BEARS!!



Meet Your LLC Partner!



Briar Douglas

**Coordinator, Student Engagement:
Co-Curricular Involvement**

Welcome to Missouri State, Bears! My name is Briar Douglas and I oversee all of our 300+ student organizations on campus and coordinate our leadership development programs through the Office of Student Engagement. Leadership education has been a passion of mine for the last four years, and I'm very excited to work with each of you to sharpen your leadership skills through the Leadership LLC!

Welcome to the Leadership LLC!

At Missouri State, we strive to develop ethical and culturally competent leaders. We believe that leadership is collaborative, civically responsible, and committed to improving the communities around us. Leadership is also a self-driven process—you are in the driver's seat for your own growth as a leader.

Your participation in this living-learning community is just the beginning of your leadership journey here at Mo State and we can't wait to see you thrive during your time on our campus. I am SO excited to get to know you and work together this year – it's a great year to become a Bear! If you ever have any questions or need anything at all, don't hesitate to reach out.

We're all here for you! See you soon, good luck, and GO BEARS!



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



**Join us for trivia,
chips, churros,
and 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](#).

GET INVOLVED!

THERE ARE OVER 300+ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT MSU



Student Government Association (SGA) is an organization that represents the larger student body and that works on a variety of initiatives to better campus. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:30 pm in PSU 313. Find more information about SGA initiatives and how you can be an SGA senator [HERE](#).



student activities council

The Student Activities Council (SAC) meetings are held every Tuesday at 4 pm in PSU 313. SAC plans and implements free events for the MSU student body, including educational, social, cultural, and entertainment events. You can find more information about SAC [HERE](#).



RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

Residence Hall Association (RHA) meetings are held every Monday at 4 pm in PSU 313. Find more information about RHA [HERE](#). RHA plans and implements programming for all of the residence halls, and serves as the voice of residence hall students to administration.



The Office of Student Engagement (OSE) oversees all of these organizations and more. There are over 300+ organizations on MSU's campus! (Check out the OSE [HERE](#))

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CHECK OUT THE OFFICES TO GET INVOLVED WITH!



The Office of Student Engagement (OSE) is located on the lower level of Plaster Student Union in room 127 (near the elevators). The OSE works with a variety of programs and organizations, including Student Activities Council, Student Organizations, Homecoming, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Leadership programs, and Traditions Council. Find more [HERE](#) or reach out to your LLC partner (Briar) with questions! (briardouglas@missouristate.edu)

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 the Bear Pantry, Bear Breaks immersion trips, Peace Corp prep, Public Affairs Academy, Bonner Leaders, and AmeriCorps. Interested in connecting with local service organizations? CCE staff can help you make those connections. Learn more about the CCE [HERE](#).



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. The Bear Cave is open from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Monday- Friday. For more information regarding Bear Cave programs and services, click [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!](#)