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**Living Learning Community Description**

Lichens are a group of symbiotic organisms sometimes made up of members from three different kingdoms. Likewise, the LICHENS living learning community is a mix of Biology, Chemistry/Biochemistry, and Environmental Studies majors. It is a group of students that all have a genuine love for science and scientific exploration of all kinds.

**Overall Living Learning Communities Goals**

1. Living Learning Communities provide students with a sense of belonging in a community of their peers united by a common interest.
2. LLCs support students’ intellectual, personal, and social growth by providing them with opportunities to learn in a collaborative, engaging environment.
3. Living Learning Communities work to integrate students’ academic, social, and residential experiences, providing a seamless learning environment in which students develop “connected knowing” outside of the classroom on disciplinary and interdisciplinary projects.
4. Living Learning Communities challenge students to test their skills/knowledge through applications, experiences, reflection and synthesis outside the classroom. Examples of this include intellectual discussions, trips, projects, speakers and events.
5. Living Learning Communities provide opportunity for faculty and staff to engage in university service and student mentoring in intentional mentorship with students outside of the classroom in their field of interest or discipline.

**Specific Learning Community Goals**

## Live with a small community with other science majors to support learning, engagement, and professional development.

## Participate in science outreach opportunities in an effort to creatively apply classroom knowledge while serving the broader community.

## To engage in science-themed activities on-campus, including other LLCs (e.g. STEM, Sustainability) to promote and foster community within the sciences and to promote science on campus.

**Expectations**

* Attend a **minimum** of three activities per semester
* Collaborate with fellow LICHENS members to plan, develop, and **execute at least one student-led initiative**

**Activities**

*Fall 2017*

* **Monday, August 28 (1 pm, McMi library)**: *Welcome to LICHENS scavenger hunt and brainstorm session; logo design*
* **Thursday, Aug. 31: (12:30 pm)** *Beginning of the year meet and greet lunch* for LICHENS members to foster community
* **Monday, September 4 (midnight):** Logo designs due to Katie Glass
* **Saturday, September 9 (TBA):** *Harper Hall Brunch with LLC advisors*
* **Thursday, September 14 (5 pm, Alumni Gym):** *Common Reading Speaker*
* **Friday, September 8 (4-6 pm, Young Commons):** *Student organization fair*
* **September 20 (7:30 pm, McCrary Theater):** *Baird Lecture: Dr. Siddhartha Mukherjee*
* **Tuesday, September 26 (5pm):** *LLC Long Table “What to do that’s science related on-campus” or “Science Career Paths”*
* **LLC mixer with Cooking Club: TBA**
* **Thursday, October 5th (3:30 p.m., Alumni Gym)**: *Fall* *Convocation*: *Former Prime Minister David Cameron*
* **October 2nd- 12th (TBA):** *Fireside Chat in Colonnades neighborhood*
* **October** (**TBA**): *Pumpkin festival*
* **October (TBA):** *Trip a science museum,* *hike* or *student-initiated activity*
* **October 12 (9:40-10, Harper Hall 3rd floor common area):** *Mid-semester donuts & coffee social*
* **Nov (TBA)**:  *Fireside Chat – hot chocolate bar & smores at the fire pit*
* **Monday, November 13 (7:00pm, *McCrary Theater*):** *Voices of Discover, Jeffrey Piascik, Reinventing the Toilet*
* **November (TBA):** *Lunch at Green World*
* **December (2:30 pm, Reading Day, Harper Hall 3rd floor common area):** *reading day treat*

*Spring 2018*

* **January 30 (9:40-10, Harper Hall, 3rd floor common area):** *Welcome back coffee & donuts*
* **February**: *student-led initiative*
* **Monday, February 19 (7:00pm McCrary Theater):** *Voices of Discovery, Nancy Allbritton, Your Organs on a Microchip*
* **March 7: Elon Day**
* **March 12 (7:00pm McCrary Theater):** Voices of Discovery, Helen Huang, Restoring Motor Function in Amputees with Smart Prosthetics
* **March 13 (TBA):** Maker Hub
* **April 5 (3:30 pm, Alumni Gym):** *Spring Convocation: Angela Duckworth*
* **April (TBA)**: *Colonnades Carnival*
* **Tuesday, April 24:** SURF Day
* **Early May** (TBA): *Strawberry festival*
* **May 9 (Reading day, 1 pm, Harper Hall 3rd floor common area)**: *End-of-semester LICHENS ice cream celebration*