COLLEGE CONNECTIONS, PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE!
FLASHLAUNCH
Enhancing your first year in the College of Arts & Sciences

ONE: Peer Mentoring
For guidance and support during your transition to college life
Students will be paired with a mentor and meet with them regularly.

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One: Learning Community
For extending your learning experience beyond the classroom
Students will live together in Wright Hall and take additional coursework together.

Both programs are connected to FlashLaunch.
**Learning Community**

The College of Arts & Sciences’ Learning Community will focus on experiential learning outside of the classroom. Students should be passionate about the theme of their specific program, but do not need to be in a major that is directly linked.

**Program Requirements**

- Reside in Wright Hall with your community for two years
- Participate in community-based events
- Take UC 10097: First Year Experience and two additional courses with your community in the first year:

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**Benefits**

- $2,000 scholarship over the course of two years ($500 per semester)
- Priority Registration

**Who Can Apply?**

- Applicants must have a strong high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores.
- Applicants to the Medical Scholar Community must declare a major in one of our pre-health programs (medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, pharmacy, veterinary, or dentistry).

**Medical Scholar Community**

This community is designed for students pursuing medical, osteopathic, podiatry, pharmacy, veterinary, and dental programs. Scholars will be given opportunities to be engaged both in and out of the classroom. Programming and activities will focus on academic success, community service, and guidance with the medical school application process.

**Scholars and Change-Makers Community**

This community is for students who want to make a difference in their local, regional, or global communities. Programs and speakers will focus on contemporary issues and current political, socio-economic, and legal contexts. Students will explore their own connections with broader social and political trends, as well as their own ability to affect these issues.

**Environment & Sustainability Scholar Community**

This community will focus on the natural environment and sustainability issues within society. Students will explore environmental concerns and how they are being addressed at Kent State and within the local community.

**IDA B. WELLS/ATONKWA VILLAGE SCHOLAR COMMUNITY**

Modeled on a traditional African village, this community talks about issues of relevance to the African American, Latin American and Native American communities. It will focus on key values that help students gain a life-long sense of purpose and an understanding of their social responsibilities. Students will participate in a Rites of Passage experience.

**Peer Mentoring**

The College of Arts & Sciences’ Peer Mentoring Program provides first-year students an opportunity to receive guidance and support during their transition to college.

**Program Requirements**

- Participate in a variety of programs with your mentor
- Meet with your mentor on a bi-weekly basis outside of the classroom and during UC 10097: First Year Experience
- Collaborate with your mentor to establish semester goals
- Attend monthly events with your mentor during fall and spring semesters
- Participate in a Rites of Passage experience.

**Benefits**

- Develop your academic, leadership and social skills
- Gain confidence in exploring campus
- Find ways to connect with major faculty and student organizations
- Learn to develop positive habits to fight college stress
- Learn how to stay away from the “Freshman 15” while enjoying the fine cuisine on campus and in downtown Kent
- Learn how to prepare for your second year at Kent State

**Who Can Apply?**

A mentee can be any incoming College of Arts & Sciences student who believes they could benefit from a mentoring relationship with their peers.

**Apply Online!**

www.kent.edu/flashlaunch

**Learning Community Info:**

ebutch@kent.edu

**Peer Mentoring Info:**

cas_mentor@kent.edu

**Meet Our Mentors**

Our peer mentors are College of Arts and Sciences students who are dedicated to helping undergraduate students by connecting them to University academic success resources, offering academic focused programs, and participating together in service programs to give back to the community.

I’m a mentor because...

“I understand how vital the first year experience can be for students transitioning to college life. I love connecting with students, hearing their stories, and being a backbone for them as they navigate their way at Kent State to make this university home. It’s a very rewarding experience to be a peer mentor because as I continue my time here, I have been able to watch and experience their journey as well.”

Lindsey Leddon

(Senior, Cellular/Molecular Biology major)