



Student Affairs

annual report 2010/2011 ■■■■

INTEGRATING LEARNING, INSPIRING SUCCESS

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Welcome

As everyone in this area of Student Affairs knows all too well, there is no such thing as a “typical” student or a typical student experience. Ideally, these young men and women come to our institutions to learn, discover their passions, realize their potential, and mature into confident, competent individuals who will leave their mark on the world.

In the vast majority of cases, this is exactly what happens. Along the way, however, many present the academics and administrators who help guide that personal growth with new challenges.

To remain agile and responsive to our students’ evolving needs, our Student Affairs division underwent a self-assessment and realignment this past year. We feel that the new structure enhances our ability to achieve departmental and university goals by aligning people, resources, programs, and services to promote student success.

Among the key changes is the elevation of the discussion about inclusiveness and diversity, which will place Student Affairs in a stronger position to contribute to campus-wide diversity initiatives.

We’ve also strengthened our ability to create innovative approaches to programs and services in support of at-risk students. A newly configured position will focus exclusively on students who are likely to face unique challenges including students on academic probation, first-generation college students, underrepresented populations, students with financial difficulties, and others.

Another exciting development involves an evaluation of our student center facilities on campus, which engages our division in the articulation and refinement of the Lehigh student experience. Our Board of Trustees recently approved a broad master plan concept that aims to:

- create an inviting, inclusive and exciting gathering spot for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This center will be designed to suit student needs.
- provide more space for student activities and student organizations, thereby continuing to expand the breadth and depth of opportunities for students.
- consolidate a number of student activities in the heart of campus

The proposed restoration of the University Center will no doubt be transformational in our students’ living and learning experience and will be instrumental in supporting a sense of community on campus.

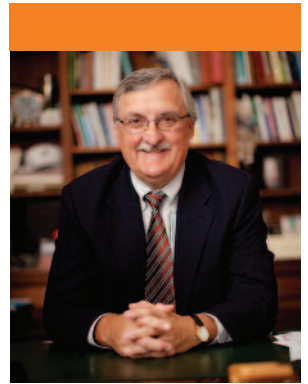
I encourage you to learn more about these developments, our innovative programs and our incredibly dedicated staff by visiting our website at www.lehigh.edu/connectwithus

Sincerely,



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Major accomplishments

goal one

Integrate academic and student life

- University Counseling and Psychological Services made presentations and provided information and guidance to academic departments for identifying students at risk and making the appropriate referrals. Members of the UCPS staff also taught graduate and undergraduate seminars



and courses, and engaged in research with the psychology and counseling psychology departments.

- Support Services for Students with Disabilities supported 231 students with a documented disability.
- The Women's Center offered the second Feminism in Practice Conference to encourage dialogue about theory and reality of contemporary feminism. Conference speakers were drawn from Lehigh's faculty, and from other academic institutions and non-profit organizations.
- Members of the Health and Wellness Center staff worked directly with students on several research projects involving the design and delivery of health care services.
- All three peer education groups—Peer Meds, Healthy Hawks and Sexperts—incorporated core competency skill development into programming.
- Members of the Dean of Students staff co-led the efforts of a university wide strategic plan working group to develop a shared first-year experience course that will be offered to approximately 200 students with the start of the Fall 2012 semester.
- The Office of the First-Year Experience increased the number of faculty who led a symposium during new student orientation.

goal two

Provide opportunities for students to develop essential life skills

- More than 130 students participated in Lehigh's Second Annual Leadership Conference, and nearly 200 Leadership Skill Development workshops were conducted. More than 120 students also participated in a six-week student leadership development certificate course.
- The Counseling Center provided crisis and outreach services for students and addressed both undergraduate and graduate students on issues that included leadership, stress management, peak performance, building and nurturing relationships, conflict resolution, and drug and alcohol abuse.
- Lehigh's Army ROTC cadets continued a more than two-decade tradition of placing third or better in the annual three-day Ranger Challenge Competition at Camp Smith in Peekskill, N.Y.
- The Office of Multicultural Affairs developed a "Got Culture? Then Bring It!" program and campaign to uphold core competencies within students and to foster a sense of community.
- The Office of Student Activities offered training sessions and direct advising of clubs and organizations to help students learn how to plan and organize events, comply with university policies, improve leadership and problem solving skills, and participate in responsible social interaction.
- The Athletics Leadership Coordinator partnered with the Women's Center to expand the "She's Got Game" female athlete program and discussion series.



goal three

Foster an inclusive, equitable environment

- The expanded work of advocacy offices—which includes the Women's Center, LGBTQIA Services and Multicultural Affairs—continued throughout the academic year. Programming highlights included the university's celebration of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr., the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, and LGBTQIA History Week.
- The Greek Allies program, which was formed to provide support and a communicative outlet for current Greeks who struggle with LGBTQIA issues, expanded to include 56 men and women.
- The Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) expanded to include more than 70 members. The organization was formed in 2009 to provide support and mentorship to under-represented student populations.



- A series of events organized by the Women's Center marked National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Events included the annual Take Back the Night walk and speak out; a discussion of domestic violence in pop culture; partnership activities with Turning Point of the Lehigh Valley; sororities and other campus organizations; and a "Red Flag" event to educate on signs of an unhealthy relationship.
- Safe Zone training was provided by LGBTQIA Services, in coordination with the UCPS.

goal four

Cultivate an empowered and engaged campus community

- The Community Service Office continued to strengthen bonds with the community through several programs that included special events (Spooktacular, Spring Fling)



and through SERVE trips—including the first international volunteer experience—held throughout the academic year.

- More than 150 students were honored at a Student Life Awards ceremony, which recognized students who distinguished themselves in and outside the classroom.
- Lehigh's ongoing Strengthening Greek Life Initiative continues to lead to significant, measurable improvements in the quality of the student life experience. Through the accreditation process, 20 out of 29 fraternities and sororities earned gold or silver rankings.
- Lehigh's Greek Week was redesigned to create a more inclusive, values- and purpose-driven series of events.
- The annual Club Expo event—which introduces students to myriad opportunities for student engagement—drew 1,500 students.
- Residence Life's Live Lehigh! continued the development and improvement of the program as an upper class, student-initiated, themed housing experience. Currently, 141 Lehigh students live in themed housing, including those in the gender-neutral house.
- A revised Student Activities website provided one-stop shopping for student engagement opportunities. A number of event planning workshops were also held for offices across campus.

goal five

Promote a healthy, safe campus community

- The Lehigh University Police Department continued the successful Community Policing Program with the Bethlehem Police Department in placing officers in key off-campus neighborhoods. This program, coupled with surveillance cameras in key locations in and around campus, led to arrests in several cases.
- Outreach programs and interactive programming were offered by UCPS to students to focus attention on alcohol and its effects on relationships, and mindful eating and body relationship.
- A new group of peer educators, Peer Meds, was developed to help students learn from peers about positive health care practices and measures. Collectively, the groups involve nearly 40 student peer education volunteers, who offered a total of 35 events, and reached more than 725 students.
- The 12-week Lehigh YOU program was offered to 26 graduate students during the Spring semester to promote healthy eating.
- Free STI testing was offered in a program co-sponsored by the Health and Wellness



Center, the Bethlehem Health Bureau, the Women's Center, LGBTQIA Services, and Leadership Lehigh.

- The stress-reduction program, Take Time Tuesday, was offered throughout the year.

Vision for student life at Lehigh

The fundamental role of Student Affairs is to support and enhance the University's educational mission. At the core of all we do is a commitment to promote student learning. The living and learning environment should inspire, challenge, and support students to achieve their full potential as individuals, as members of the Lehigh community and as citizens of a larger society. We foster a comprehensive approach to students' intellectual and personal development by integrating formal studies with residential life, a vibrant array of student organizations and activities, leadership development, the arts, and athletics. The quality of our programs, facilities, and services should compare favorably to those of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Lehigh should be known as a university that produces leaders who are held in high regard for their character as well as their achievements.

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Noteworthy Achievements for Academic Year 2010/2011

- Lehigh University joined with colleges and universities from across the country to address high-risk drinking on American campuses. This unprecedented group initiative—the Learning Collaborative on High-Risk Drinking—will use comprehensive evaluation and measurement techniques to identify and implement the most effective ways to confront this persistent problem and lessen the harm it causes. Other institutions include Dartmouth, Princeton, Cornell, Duke University, Northwestern, Brown, and Stanford University.
- The Student Affairs division was realigned to allocate personnel resources to support the university’s goal of increasing retention and graduation rates.
- A multimedia media awareness campaign was launched by the Student Affairs division to urge students to “Connect with Us,” and to maximize opportunities for campus engagement to enhance their living and learning experience.
- Lehigh’s Faculty Committee on Student Life (FCSL), an 11-member group that seeks to promote student success, has completed its second year. Major accomplishments include 21 grants awarded in support of the acquisition of core competencies. Also, as intended in its creation, discussions led to several partnerships with faculty to address key student life issues.
- A number of offices across the division participated in the “All the Way Turnt Up” academic support program, specifically targeting under-represented students and academically at-risk students.
- Lehigh hosted the Novak Institute for Hazing Intervention, which was attended by college representatives from across the country. That event joined several other anti-hazing programs that include prevention awareness week, bystander education, and creation of a faculty module on the topic.
- The division hosted a visit by Brandon Busteed, a nationally recognized authority on alcohol abuse among college-aged students. Busteed’s visit led to broader visibility and support for Lehigh’s alcohol initiatives.





By the numbers

- 50,000** Number of service/volunteer hours completed by the Lehigh community
- 11,531** Number of visits by Lehigh students to the University's Health and Wellness Center
- 4,203** Number of students participating in Make and Take Craft Days
- 3,500** Number of students who participated in at least one leadership workshop experience
- 2,523** Number of students who earned Dean's List recognition
- 2,500** Number of students who volunteered through the Community Service program
- 1,000** Number of first year students who participated in programs led by faculty and Student Affairs staff
- 934** Number of students tutored through the Center for Academic Success
- 113** Number of crime prevention programs offered the Lehigh University Police Department
- 75** Number of student orientation leaders who helped to welcome the Class of 2015
- 32** Number of Lehigh University cadets in Lehigh's ROTC program
- 18** Percentage of reduction in on-campus crime statistics for the Spring 2011 semester
- 4** Number of culturally based Greek chapters at Lehigh.