

STEPP Transcription

Living Learning Communities

I joined an LLC because I moved to a completely different area, none of my friends from back home came down to ECU so I was completely on my own and I didn't know anyone down here. I figured if I went into an LLC then I already would have a common passion with other people, which would make it easier to make friends. A living learning community is a group of people that have a common passion or have something in common that decide to live together in order to help make connections and make friends and become comfortable living in college life. You opt into living learning communities, so there's programs that are for the whole hall that your RA might do, but then for living learning communities, they throw programs that are specifically for you. LLC's are important for the student to experience because it helps garner friendships that might not happen. It kind of gives you that little extra nudge to go out of your way to kind of get to know somebody and some of my best friends that I've met here come from my LLC program. Aviation specifically puts on events such as touring the UPS facility in Louisville, and we actually even get to go into flight simulators and actually log some time in there. So for an 18 year old kid to have 7-47 time in his log book is pretty cool. If I hadn't been involved with the aviation LLC, I would probably never had that opportunity. LLC's try to hit everything that you will probably go through throughout your whole year. They help you with registering for classes, if you're having trouble studying, they give you study tips. It's a gap for you to ask like, "hey I need help," and they will try to help you with that. There's a living learning community for anybody. We have the aviation LLC, we have the PGM LLC, and we also have the sign language LLC. No matter what you like there's probably something here for you. My message to incoming freshman would be to definitely do an LLC because it was the best thing I did. It helped me find my friends, I made a lot of connections with people in different departments to help me later. Being in an LLC enhances the entire college experience. It really helps you create a sense of community; it also helps you create a sense of home in your hall. When I go to Palmer I know that I've got people there that care about me, and I've got people there I care about too and it does feel like home.