

Amherst College

First-Year Experience Newsletter



Upcoming Programs

First Year Black Light Glow Party

January 27th • 9-11pm • O'Connor Commons

Come to O'Connor Commons for a Black Light Glow Party with food and dancing! Invitations can be found in your campus mailbox!

Presented by: First-Year Experience Team

You're not new here anymore! Reflections on Writing at Amherst

January 30th • 6:30-8pm • Merrill 300A (Keefe Science Library)

This workshop provides an opportunity for you to reflect on and share your insights about writing in college, now that you've spent a semester as an Amherst College writer: How is writing in college different from writing in high school? How have you developed as a writer? How would you like your writing to improve? What might make your process more productive? There will be time for creative individual reflection and goal-setting, as well as for lively discussion with your peers. Please RSVP on [The Hub event](#); the first 15 students who RSVP and then attend the workshop will receive a copy of Peter Elbow's *Writing with Power*. Whole Foods Desserts will be served! There will be a raffle to win a Kindle Paperwhite E-reader at this program- attendance enters you into the raffle!

Presented by: The Writing Center

Relax While Engaging your Mind: Leisure Reading Afternoons

February 3rd • 2:00-4:00pm • James First Floor Common Room

Start the new calendar year on a reading note and join the Office of Residential Life in afternoons of leisure reading. This space is meant to encourage students to find pleasure and joy in reading and to view reading beyond assignments. The sessions will feature occasional handouts on the benefits of leisure reading, tips on how to read meaningfully, and reading suggestions for students to diversify their reading material. Come relax by the fireplace with any form and genre of reading material, enjoy some tea, coffee, and cookies, and make new friends. You are free to come and leave whenever. Attendance at four of the six leisure reading afternoons enters you into a raffle to win a Kindle Paperwhite E-reader or Beats Solo3 Wireless Headphones.

Facilitated by: Caryce Tirop, Residential Life Program Coordinator

Advice from a current student...

Name:
Simone HinsonPronouns:
she/her/hers

“Reach out to new people. Don't sit with the same group at Val everyday. Sit with someone new!”

Tips and Tricks for Success

Individual Coaching in Public Speaking

Public Speaking Tip #3: Remember that the purpose of a speech introduction is to grab the audience's attention! Rather than begin with the standard: “Hello, my name is and I'll be talking about....” try starting with a story, a startling statistic, a question. Grab their attention from the minute you begin and you'll be on your way to a successful, engaging speech. Contact Susan Daniels, Associate in Public Speaking, for individual coaching. www.amherst.edu/people/facstaff/sgdaniels

Deadline to apply to be a Resident Counselor or Orientation Leader!

Are you interested in being a student leader and building community on campus? If yes, apply to be an RC and/or OL! The Orientation Leaders (OLs) play key roles in the first-year Orientation program. Orientation Leaders help new students, family, and friends realize a smooth transition to the Amherst College community. Resident Counselors (RCs) are expected to be peer advisors, community builders, and campus leaders in their residence halls. You can learn more about the two positions and apply clicking [here](#). **The application deadline is Friday, January 26th at 11:59pm.**

Any questions about the Orientation Leader application process should be directed to Sophie Koff at skoff@amherst.edu. Any questions about the Resident Counselor application process should be directed to Chris Campbell at cegcampbell@amherst.edu.

Join Your Community Standards Review Board (CSRB)

The CSRB adjudicates cases in which a student is alleged to have violated the Student Code of Conduct. The Board determines responsibility and assigns sanctions when appropriate.

We are looking for students with:

- A clear & logical thought process
- The ability to maintain objectivity regardless of past experience
- The ability to work closely & collaboratively with peers, faculty, & staff members
- A sense of current events on campus
- An understanding of the mission of the College
- Interest in reviewing and improving the student code

Apply online by Jan. 28, 2018

<https://tinyurl.com/AmherstCSRB>

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Application Form
<https://tinyurl.com/AmherstCSRB>

Contact Ashley Maitland at firstyearexperience@amherst.edu with any comments, questions or concerns regarding First-Year Experience!