

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP FALL 2025



The SL&L Department welcomes you to campus! We have a variety of on-campus, hybrid and virtual activities.

ORIENTATION

"Welcome Express" Event - SC125

9/2 at 12:00 Noon - 2:00pm

Join us to brush up on your knowledge of all things Mercer!

Students will receive their orientation cinch sack & information. (this event is for new students only)

Mid-Semester Welcome - SC114

9/30 at 9:30am

Join us for an "Open House" Brunch for our 10-Week Students.



NETWORKING

Welcome Week - WWC & JKC

Dates: 9/2 - 9/12 throughout the day, Campuswide

"Winter Treat" Donuts & Hot Chocolate- JKC, The Commons

Dates: 12/2 & 12/3 throughout the day and evening

SUSTAINABILITY

L.E.A.D. Campus Clean-Up

10/8 from 11:30am - 1:00pm SC114

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JOY OF GIVING WEEK

Joy of Giving Week, also known as Daan Utsav, is an annual festival in India that takes place from October 2nd to October 8th. It encourages people to participate in acts of giving, whether it's through donating money, time, resources, or skills. The week aims to foster a culture of generosity and compassion, inspiring individuals and organizations to make a positive impact on society.

Join Student Life for our Joy of Giving Week Activities:

Outreach with the MCCC Pantry & SL&L

10/2 - Stop by the SC Hallway at 12 Noon to connect and engage with the MCCC Pantry, Mercer Street Friends & SL&L. Healthy snacks and volunteer information will be provided.

Social Media Spotlight

10/3 - Visit our social media for spotlights on the SL&L Community Outreach Opportunities.

Breast Cancer Bakesale led by EOF

10/6 - Stop by the SC Hallway from 11:00am - 2:00pm to buy a Sweet Treat from EOF and SL&L. All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

Community Service Fair

10/7 at 12:00 Noon SC104

Stop by to meet local organizations and chat about volunteer opportunities.

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FELLOWSHIP

Club Day

9/23 at 11:00am - 1:30pm Quad

Join us for this club recruitment event featuring DJ Coqui, Photos by Jo Marie Portraits, A Moment in Time Studios, Inflatable Corn Maze, Food Trucks and more!

Trick or Treat ~ Candy Bar

10/31 from 11:00am - 2:00pm SC114

Stop in to the SL&L Office to Trick or Treat! Grab sweets from our Candy Bar and take pics at our selfie station to be entered into our Instagram Costume Contest! Happy Halloween!

The Mel Brooks Musical - YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

10/31 at 8pm Kelsey Theater

It's Alive! From the creators of Broadway's record-breaking musical comedy sensation, The Producers, comes a monster of a hit musical based on Mel Brooks' classic comedy film masterpiece. This wickedly inspired re-imagining of the legend of Frankenstein is the story of the bright young doctor Frankenstein (that's Fronkensteen) who travels to Transylvania to complete the masterwork of his grandfather by bringing a corpse to life. This electrifying musical stage adaptation of Mel Brooks' brilliantly funny film is a scientifically proven, monstrously good time at the theatre which will leave you in stitches!

Join SL&L and the Kelsey Theater that evening and be sure to stay for the **Halloween Party** after the show! Dress in Costume! Refreshments will be provided. It will be a hauntingly good time!

ART & CULTURE

Hispanic Heritage Month - Salsa Dancing

9/25 at 12 Noon in SC104

Join The New York Dance by Design Studio, led by Loretta Chianese for Salsa Dancing!

Hispanic Heritage Month - Coffee Tasting with Turtle Beans Coffee, LLC

10/1 at 12 Noon SC104

The beans behind the turtle ~ a coffee tasting like no other! Enjoy coffee from various Latin American Regions and learn about Brewing Methods.

Kahoot & International Candy Bar

10/16 at 12 Noon SC104

Join SL&L to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month, Italian American Heritage and Culture Month, German American Heritage Month, Hungarian American Heritage Month and Filipino American Heritage Month with a fun game of Kahoot! Enjoy an International Candy Bar with candies representing the various countries!

LGBTQIA+ History Month ~ Rainbow Bears & Educational Information

10/22 at 12 Noon SC116

Join SL&L and the Rainbow Alliance to celebrate LGBTQIA+ History Month; Build a Rainbow Keepsake Bear.

Native American Heritage Month

11/5 at 12 Noon SC127

Enjoy lunch and learn the skills to ace our Native American Games.



ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Make a Trucker Hat

9/15 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in SC104
SL&L celebrates “Make a Hat Day” at our Design your own Trucker Hat Workshop! Featuring the designs of The Truck Stop at USC! Transform a plain hat into a one of kind original.

Open Air Movie

10/9 at 8:00pm
Join SL&L as we transform the Quad into an outdoor movie space! Get there early to snag your spot under the stars to watch a featured film on the big screen ...of course, Halloween themed! Blankets and Movie Candy will be provided!

Halloween Craft

10/13 from 12 Noon - 1:30pm SC104
Are you ready for Halloween? Join us to create a spooky craft to get you into the spirit of the season! All supplies generously provided by Student Life & Leadership.

Masquerade Mask Making Event with Gaming Club

10/27 from 11:30am - 1:00pm SC104
The Halloween Dance is upon us and to help you out with your costume, Student Life has teamed up with the Gaming Club to host a “masquerade mask making” event where you can use your imagination to create a mask to die for! All supplies are provided! Creepy music will be cranked along with some Halloween-esque refreshments to get you in the mood.

SGA Halloween Party

10/30 at 8:00pm SC Cafe
Join SGA & SL&L for the Biggest Party of the Year!

Nacho Average Thursday

11/6 at 12 Noon SC104
Stop on by for some amazing nachos to celebrate National Nacho Day!

COMMUNITY SERVICE & VOLUNTEERISM

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L.E.A.D. Utensil Wrapping

11/17 from 11:30 - 1:30pm SC104
If you are trying to figure out how to give back to your community, look no further! Every year, Student Life gives students community service opportunities like this one where we wrap utensils for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.) that they can use before the holidays start.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT BY L.E.A.D.

- Voter Registration & Education
- Constitution Day
- Pretzels at the Polls
- New Jersey Ballot Bowl

See Civic Engagement Flyer for more details!

THE ZEN ZONE
HOLISTIC & WELLNESS EVENTS TO CARE FOR
YOUR PHYSICAL, MENTAL & SOCIAL HEALTH

The Art of Mindfulness Meditation
with Adreyanna- Monday
Instagram LIVE

9/8- 11/10 & 12/1 at 5:30pm

Zumba with Colleen- Tuesday, JKC Kerney Hall

Dates: 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4, 11/18,
12/2

11:30am - 12:30pm

Yoga with Tracey - Wednesday

Instagram LIVE

9/10 - 11/12 at 5:30pm

“Stress Buster” Tips with Tracey

Instagram Live from 9/2 - 9/5 (Throughout the day) Be on the lookout for “stress buster” tips to start your first week of classes off right.

De-Stress Day at JKC

11/4 from 11:00am - 2:00pm Kerney Hall

Yoga, Meditation, Aromatherapy, Coloring, Rock Painting & Chair Massage.

World Kindness Day - Giveaway


11/13 Campuswide throughout the day

“Lead with Kindness; Live with Gratitude”

Wellness Wednesday


Check out our social media every Wednesday throughout the semester for information focused on habits and practices that contribute to your overall health and wellbeing.

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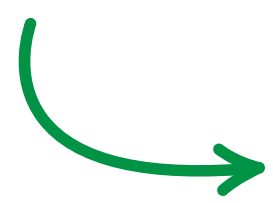
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DE-STRESS FEST

Breakfast Bar with Chef Ricky

12/1 at 9:30am SC Hallway

Enjoy breakfast on SL&L to fuel you for those final exams!

Meditation with Adreyanna - Virtual

Instagram LIVE 12/1 at 5:30pm. Join Adreyanna for a special end of semester de-stress meditation! Be relaxed and calm for your final exams!

Paint a Snowman with Rebecca Swan Art & Design

12/2 at 12Noon SC104

Would destress week be complete without a chance to paint some snowmen? Join Student Life to welcome Artist, Rebecca Swan as we provide the supplies to create some holiday magic. Don't be a flake... but feel free to make one!

Holiday Bingo

12/3 at 12Noon SC104

Get the festivities started with some fun holiday-themed games of bingo!

Cookie Decor with Leslie Marchio, Four Peas And A Dog

12/4 at 12Noon SC104

Join us for this creative art form using icing, sprinkles, and other confectionery to turn your baked goods into incredible masterpieces. All supplies generously provided by Student Life.

Positive Post Day- Virtual

Check out our social media for floods of inspirational posts & quotes!

12/5 on Social Media

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The SL&L Department is the frontline to the student body. In addition to our primary areas of focus, we offer extended student support.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you need help finding your class? Or want to join/start a club? We are your information hub! Contact us and we will point you in the right direction!

CAREER CLOSET

We want you to dress for success! Our career closet provides interview appropriate attire at no cost for Mercer students. Let us help you move forward in the working world!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY ALUM INTERVIEWS

Alumni, we want to hear from you! Reach out and tell us how your experience at Mercer kick-started your professional career!

CAMPUS TOURS

Mercer's beautiful campus is constantly changing. We'd love to show you around! Your walking tour will include various stops across the campus, as well as a campus map. Your tour will be led by one of our student ambassadors. To schedule a tour please email:
orientation@mccc.edu



**For more information, please contact
Danielle Garruba at garrubad@mccc.edu**

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL GROWTH

Brought to you by our Leadership, Education and Development Program (L.E.A.D.)

Model Casting Call

- 9/22 & 9/24 from 10pm - 2pm in SC114
- 9/23 from 2pm - 4pm in SC114

Student Life & Leadership is happy to maintain a Career Closet for the students of MCCC! We are searching for models to wear the clothing and distribute fliers throughout the Student Center when they are available during the semester in order to spread the word about this amazing resource. Bring your enthusiasm, sense of style and your best pose.

Adulting 101

9/29 at 12 Noon - 1:30pm SC104

Our Adulting 101 class will focus on thrifting and other ways to save your money. Learn how to be smart and frugal as handouts with listings of places to go or websites to visit will be provided. Find out how much those special lattes are really costing you!

Author's Day Interview on Mustang 89 Radio Station

11/3 - Listen in here: www.mccc.edu/studentradio (Time: TBD)

Student Life & Leadership is excited to interview author Wayne Morris who has self-published two books on his own. In his book, "Despite Of", Wayne Morris describes his difficult upbringing and adolescence due to his father's heroin addiction. Wayne's journey serves as an excellent example of how the human spirit can recover and seek new avenues for happiness and self-awareness.

Motivational Mondays

L.E.A.D. welcomes Life Coach, Joe Rivera - the host of the "Reforge Your Life" podcast and inspirational speaker. Joe will be providing short videos every Monday that can be viewed at your convenience when you need that extra pick-me-up with your morning latte. Be sure to check him out on the SL&L Instagram (@mccc_studentlife) starting at the end of September.

