

The Three Tiers

"Most college instructors probably do not realize how much impact they can have on student retention, nor are most aware of what specific things they can do inside and outside the classroom to reduce student attrition. It is the daily interaction of the person with other members of the college in both the formal and informal academic and social domains of the college and the person's perception or evaluation of the character of those interactions that in large measure determine decisions as to staying or leaving. It is in this sense that most departures are voluntary. On the basis of their review of 25 years of research, they concluded that one potentially potent approach to *reducing student attrition* was for colleges to find ways to maximize faculty-student interaction during the first year" (Tinto).

In our efforts to maximize faculty/staff and student interaction in the Residence Halls we have created a 3 tier involvement program that provides faculty/staff with a variety of involvement options. The three tiers are Sharing Wisdom, Faculty and University Associates, and Living-Learning Investors. Faculty and Staff can participate in more than one tier if they choose. Please take a few moments to read about each of these tiers to determine which of these opportunities are right for you.



If you are interested in participating in one of the 3 Tiers, please complete the enclosed interest card. You may turn the card in today or send it through campus mail to :

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Sharing Wisdom
University Associates
Living Learning Investors



Enhancing the
University
Experience

Sharing Wisdom

University Associates

Living Learning Investors

Faculty and Staff who choose to participate in *Sharing Wisdom* will have the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with

students. If you have an academic area or hobby you enjoy sharing



The commitment starts with you.

with others we encourage you to become part of this program. To participate you would provide us with your name, contact information, and a list of subjects you would be willing to come into the residence halls to present. As RA's and hall councils plan programs they will have the opportunity to view a list of faculty and staff who have agreed to *Share Wisdom* in order to invite them to participate in hall programs or events.

Sharing Wisdom

University Associates

Living Learning Investors

Faculty and staff who choose to be *Associates* will be paired with a building, floor, or set of floors in the residence halls depending on their preference and the needs of the halls. *Associates* will interact with residents in their designated hall through attendance at social events, dinners, floor meetings, and programs. *Associates* are asked to participate in at least one event per month. The goal of this program is to make a connection between faculty, staff and students with the goal of increased students satisfaction with their overall college experience and increased retention into the next year at Eastern Kentucky University.



Working together makes a difference.

Sharing Wisdom

University Associates

Living Learning Investors



Faculty and Staff who choose to become

Investors will be given the opportunity to work closely

An investment that will stand for a lifetime.

with the staff and students in one of our themed Living-Learning Communities. *Investors* will be asked to attend one meeting per month and some hall events to help their designated Living-Learning Community grow and be successful. Living-Learning Committee meetings will focus on the following:

- *short term and long term goals of the community
- *planning programs that meet the committee's established goals
- * connecting the Living-Learning Community with events and programs within the University.

Three Tier Program

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ Campus Mailing Address: _____

If you are interested in connecting with students in the Residence Halls, please circle the tier in which you would like to participate.

Sharing Wisdom:

Share wisdom, knowledge, and expertise with the student when hall programs or events take place

Please write the topic or areas you would like to share: _____

University Associates:

Paired with residents in a building or a specific floor, you will interact through attendance at social events, dinner, floor meetings and programs. The goal is to make a connection with students and enhance their college experience.

Living-Learning Investors:

Work closely with one of the themed Living-Learning Communities by attending one meeting per month and some hall events to help the community to grow and be successful. If you are interested please circle the Living-Learning Community in which you would like to invest your time and interest:

America's Promise Community	Connexions First Year Students	C.O.O.L. Community Service
L.I.N.K.E.D Leadership Community	"Next Steps" Upper-Class Residence Hall	Honors Community
SNL - Weekend Stayer Community	S.W.O.O.S.H Health and Wellness Community	
Women's Interest of Today and Tomorrow	Sophomore "30-Something" Community	

I am already an investor in _____ Community