

Eye on Campus



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Lioness Women's Group

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"Roar!" that is the sound that not just a lion, but a lioness makes when she notices women being vastly under-represented on the Penn State Brandywine campus. It's roughly a 60/40 ratio of men to women on Brandywine's campus.

Thus, an idea was born. Student Affairs Intern, Monae Kelsey and Coordinator of Student Involvement,

gives them advice on dating and health issues, discusses domestic violence, and woman's role in the workforce.

Lioness' Group officers are Secretary, Martina Gill, Vice President, Sophia Obinyan, and President and Special Events Coordinator, Athena Nikolos. The Lioness' plan on partnering with various campaigns and women's groups including: the Feel

Ronika Money recognized this need for a designated group just for women on campus. Lioness, which is obviously inspired by the Nittany Lion, focuses on empowering women,

Your Boobies Foundation, National Organization for Women's Love Your Body Day, and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

The Group's colors are pink, black, white, and green. The pink and black are a throwback to the original Penn State colors as well as pink being ever present to represent femininity. Their symbol, the letter "L" and a lioness has an interesting story regarding its beginnings, "I had a vision in my head of a lioness etched around an L and then Athena helped to create it on paper," says Monae. A fact about founder, Monae Kelsey, she makes an extra effort to wear pink to every Lioness Group meeting.

The Lioness Wom-

en's Group will be holding a Coffee House in the Lion's Den on October 21st at Common Hour (12:30-1:30). There will be free refreshments as well as an open mike for anyone who wants to get up on stage to speak about the empowerment of women or to simply read a few lines of poetry. Sign-up sheets are now posted throughout the Lion's Den.

Future events the Lioness' are planning include a Women's Retreat as an optional spring break, a Pamper Yourself event to get ready for the Blue & White Ball hosted by Bubbles Salon in Glenn Mills, PA, and a Breast Cancer Walk in partnership with the Feel Your Boobies Foundation in the spring in memory and honor of Bran-

dywine professor Dr. Barbara Daniels. Keep an eye out for a manicure fundraiser this fall to get ready for the walk in the spring!

The Lioness' also plan on having ongoing potential partnerships with local high schools to help impart wisdom, help with the transition from girl to woman, and tips on being a well rounded female college student.

To join the club, meetings are held every Tuesday at Common Hour in the Commons Building. Become their fan on Facebook! Search Penn State Brandywine-Lioness Women's Group. If you would like any other information, contact Monae Kelsey at msk23@psu.edu.

Giving Credit Where Credit is Due; Plagiarism

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So your teacher assigns you a topic for a project or paper, it happens in almost every class a few times a semester. Depending on your time management skills, you have either a few weeks or a few days to become an expert on your topic. In our current times this is easy to do with a click of a mouse or a scroll of the thumb.

Whether you use a computer or your I Phone, vast amounts of information are at your fingertips. One may go to the library for sources or use the internet from home, but there is one step in this process that is critical. Once the initial research is complete, the most important part of any paper is keeping track of where and who the sources are.

There is no such thing as being over cautious when it comes to citing sources or facts in your paper. If you leave one quote or statement without a citation, it could be the end of your paper, and in some cases, the end of your academic career. Now keep in mind you are a student for a reason, so it is good to look to other sources

for knowledge on a subject. As students it is our job to be connoisseurs on the topic assigned. There are rules to citing and paraphrasing other information, and anything that is common knowledge to people is not necessary to cite. But as soon as you cross that line into facts obtained from other people or books you have to give credit where credit is due.

Plagiarism is the use or close imitation of the language and thoughts of another author and the representation of them as one's own original work. (Dictionary.com) Just like song writers and movie producers are protected under copyright laws so are writers, and you cannot claim another individual's words or ideas as your own without crediting them.

If you struggle with using the right format for citing or are puzzled by the process the Writing Center offers a variety of workshops for students. The workshop that pertains directly to plagiarism is on Tuesday, November 3 from 11:30-12:20. The workshop will take place in room 110 of the Vairo build-

ing. If you need help with issues other than citations and plagiarism, the Writing Center offers other workshops as well. The next work shop occurs on Wednesday October 7th, from 12:30-1:20 entitled Whoops!, This covers common writing errors that will have a negative impact on your grade. If you are a student that struggles with paraphrasing, summarizing and quoting, then go check out the workshop on Thursday, October 15th from 11:30-12:20. The last workshop of this semester falls on Wednesday, November 18th from 12:30-1:20, which goes over how to start your paper and investigate your topic.

With such a wide variety of sources and information out there, make sure that if you did not compose your own words or ideas in your paper give credit to whom-ever did. When in doubt ask the experts in the writing center or your professor. It is easy to change or add citations during the writing process, but nearly impossible to change an F or a zero if you are caught stealing someone else's work.

Volunteer to Help Guide Delaware County Inmates

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The Delaware County correctional facilities have been providing workshop training programs to their inmates since 1975. Currently they are offering opportunities to volunteer at three locations.

The volunteers can be adults or college students who are at least twenty years of age. This would be ideal for criminal justice majors or anyone interested in the court system.

The three locations include George W. Hill correctional facility, SCI Chester, and the Juvenile Detention Center, which is about a quarter mile away from our campus.

For new volunteers the program is offered the first two weekends in the months of October, November, and January of each year and requires the volunteers to go through a six step deci-

sion making program.

The volunteers are later matched with an inmate and begin a one on one session together. These session will help the inmate to develop better decision-making skills, set realistic goals, and make action plans.

The inmates are also taught how to manage their risk assessment, conscience, communication, and self awareness. The volunteers can set their own schedule and the sessions can last six to seven weeks through-out the year.

Participating in the Delaware County correctional facilities volunteer program can allow you to make a positive difference in your community while helping an individual to function and make a constructive contribution towards our society.