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INTEREST:

- L.I.V.E.S. begins its 3rd year
- Students to Present at State Special Education Conference, October 8—9, 2010
- Three Students begin their internships on campus
- Students Competed in 4th Annual Ramon Rocha Walk/Run

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The L.I.V.E.S. Program's

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The L.I.V.E.S. Program Begins its Third Year on the SUNY-Geneseo Campus

What is the L.I.V.E.S. Program? The L.I.V.E.S. Program is a four-year transition program located on the campus of the State University of New York - College at Geneseo. The L.I.V.E.S. Program provides students with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn independence, vocational, and educational skills within an inclusive community.

The L.I.V.E.S. Program is an educational and vocational initiative funded through a collaborative partnership with

SUNY-Geneseo, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, Hilltop Industries (a Division of The Arc of Livingston-Wyoming), and Finger Lakes DDSO. It is designed to provide transition and post-secondary programs for students with intellectual developmental disabilities and who are eligible for OPWDD

(Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities) services.

The SUNY-Geneseo L.I.V.E.S. Program accepts 8—12 new students each year, who are at least 18 years of age or older at the start of their program and who meet eligibility criteria for OPWDD services.



Students to Present Their

GREAT Day Presentation in Saratoga Springs, NY

October 8—9, 2010 eight students from SUNY-Geneseo's L.I.V.E.S. Program will travel to Saratoga Springs, NY to present at the New York Federation of the Council For Exceptional Children's Annual Conference.

Last year, the students in the L.I.V.E.S. Program wanted to know how and if they were similar and different from Geneseo's college

students. The students developed a list of forty questions and surveyed 78 Geneseo college students about their strengths and weaknesses, likes and dislikes. Results were tabulated and presented at Geneseo's 2009 GREAT Day. More than 50 people attended to hear the results of their research.

The students wanted others to

know about their similarities and differences so they submitted their research proposal to the New York Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children's annual conference. For the second year in a row, the students in the L.I.V.E.S. Program were accepted to present their research findings.

Our Teachers and Staff:



Mr. Jeff Laub,
teacher 18—21 year
old section
Ms. Marcy Andrews,
Teaching assistant
18—21 year olds



Ms. Danielle Everts,
teacher 21 year and
older section
Ms. Sue Sullivan,
Teaching Assistant,
21— older section



Around the SUNY-Geneseo Campus...

What the Campus is Like by Tyler G.

On campus we, *the L.I.V.E.S. Program*, have classes in Fraser Hall, Sturges, Welles and Wadsworth. We also go to the Union and M.J.'s for lunch. M.J.'s is like a food court. They have tons of different kinds of foods like sushi, Chinese and pizza. M.J.'s is an abbreviation for Mary Jemison. The Union is where they have a game room and most of the activities are there. Every week we go to the gym for fitness. We go there 3 times a week. The fourth day of school we went to the library. The library has two floors. We have also been

to the Art Center. The Art Center has different exhibits all over the building and different kinds of art classes. They offer dance and ceramics. We have been to the science building and Newton. This building has classrooms that can hold up to 200 people and the science building has many different exhibits all about the earth.

The second day of school we went to Blake to get our student ID's. They had to take our picture. Some of the buildings we go to have short cuts so you don't have to go outside. On our way to M.J.'s and the

Union we go through the courtyard. The court yard has two trees that are pretty cool. One is painted with different colors and with fraternities names on it. It is always getting painted with new things on it. The other tree is called the Dr. Seuss tree or Seuss Spruce because at the top it tilts to the right. One the first day of school we took our picture in front of the Dr. Seuss tree. There is another room we go to, we call it the fish bowl, because everyone can see you. It is like a conference room. We did some interviews in there. This is what the SUNY campus is like.

Interviewing College Volunteers

by Anthony G.

We did the interviews with the volunteers from the Geneseo College. I also asked the volunteers about their strengths. The volunteers come 2 days a week to help us with reading, daily living, writing, and computers. Volunteers help us 1.5 hours a week. I would like help making new friends and they can help me make new friends.

Nineteen college students volunteered to work with us this year.



Growing in Faith by Kaleb K.

In Fall 2009, I joined a Christian group at SUNY Geneseo called B.A.S.I.C. It stands for "Brothers And Sisters In Christ." B.A.S.I.C is a network of college students and churches in the Northeast that meet to enjoy life, learn about God, and make a difference in the world. Mike Cavanaugh founded B.A.S.I.C at SUNY Oswego in 1978.



Ever since I joined B.A.S.I.C, I've made new friends, learned new ways to strengthen my faith, and became astonished by testimonies that people have shared. Also, a few others in the group and myself help lead worship songs. We meet for B.A.S.I.C at the College Union on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm – 8:30pm.

"What a great program! I look forward to seeing your students around campus. They are always smiling and look so eager to go about their business."

Me and Dr. Hall by Jewley S.



I like the L.I.V.E.S. Program so far and I have been here since 2009. This year, I am auditing a special education class. I like it so far. Last year when I met Dr. Hall, we did not meet on good terms because she erased the board when I was doing my math. But now it is going okay for me. I like to pick on Dr. Hall.



Its All About Food by Ellen B.

I am going to talk about all the lunch options at SUNY Geneseo. We had lunch with Mrs. Warner. We had spaghetti, tomato sauce and bread. M.J.'s is a restaurant on SUNY- Geneseo campus. They have sushi, pizza, french fries, ice cream, hot subs and Taco bell. We had pizza, cold subs and salad at Mia's. We also had pop to drink. At the union they have sandwiches, french fries, salad with chicken, soup, fruit tarts, grapes and ice cream. They have strawberry milk, chocolate milk and pop. Geneseo has a lot of good food.



Weather is Important

by Tom R.

I am Tom, this is my third year in the LIVES program. I enjoy going to audit the Meteorology class on M/ W/F. Weather has always interested me. I use the Weather.com website everyday at L.I.V.E.S. to check the forecast. This semester we have been tracking the Hurricane season. Geneseo is lucky that we don't have hurricanes.



Life as a Junior by Hannah B.



Hannah moved from Ithaca to attend SUNY-Geneseo's L.I.V.E.S. Program

This semester is my junior year and I started my internship placement in the education department. I put stickers on the files so Terry Riordan could use them again, and I painted two boxes that they are going to use. There are more boxes that have to be painted so I will probably be doing that Monday morning. I like it because you get to be working in a room with the undergraduates. You can talk to them, listen to music, and snack on food.

There are meetings every Thursday in the Conference Room on the second floor at 12:00pm. I go to the meetings every Thursday and try not to be late, Everybody else comes in and one of the undergraduates keeps track of the meeting notes and asks questions, we answer. When I graduate from college, I want to be a teachers aide for kids with different abilities. This will help me and so I will be auditing a class. This year I am auditing a HP&E class, where

you learn about keeping Healthy and Safe.

Last semester, I audited a class on Psychology and it was cool but hard to keep up. The teacher talked so fast and wrote fast. I bought a tape recorder to bring to class and recorded when she talked. I did like the Psychology class last semester because I learned about kids with different abilities and how to handle them.

I take classes five days a week and do my internship so I keep pretty busy.

What I like about Geneseo? by Chris S.



It is fun being on the Geneseo campus. What I like about Geneseo is that I am able to get on any website on the computer, and doing math.

We are so lucky some kids don't get much chance to go to college. I feel and think that this could help me get the job I always wanted. You get to learn something different almost everyday. The students here are so great and nice.

A Freshman's Perspective by Melissa P.



Hi I'm Melissa Price and a freshman of the LIVES program. In the

beginning of starting with the LIVES program, I meet some students. It seemed that we were going to be great friends. This program teaches you to work on your social, independent, vocational, and educational skills as well. Each of the students in this program has their own goals in whatever they choose to do in

life. Some of the students audit classes of their choice starting in your sophomore year and on from there.

Also the teacher, assistant teacher or some of the students will give you a tour of the campus. After getting to know your schedule and the students you will have no problem knowing one another. At first you may be nervous but every ones first day is like that where ever you go for school, college, and work. After you know the routine of the program you will know it by

heart. If you decide not to drive they will help you get to the program.

I hope you will join this program if you need more time to develop your skills. I know this for a fact because I am part of this program myself. I have already improved my social skills so far with in this program including other skills as well. The teachers are really awesome and getting to know the classmates better as well. So join the LIVES program it may help you become more successful.

Having Fun and Joining In by Dustin F.



I've been having lots of fun since I started coming to SUNY Geneseo. Since my freshman year I've been attending Intersivity Christian Fellowship every Friday night. I've even played

Humans vs. Zombies. I heard about it from my very good friend who is also the administrator of the game. I met him at Christian Fellowship. It's a live action college game that is only on campus. Humans can use Nerf Guns, Nerf Swords, balled up socks, and marshmallows. But mostly humans have been using just Nerf Guns and Nerf Swords. Zombies can't use anything. Zombies have to do a two hand tag. If a human is inside, that person is safe.

The safe zones are indoors. A human must be at least 15 feet away from a door for a zombie to tag that person. Once a human is tagged, that human becomes a zombie. A zombie has to tag a human within 48 hrs. before a zombie starves. If a zombie gets shot or whacked the zombie is stunned for 10 minutes. Humans wear bandannas around their upper arm and zombies wear them around their heads. Any student who has registered online can play the game.

The very first game was in the Fall of 2009. That was my freshman year. The second game was in the Spring of 2010. And I was still a freshman. Right now this is my sophomore year, and this is

the third game. But it's the first game of the year. I have been surviving much longer now because in the previous games I've been learning from my mistakes. The game goes on 24/7. It goes on for a week and a half. There are also some missions that take place in some of the evenings. On the final day of the game, there is a big battle between humans and zombies.

We also have been doing Nerf Wars but that's not connected with the game. We have been doing the mini version of Humans vs. Zombies though. We also play capture the flag. And a team of humans against another team of humans is what we usually do the most at Nerf Wars. We had it twice at the Knight Spot and once at the Holcomb cafeteria. I loved having it at the Knight Spot better.

Two Students competed in the 4th Annual Ramon Rocha Walk/Run October 2, 2010
 Tom R. completed the 1 mile walk and Kaleb K. completed the 5K run.
 Congratulations to both on a job well done!



Fitness is Essential by Nathan C.

You can go get a workout at the fitness center with all the machines. There are weights and lots of machines and free weights. You can also get a really good workout at the fitness center by using all the machines. Cardio machines are for a lot of ab workouts and also lift a lot of weights. There are two rooms at the fitness center for weights and for stretching before you workout. Treadmills, rowing machine, bikes and a lot of other machines. You can get into the fitness center by using your Geneseo student ID card.



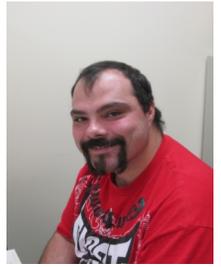
My Experiences Thus Far ... by Fred Y.



This is Fred, and I am a freshman in the *L.I.V.E.S. Program*. I am going to talk about my experiences in the *L.I.V.E.S. Program* at Geneseo campus. I have fun at Geneseo. I made new friends and saw old friends from High School. I went to the Union to see the different clubs that you can join. I eat at a dining hall called MJs. They have different restaurants in side MJs. What I like the most about Geneseo is the clubs that they have here. These are my experiences at Geneseo in the *L.I.V.E.S. Program*.

Geneseo's Unique Opportunities by John F.

Geneseo's campus offers many unique opportunities. There is a wide array of things that I like about this college. The campus is presentable and enjoyable. The students and staff are friendly and easy to get along with. Everyone has serious study habits, which makes learning fun. In addition, the school is going to establish a Starbucks in the student union. What I like about Geneseo the most is the friendships I have developed with the other students and faculty members. The interactions in the *L.I.V.E.S. Program* help me to improve my social skills.



Silly Bands Take Over Geneseo by Krista C.

During the 2nd week of college, Dr. Hall stopped in to give us silly bands. Silly bands are bands that you wear on your wrist. Our silly bands were in Blue and White and came in letters that spelled Geneseo. We also got emergency cards. You could also win a T-shirt, but you had to spell the word Geneseo with your silly bands. You also had to wear them everyday in order to win the t-shirt. You had to make a team of students and have one staff member. I e-mailed Dr. Urso the day I was with Dr. Hall. I went to her office and she told me she had a letter "S" silly band which we were missing. Friday was the contest at the Union Hall and our team got together and we met up with Dr. Urso at 9:45. We went to the Union and got our silly bands out and emergency cards and spelled Geneseo, but we didn't win. We came in 2nd because we were not the first team there. Our team did win a rubber jar opener.



My Days are Busy! by Justine D.

This semester I have started my work placement in the mailroom. I deliver mail in and around the campus. I like working in the mailroom and delivering mail. My favorite place to deliver mail is in the union. I am also auditing a class in theater. I like to use the computer in the computer lab.



Making New Friends

By Andrew M.

I have met a lot of friends at school. I think SUNY Geneseo is a good place to meet friends. I meet my friends in the classroom. Their names are Anthony, Ellen, Krista, Nathan and Tyler. We all work together. I had lunch at M.J.'s with my friend Julie. Julie is a Sophomore in the *L.I.V.E.S. Program*. I met Fred, he is a Freshman in the program. I met a friend named Melissa, we talked at the Union. She also goes to the Fitness Center and works out. There are volunteers that work with us in the classroom. My favorite thing to do with friends is going to Mia's to have pizza and Pepsi. This is me with my new friend Tyler.



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