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Congratulations! We're in.

I am pleased with this acceptance decision and look forward to sharing our work in Seattle.

A few notes:

- We each need to register for the conference before **November 14th**.
- As we discussed, we are individually responsible for organizing and funding our own travel.
- We may not know about our presentation day/time for a few weeks.
- We need to schedule a time to discuss our approach and assign tasks to prepare the presentation. The conference occurs in mid-February, so we have some time. In the coming days, I'll organize getting us together to gameplan.

If, for some reason, attending is no longer a possibility for you, please let me know. I sincerely hope everyone can attend and is excited at the prospect.

Thanks
Daniel



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National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience &
Students in Transition

Dear DANIEL SUPER,

We are pleased to accept the following proposal for presentation at the 45th Annual Conference on The First-Year Experience scheduled for February 15-18, 2026, in Seattle, Washington!

Title of Presentation: Living and Learning in Community: A Successful Model for FYE

Session Type: Assessed Institutional Initiative

Abstract: Western Kentucky University's Living Learning Community (LLC) initiative advances first-year student success through intentional integration of academic and residential life. Serving nearly 800 students annually, LLCs are organized by major, identity, or interest and they foster belonging, academic engagement, and retention. A rigorous assessment strategy using propensity score matching (PSM) demonstrates statistically significant retention gains for first-generation, Pell-eligible, and underrepresented students. The program is sustained through faculty professional learning communities, cross-divisional collaboration, and purpose-built infrastructure. This session will share WKU's approach and offer attendees practical strategies to implement, assess, and scale similar efforts within their own campus contexts.

Scheduling information will be sent out in November. Please note that we are unable to accept any individual scheduling requests at this time.

If reviewers provided comments on your proposal, their comments will be below (blank space indicates no feedback).

- A high impact practice that addresses student equity and enhances students' retention especially for residential students.
- The idea of a large-scale LLC program is exciting, your description of assessment using PSM and interactive dashboards is actually genius. To help reviewers see the value for participants, you might spell out the concrete or value of useful tools they'll take away. Also, being explicit about who the ideal audience is (residence life staff, academic affairs professionals, FYE or retention leaders,

assessment admins) will help reviewers see exactly how your session will fit into the conference program and who will benefit most.

We are delighted that you will be joining us for this year's conference and look forward to working with you as a presenter! Please proceed to sc.edu/fye/ to complete your registration for the conference as soon as possible. The early bird registration deadline is November 14, 2025. Please register for the conference by November 14, 2025 to secure your presentation slot.

Please note: If you have an accepted **vendor presentation**, **you must register as a vendor by November 25, 2025.**

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Conferences and Continuing Education staff at fyeconf@mailbox.sc.edu.

Thank you,

Conferences and Continuing Education Team

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