



# A Bridge To SUCCESS

LEWIS UNIVERSITY

Lewis University's SUCCESS program provides opportunities for academic success to students who need assistance in meeting the admission requirements of the University. The program accomplishes this by providing on-going mentoring and academic support services to students during their first year at Lewis.

## **GOALS OF THE SUCCESS PROGRAM**

- Provide a strong and supportive environment
- Support retention, academic success, and graduation
- Connect learning experiences with improved learning strategies
- Guide students through:
  - Peer mentoring
  - Academic advising, registration and career orientation
  - Tutoring and online remediation
  - Study skills workshops
  - Bi-weekly contact with the SUCCESS Program Coordinator
  - Ongoing follow-up with professional staff and faculty

## **WHY THE PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS**

The SUCCESS Program exemplifies Lewis University's Catholic and Lasallian Mission by making a college education accessible to deserving students of all academic backgrounds. Personal, one-on-one attention, a hallmark of a Lewis education, serves as a key component of the program. The University community is committed to helping students in the SUCCESS Program achieve their goals. Professional staff and faculty mentors provide students with a solid foundation for continued academic success.

## **WHAT IS THE BRIDGE PROGRAM?**

SUCCESS begins with the Bridge Program, which takes place July 27 – August 8, 2008. All students who wish to be admitted to Lewis University through the SUCCESS Program must first participate in and successfully complete Bridge.

The Bridge Program is a two-week, residential, intensive college preparatory program held on the Lewis University campus. Bridge provides potential students with basic skills and strategies to assist them in making the most out of their college experience. Course work focuses on:

- College readiness skills
- Writing, reading and mathematics
- Library research orientation
- Computer/technology literacy
- Study skills and test taking

Admission to Lewis University is based upon academic performance and appropriate participation in Bridge social and academic activities. Attitude, skills, and self-awareness will also influence admission.

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

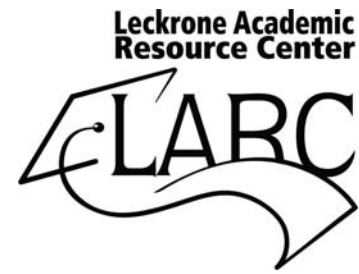
In keeping with the Mission of Lewis University, service learning is a key component of the Bridge curriculum. Each summer, all Bridge participants volunteer at the Greater Chicago Food Depository and then return to campus, discuss the experience, and write a reflective essay.

## **INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE (ICE) CLASS**

The mentoring and support that students receive during the Bridge Program continues throughout the first year of college. One of the many ways in which students receive ongoing support and encouragement is through their *Introduction to the College Experience (ICE)* class, a one credit hour, yearlong course that facilitates the transition from high school to college. ICE introduces resources to students, helps them hone their skills, and provides them with opportunities to make the most of their Lewis University experience. Classes are comprised of about 15 students each, with a member of the University community serving as the “mentor” for the course.

## **A SUCCESS STORY**

**Richard Brown, '08** entered Lewis University three years ago as a member of the SUCCESS Program. During his time at Lewis, Richard maintained a healthy GPA, involved himself in a number of extra-curricular activities, and served as an Orientation Group Leader in 2006 and 2007, assisting first year students in the transition to Lewis University. He was also a Peer Mentor in the SUCCESS program and assisted students in the Bridge program during the summer. Richard will serve as President of the Student Governing Board (SGB) during the 2007-2008 academic year. The SUCCESS program, along with the generous assistance of donors who support Lewis University scholarships has made Richard's education and his experiences at Lewis possible. **Richard is just one of many SUCCESS Stories.**



## **LECKRONE ACADEMIC RESOURCE CENTER (LARC)**

The SUCCESS Program is housed within the University's academic support center, LARC. The mission of the **Leckrone Academic Resource Center** is to deliver programs and services of distinction and quality that develop independent lifelong learners, address the needs of an increasingly diverse student population, and foster a holistic learning environment. LARC provides numerous services to students at Lewis University, including:

- Academic skills seminars and workshops
- Assistance for students with learning disabilities and special needs
- One-on-one tutoring in 100 courses (including mathematics and the sciences) by over 30 competent and trained peer tutors, who are available for appointments and walk-ins.
- Assistance with test and note-taking strategies