Join New Programs at Nisonger

This semester Nisonger will be offering some new programs where you can learn about social skills and employment skills. Talk to your facilitator about how to register if any of these programs sound interesting.

**SWAG or Social Skills with Ace Groups** is free for Ace members. SWAG will be held every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30PM (January 29th through March 5th). Learn about building friendships and go off-campus for fun events. Participants will learn to improve their social communication skills and apply them in real life. The first meeting will be January 29th at the Panera on Lane Avenue, just next to OSU’s main campus.

**Relate to Me** will be on Mondays from 6 to 7:30PM (January 28th through March 18th) at the Nisonger Center. There is a $300 fee. This group will focus on building close friendships, dating, healthy boundaries and consent, and sexual health. The last day of the program will be a speed dating event where participants can put their new skills into practice.

**Employability** will also be on Mondays from 6 to 7:30PM (January 28th through March 18th) at the Nisonger Center. There is a $300 fee. The group will focus on job skills like interviewing and resume building. Participants will also explore career options and set career goals.

Getting Started with AIM

You may have noticed that OSU’s Disability Services has come out with a snazzy new online portal called Accessible Information Management, or AIM! You can use it to make your own course accessibility letters to let your profs know what accommodations you need. Read on for some tips on getting started! If you have any trouble with the new system please let your facilitator know or contact your Access Specialist.

1. **Go** to slds.osu.edu/aim and follow the link for ‘AIM Login’ in the sidebar. **Login** with your name-dot-number and OSU password to reach the AIM Dashboard.
2. **Read** and **sign** any outstanding e-agreements on your Dashboard. You should then see a list of the courses that you are currently enrolled in at OSU.
3. **Select the classes** you need accommodations for and then click ‘Step 2’ to **select your accommodations** for each course. When you’re done, click ‘Submit Your Accommodations Request.’
4. Back at your Dashboard, select ‘Generate PDF’ from the dropdown menu to see your accessibility letters.
5. **Email** each letter as an attachment to the prof who teaches that class. The subject line should be ‘Course Accessibility Letter.’
Ace! Group Study Sessions
Stay caught up on your assignments in a quiet, distraction-free zone.
Facilitators on-hand to assist.
*Dates/times TBA

No Class
Monday, January 21
There will be no class on MLK Jr. Day.

SWAG
Tuesday, January 29 6-7:30PM
The first day of SWAG. Learn about verbal and nonverbal communication and how to talk about your interests.
Panera
300 West Lane Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201

Pizza Party
Friday, February 1 5:30-7PM
Join Ace! for pizza and to plan meet-ups with other members.
McCampbell Hall, 101
1581 Dodd Drive
Columbus, OH 43210

SWAG
Tuesday, February 5 6-7:30PM
Learn about electronic communication.
Panera on Lane Avenue

Welcome Back Ace!

Ace is back! This Friday we all met up to get to know some new faces and reconnect with old ones. Everyone is looking forward to the Spring semester. Hopefully, the weather continues to work in our favor until the temperatures warm up again.

Since we will be starting a new Ace group, SWAG mentioned on page one, our Friday night activities will be a little lighter. We’ll plan to meet as a whole Ace group at McCampbell Hall about one Friday night a month. The rest of the time, we hope to see each other at smaller groups throughout the week. The plus side of this is that Ace members will have a lot more control over what activities they want to participate in and who they want to hang out with.

Check out the infographic below if you are looking for some quick pointers on making plans with your college classmates. If you want more info about building friendships, be sure to stop by SWAG on Tuesday nights.

P.S. Participants in this focus group will get a $20 gift card.
“The adolescent group will consist of one individual assessment and a focus group that will run once for about two hours. These focus groups and interviews will be in a safe, confidential environment where you will be asked to share open and honestly about sexual health education.”
If you’re interested, email schmidt.1072@osu.edu or call 513-492-2908.

Reach Out
- Take the lead and suggest a plan to hang out.
- Try to give the other person or people at least one week’s notice.
- Include specific details where and when.

Help Out
- If someone else is putting in all of the effort, offer to help.
- If you can’t meet at a certain time or place, suggest an alternative.
- Don’t agree to plans if you know you won’t be able to make it.

Get Out
- Make sure you keep track of what plans you’ve made so that you don’t forget to go.
- Let the other person know if you’ll be late.
- Once you’re there, just have a good time!

Follow-Up
- If you had a good time, why not try it again?
- Tell the person you had fun and would like to hang out again.
- Get in touch with them the next time you see an event that looks like fun.

Ace!
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