A message from the peer mentor subcommittee:

The peer mentor subcommittee was organized to support the needs of mentors and their coordinators. We hope that you will find the tips and information shared in this newsletter useful as you work with your Learning Community students. We also invite you to share tips or to make announcements.

Please send information or comments to jenl@iastate.edu.

Important Dates to Remember

- November 19 — Last day to add/drop a second half-semester course without extenuating circumstances
- November 22-26 — Thanksgiving break, classes recessed
- December 13-17 — Final exams

An Online Community for Learning Community Peer Mentors

In an effort to connect our learning community mentors with one another, the peer mentor subcommittee has developed a mentor community board. Each of you have been added to the community board so you simply use your WebCT username and password to sign in: https://bb.its.iastate.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp

We hope you will find the community site helpful for meeting and collaborating with other university peer mentors throughout the remainder of the year.

You are invited to:
- post questions you have about being a mentor
- share tips for being a successful mentor
- announce opportunities for combining LC activities

We hope that you will find the various resources we have posted in the site useful as well. Here you will find our:
- mentor handbook
- mentor resource manual
- past editions of the Mentor Messenger
- announcements of upcoming workshops and events

The community board is a new site, so we encourage you to send any suggestions you may have for improvements. If you have difficulty logging in, feel free to contact jenl@iastate.edu.

You Are Invited!

Learning Communities will sponsor a mid-year Institute on Friday, January 28, 2011. The event is informal, so you need not attend for the full day.

The schedule will consist of 50 minute interest sessions in which you are invited to participate. We strongly encourage you to consider giving a presentation at the event.

Ideas for potential presentations include:

- Lessons learned through my mentor experience
- Engaging my learning community
- Common student issues in the first semester

Please ask your coordinator for further details about how to submit a proposal.