FYE Information—College of Fine Arts

Below is a brief synopsis of First Year Experiences provided by the College of Fine Arts for its freshmen cohort of students to assist with university-wide retention efforts:

Welcome Weekend activities
- Chance to interact with current faculty and students to get a headstart on the academic expectations of each program
- Social events are planned throughout the first 2 weeks to help the new students feel welcome to the College and their individual schools

Residential Learning Community housed in the recently renovated Lincoln Hall that includes Fine Arts friendly spaces
- Open to first year Fine Arts students on a first come, first served basis
- Interactions with faculty/staff across the college
- Participation in Fine Arts performances, exhibitions, and productions
- Social activities from pizza parties to museum field trips
- Fine Arts peer mentor interactions

Arts for Ohio
- Provides free access to College of Fine Arts performances for all students including incoming Freshmen
- Avenue for social and cultural engagement on a regular basis, either as an audience member or a participant

Interaction with Faculty
- All Freshmen Fine Arts majors take a majority of classes in their majors with professors rather than GTAs
- Many classes are one on one (private instruction) or small group (studio or ensemble classes) instruction

Academics/Advising
- All students are assigned a faculty advisor at the beginning of Fall quarter
- All programs require a minimum GPA requirement in the major courses, so periodic reviews are held throughout the year
- All first year students placed on academic probation are required to participate in the Academic Success Workshops offered through University College
- Any student who needs additional help is referred to the Turning Points program

Additional Individual School assistance to First year students

Art—review of academic and advising practices take place in Art 110, a required course for all incoming art majors

Dance—All Freshmen must register and participate in Dance 090, a performance lab class where academic and advising practices are routinely discussed
Music-- All Freshmen must register and participate in Music 090, a performance lab class where academic and advising practices are routinely discussed. They are also introduced to the leaders of the various student organizations to help them meet and interact with these high achieving student leaders who can act as role models for them. At risk students (musically or academically) are referred to the Director or Associate Director by School of Music faculty for advisement and counseling as needed.

Theater-- All Freshmen must register and participate in Theater 090, a “lunchbag” class where academic and advising practices are routinely discussed. Students are also exposed to a wide variety of guests and visiting artists to enrich their educational experience.