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KEY ACADEMIC INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMESTER HIGHLIGHTS

What a Fall semester! The Key Academic Interdisciplinary Community pioneered into a one-of-a-kind educational experience filled with in-person and virtual classes, events, and activities. Though our adaptability, determination, and grit were tested with obstacles and challenges this semester, we overcame and thrived as a community. As we reflect on such an experience, it's always important to recognize the importance of the lessons, memories, and character development we shared together. Even in this COVID era, the Key Academic Interdisciplinary clusters were able to make the most of it and I couldn't be more proud of each and every member in our community — Key students and Key Mentors alike. Without further ado, here are a few words about each cluster from our very own Key Academic Mentors!

— *Tai Mesches, Key Academic Interdisciplinary Coordinator*

Cluster 1: Patricia Moreno Ortega “Being the mentor for Cluster 1 has been such an amazing experience so far. It has been incredible seeing and getting to know my students and learning how amazing each one of them is. The energy that is felt from the group is simply unexplainable. The supportive and kind attitude that everyone has towards each other warms my heart. The moment when everyone got to listen to each other's story was a turning point where we realized that we have all been through a lot, yet we are all connected by being here. This semester has been a really tough one with its many ups and many more downs, but everyone has tried their best to stay strong and push forward against all adversities. Our game night showed the competitive side of some students and brought some light to the semester in the middle of a lot of stress. Whether it was being clowned on for our amazingly beautiful origami or struggling to get through History essays, everyone has grown so much in their own way and I can't explain how proud I am of every single one of you. I can't wait to see what's to come for semester 2!



Cluster 2: Aja Ledoux “Rebels, Outcast, and Society, while this has been an interesting semester, we tried to make the best we could, exploring not only campus but the city of Fort Collins and Old Town. Enjoying the warm weather while we had it, having class outside or being at the IM fields. Getting to know those around us, listening to each other's music or sharing memories. While our vibe is super chill, when Key Pursuits came around, the competitive nature kicked right in. They reached mile markers in the semester and passed right through them like a breeze; whether they were huge Sociology papers, Rebel analysis presentations, group projects, or all the stressful exams that came with the Fall semester—they rocked them all.”

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Monday January 25th, 2021 Evening

Cluster 3: Miguel Beltran “For Key Cluster 3, some of our highlights were decorating pumpkins before Halloween while watching the Nightmare before Christmas movie and having some ice cream during class. One of my highlights of the semester is when my cluster and I drew together in class and after that we discussed our team name and the design of our poster for KEY Pursuits. My cluster is filled with kind individuals, all with their own goals and ambitions of what they want their college experience to be. I am so fortunate to have such a great cluster of students and I’ve enjoyed being their mentor throughout this semester. I am looking forward to the next semester, not saying it will be easier, just excited about what will come. I am proud of all of them and what they’ve accomplished.”



Cluster 4: Samantha Davis “We’re cluster 4! Throughout the semester, we’ve had a movie night, a trivia night, and had many activities to foster community. We have taken charge of our experience through student-led activities. The cluster has brought their creativity into our space in a time of virtual engagement and we’ve bonded over our love of Disney movies and Key Communities.”



Cluster 5: Retta Smith “This semester was a challenge because our cluster only met through Zoom. Nonetheless, we all still learned a lot through our Discrimination, Prejudice, Culture and Community seminar. We were able to meet once in person to hand out t-shirts and a lot of them stayed and we chatted until it got dark. Although it was not how we would have liked to meet this semester, we enjoyed getting to know new people and creating our own little community.”

Cluster 6: Riley Walters “This semester, our cluster had a very interesting class that allowed us to talk about global news and see what we could do to become better global citizens. We had a cluster event where we decorated our door tags and then another cluster event where we watched Halloween movies the week of Halloween. When the weather was nice, we had class outside and did energizers that allowed us to create deeper connections.”



Cluster 6: Sarah Walz “I consider myself to be super lucky to be the mentor of this incredible cluster. They have surprised me again and again with their resilience and willingness to show up. Plus, they are just so funny. It has been a joy getting to know them more in depth this year and see them succeed even with challenges thrown in their way. At Key Connect I could already see their amazing personalities coming out as they bravely put themselves out there and answered my silly questions. I loved our various cluster events such as when we painted our door decs together or when we watched some scary movies for Halloween. My personal favorite event was when we competed in the Key Pursuits game night, I spent most of the night laughing and in the end we took home second place!!! I am so proud of my cluster and I look forward to more fun times next semester.”



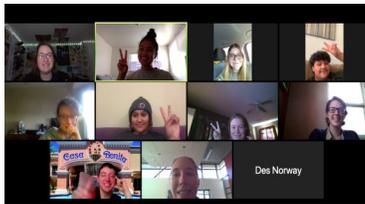
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Cluster 7: Krystal Tran “Although most of our semester was spent on Zoom, Cluster 7 (the Dungeoneers) managed to create connections and find ways to spend time together. Most times we enjoyed each other’s company during study nights, and we listened to lo-fi music while doing homework together. One of the funniest memories was seeing everyone’s “beautiful” drawing skills in virtual Pictionary. Glad I have them as my mentees.”

Cluster 8: Tia Jorgenson “This semester with my cluster has been one for the books. Having to navigate the obstacles of COVID all while trying to build community and relationships with each other was no easy feat, but we managed to persevere. The day our cluster really was able to get to know each other better was during our cluster event where we all gathered outside (masked up and socially distanced) to paint pumpkins as a festive fall activity. This day was tons of fun as we were all able to just chat about life and get to find little things that we had in common with everyone, and really just take some time to forget about all the stresses surrounding this semester. Overall our cluster’s vibe this semester was all about just staying relaxed and carefree, all while being there for each other when we needed it. “



Cluster 9: Mariam Graoui “How to describe cluster 9? This group of students have really made my semester worthwhile. I can always count on them to make the best of a situation; not only will they make you laugh with their off-topic thoughts, but they will surprise you by the amount of insight that each student brings. Throughout the semester we have all grown closer and helped one another in many ways. I can confidently say that this group of students will succeed because of the drive and passion within them. I am excited for another semester of growth and surprises with all eight of them!”

Cluster 10: Dom Baca “During the fall 2020 semester cluster 10 “kept it 100”. During the start of the semester, the students worked on building community and learning to navigate the college experience. With a mixture of remote and in-person students, cluster 10 built community through various games, challenges, critical thinking, and networking. While working to support themselves, the students also worked to support each other within study groups. Additionally, when they weren’t studying hard they were playing even harder. Cluster 10 got together to compete in different games such as, “Among Us”, Pictionary, Jeopardy, and even a virtual escape room! Cluster 10 never failed to rise to the occasion when it came to competing. Whether it was finishing an escape room with 15 minutes to spare, taking second place during our “Fight for the Crown” event, and even taking first place in the Key Pursuits challenges, cluster 10 never failed to rise to the occasion.”



Cluster 11: Citlaly Fierro “Throughout this hectic semester Team Momo has been able to persevere! From watching Coraline to playing Among Us together, it has been a beautiful journey connecting with this all-female cluster. We have made relationships with each other through state and city lines. As one of the only small online clusters, we have made a bond that we all can look back on fondly.”

