

Moeller Writing Center (MWC) Mission Statement

The MWC functions as an avenue for dialogue throughout the entire composition process—not just revision—via Socratic conversations between students and peer-tutors.

As peer-tutors are just that—peers!—the goal of the student / tutor relationship is not a hierarchy, but an equally beneficial conversation about writing between two people with similar schooling and writing backgrounds. Thus, the tutor acts neither as a manager or boss providing directives nor a doctor prescribing medicine for better writing; instead, tutors work as guides, having journeyed the various writing trails at Moeller, and thus helping students maximize their trips while walking the paths alongside them.

As a drop-in center in the library proved too unwieldy with our erratic M-block schedule, in 2014-2015, we're moving to a system in which individual tutors from the AP Language & Composition class will be paired with mentor groups. In this arrangement, tutors will have a requisite number of tutorials to complete throughout each quarter, putting the onus of contacting students and organizing a schedule on them. To provide a vehicle for self-evaluation and analysis, tutors will write a self-reflective personal narrative / essay each quarter to demonstrate their growth and continued challenges.

The MWC website will function as a resource for students, with graphic organizers, writing samples, and tips for writing across the curriculum. Tutors will also be able to find training and documentation resources here. Students will be able to find guides for research, writing, and reading. Teachers will even be able to use the site as a resource for teaching writing in their classrooms.

The MWC will also pair with Squire, our literary journal, in order to enhance writing culture. Possible events this year include:

- A common writing errors public awareness / ad. Campaign
- National Poetry Month poem-a-day reading
- Writing contests for fiction, poetry, non-fiction
- Writing workshops with local authors
- Service hours at Wordplay, Cincinnati, or other tutoring opportunities

This is a very fluid, malleable program, so if you have ideas to share, please do so.

Thanks for using the writing center and working to become a better writer.

In Peace,



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