Engaging Second-year Students in Transformational Learning Experiences
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1. Describe challenges facing second-year students in order to find library connections to meet those challenges
2. Articulate librarian’s role in campus-wide transformational educational experiences in order to influence programs on own campuses
3. Connect threshold concepts in Framework for Information Literacy to High Impact Educational practices
Recall your second year of college
Increased pressure and reduced institutional support

“We’re no longer the new kids on campus, but we’re not getting out anytime soon either.” p.113, “Beyond Sophomore Survival” in Thriving in Transitions.
Engagement and Transformational Learning
Predictors of Student Success

- Participation in campus events
- Living on campus
- Peer interaction
- Interaction with faculty
- Institutional Commitment
ACCESS
Academic Engagement (Curricular)
- Faculty mentors
- Workshops
- Informal meeting time

SELF-AWARENESS
Discovery & Development (Co-curricular)
- Leadership and service
- Sustained healthy behaviors
- InterGroup Dialogue
- Career

COMMUNITY
Learning Environments
- On campus housing
- Greek housing

SECOND-YEAR TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
Key elements of STEP year

- Cohort of up to 20 students and 1 faculty mentor
- Design personalized project for junior year based on 6 themes; funded up to $2000
- Co-curricular program attendance & reflection
Themes for Personalized Projects

1. Artistic and Creative Endeavors
2. Internships
3. Leadership
4. Service-Learning and Community Service
5. Education Abroad
6. Undergraduate Research
Librarian Involvement

- Program design committee
- STEP faculty mentor
- Co-curricular program design and coordination
Connecting Information Literacy Frames and STEP Project Themes
Information Literacy Frames

- Authority is constructed and contextual
- Information creation as a process
- Information has value
- Research as inquiry
- Scholarship as conversation
- Searching as strategic exploration
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Activity

Brainstorm

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What can you do at your institution to support second-year students?
Thank you for your attention.
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