

## **From Learning Enhancement & Academic Development (LEAD):**

### **SPaRC 2020 welcomes incoming WesternU students**

On Monday June 8, 2020, LEAD welcomed 32 incoming WesternU students from six participating programs (DMD, DO, DPM, DPT, MSPA, and OD) to the three-week, completely online Summer Preparedness and Readiness Course (SPaRC). The morning kicked off with a warm and enthusiastic welcome from Senior Vice President, Student Affairs Dr. Beverly Guidry. The SPaRC students then had an opportunity to meet and interact with Deans and College representatives in small informative breakout rooms.

In the afternoon, the SPaRC students had an important overview of HIPAA and the current COVID-19 regulations from CHS retired faculty Miguel Medina, PA-C. The day ended with the SPaRC students meeting their TAs who offered some advice for managing their curriculum and personal lives. SPaRC is designed to prepare incoming WesternU students for the rigors of their chosen program by providing an introduction to applicable courses, skills, and competencies in an interprofessional, educational health care setting.

Visit the [LEAD website](#) to learn more about SPaRC.

Click to see the [first day's agenda](#) and [meet the SPaRC 2020 students](#).