Living Learning Communities (LLCs) enhance educational experiences for college students. LLCs have been shown to increase student's academic and social engagement, ultimately leading to positive educational outcomes. The use of residential dorms to connect students in common degree programs allows universities to develop targeted educational opportunities for students, increasing the student engagement to their chosen degree and the academic department. While LLCs have been utilized for many years, their use in agriculture programs is limited. During the Fall 2016 semester, the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Martin initiated an Agriculture Living Learning Community in a dormitory with 56 students. The new initiative required a coordinated effort among multiple campus entities, including housing, academics, administration, and faculty. The LLC was equipped with newly furnished study rooms, media equipment, and common area. Students had 24/7 access and some faculty held office hours and study sessions in the LLC. The university intends to determine the effectiveness of the LLC. A survey was conducted to assess student perceptions of the effectiveness of the LLC and help improve future programming. Student responses were positive with 70% of students stating that the LLC improved their academic experience. Eighty-five percent of students indicated social and networking experiences were improved by participating in the LLC. Students also expressed more connection to their academic major from the experience. One negative found was that only 40% of students felt that they were better connected to the faculty as a result of the experience.

**Key Take Away:**

Anything that encourages studying, interpersonal associations, and campus connections can be considered a success. The findings indicate that the LLC was largely beneficial for students both academically and socially.

**Student LLC Academic Experience Perceptions**

- Living in the LLC helped me better connect academically with other students.
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree

- The Ag Living Learning Community study room was helpful in my academic success.
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree

- Living in the LLC helped me better connect socially with my professors.
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree

**Student LLC Social Experience Perceptions**

- I would recommend the Ag Living Learning Community to other students.
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree

- The Ag LLC improved my social experiences.
  - Strongly Agree
  - Agree
  - Neutral
  - Disagree
  - Strongly Disagree

**Future Plans**

- Increase programming centered around career and study sessions.
- Sponsor student organization nights at the LLC.
- Host food events at LLC.