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Dear graduate students and leaders of graduate programs at Wright State,

More than 1,150 students are expected to graduate during Wright State’s fall commencement ceremonies this weekend. The summer and fall classes of 2022 include graduates with 443 master’s degrees and 40 doctoral degrees. The graduate school is grateful for your hard work to make our graduate education a remarkable experience.

In addition to cheering for our graduates, I hope you will enjoy reading the good news about our current graduate students, faculty, and programs in this inaugural newsletter.

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Science of exercise
Abigail Halsey (M.A. in Physical Education), advised by Dr. Andrew W Froehle, advanced research on children with autism and developed an eight-week neuromuscular exercise program as her master’s project.

A need to help others
Anthony Windsor, an Air Force veteran and on track to graduate with his master’s degree in social work, received a regional Student of the Year Award from the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

Smart move, SMART student
Sasha Willis, a Ph.D. student in Human Factors and Industrial and Organizational Psychology, advised by Dr. Scott Watamaniuk, won a prestigious SMART scholarship to study eye tracking, machine learning, and decision-making.

Deep insights through ceramic cups
Bethany Lamb (Master of Humanities) researched how cups represented their cultures throughout history. She produced her own ceramic cups for an exhibition in the Stein Galleries.
2022 Alumni Achievement Awards

The 2022 Awards celebrate Wright State's finest. Brian Jarvis (M.S. in Computer Science) won the Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. Zachary Kiehl (M.S. in Biomedical Engineering) won the Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

Dissertation defense

Marc Abel (Ph.D. in the Computer Science and Engineering program) successfully defended his dissertation "A Solder-Defined Computer Architecture for Backdoor and Malware Resistance" on November 30, 2022. His advisor is Dr. Travis Doom.

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Dixit Bharatkumar Patel (Ph.D. in the Computer Science and Engineering program) successfully defended his dissertation "Virtual Reality-Based Serious Role-Playing Games as Digital Experiential Learning tools to Deliver Healthcare Skills through Mobile Devices" on December 8, 2022. His advisor is Dr. Thomas Wischgoll.

Dissertation defense

Paul Stone (Ph.D. in the Engineering program) successfully defended his dissertation "A Design Thinking Framework for Human-Centric Explainable Artificial Intelligence in Time Critical Systems" on December 1, 2022. His advisor is Dr. Subhashini Ganapathy.

Poster presentation winners

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the Society of Toxicology held its Annual Meeting on October 14, 2022. Four master’s students in the Pharmacology and Toxicology program competed in the poster presentation and won first-place and second-place awards. They are Krishna Awasthi (2nd place), Rushabh Lohade, Pranali Manjrekar (1st place), and Shikshita Singh.

A master project

Trey Brown completed his M.A. in English this Fall. Trey’s culminating project, "Flipping Over Backwards for the Community and Dying: The Asian/American Rhetoric of Ronny Chieng," was a substantial research project on the performances of the comedian Ronny Chieng. His advisor is Dr. David Seitz.
Apply for Spring 2023 Graduation

Will you graduate in Spring 2023? Don't forget to apply for graduation. The deadline is January 20, 2023. Follow this link for instructions and to apply. This is very important. You won't be able to graduate unless you apply for graduation on time.

Scholarship Reminder

Scholarship Reminder. Incoming (admitted) and continuing graduate students can use the one-stop-shopping application for scholarships funded by the Wright State Foundation and the University. The deadline is February 1, 2023. Visit the webpage to search for scholarships and apply. Graduate students should also contact their college and department for additional scholarship opportunities.

Students First Fund

The Wright State University Foundation is now accepting applications for Students First Fund grants. The deadline is February 24, 2023. Visit the webpage for more details.

Save the Date: 3MT Competition

The Graduate School will host a Three Minute Thesis/Dissertation Competition in early Spring 2023. Participants must be enrolled in either Master’s or Ph.D. programs in Spring 2023, and the student’s program of study must contain an original research project. More details will be announced in January 2023.

Graduate Programs Open House

Our in-person graduate programs open house will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, from 5 - 7 p.m., in the Apollo Room. Tell others who may be interested. Come and learn about Master's, Ph.D., and graduate certificate programs.

Master of Public Health Open House

The Boonshoft School of Medicine's Department of Population and Public Health Sciences will host a virtual open house for the Master of Public Health program on December 15 at noon. Please visit the registration page for more details.

New Graduate Programs

The athletic training program has successfully transitioned from an undergraduate to a graduate level. The Master of Athletic Training (MAT) program enrolled its first cohort of graduate students in Summer 2022.

A new M.S. in Data Science is expected to be approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education in the Spring and will start admitting students in Fall 2023.

New Rankings

The Princeton Review has named the MBA's new venture creation concentration as one of the nation’s top graduate programs for aspiring entrepreneurs. Fortune has ranked Wright State’s part-time MBA programs among the nation’s best for 2022-2023. The part-time MBA program is the only Dayton-area program included in the ranking.

Conference Presentation

Rachel Kessler, a graduate student in the Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology mentored by psychology faculty Mike Hennessy and Trish Schiml, presented a poster at the International Society of Developmental Psychobiology conference in San Diego in November 2022. The paper is titled "Role of prostaglandin, PGE2, in inflammatory-mediated depressive-like behaviors."
Psychology Student Panel

Five psychology graduate students, Tyler Vonderhaar, Alex Bohn, Mark Ramsey, Savannah Seals, and Preston Menke, led a graduate student panel about being graduate students at the Psychology Club/Psi Chi honors society meeting on November 2, 2022. About a dozen undergraduate students attended the event.

A Student Survey

Blake Keucher, a graduate student in the Master of Education, Student Affairs in Higher Education program, invites you to participate in his survey study for a class project, advised by Dr. Mindy McNutt. What would you like to have for weekend activities on campus? Follow this link to share your thoughts. In January, Blake will share some key findings as a token of appreciation.

Do you have any questions? Would you like to share the good news about graduate students, faculty, and programs? Please send me an email. I look forward to hearing from you.

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