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Have you heard about the Wright Day to Give?

On October 3, the community will join every Raider and Laker everywhere to Give Back to the Pack on the Wright Day to Give. I am excited to collaborate with the Wright State Advancement to connect you with special incentives that benefit many graduate and Honors students.

Visit the Wright Day to Give page and make a donation. This year, we are introducing the $19.67 amount to signify the year when Wright State was established.

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News

Student enrollment increases

Wright State welcomed 11,036 students this semester. New graduate students, including both domestic and international students, increased by 7.4% compared to 2022.
A doll for every child

Dr. Lisa Williams, a Wright State alumna, shifted her career path from higher education to the toy industry. Her work empowered and inspired young children who previously lacked representation.

Federal Reserve Bank

Delores Floyd, who earned an MBA from Wright State, is the assistant vice president of information technology services with the Federal Reserve Bank System's enterprise-wide IT strategy.

Getting social

On September 1, the College welcomed new graduate students to an orientation and social event. Nearly 100 students attended the orientation and enjoyed networking with peers, employers, and community partners.

Eye research grant

Dr. Scott Watamaniuk, professor of psychology, received a $500,000 grant for eye research. This research will investigate how the brain coordinates the movement of both eyes.
Microcredential engineering

Wright State is offering two microcredential graduate courses for students who want to learn new skills. These three credit courses offer a foundation to design and receive a Six Sigma green belt certification.

Faculty of the Month

Dr. Paula Bubulya

Please welcome Associate Dean Dr. Paula Bubulya, who started on September 1st. Dr. Paula Bubulya grew up in Wheeling, West Virginia. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Dayton in 1992, her Ph.D. in biology from the University of Toledo in 1998, and completed postdoctoral training at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Dr. Bubulya joined Wright State in 2005 and is a Professor of Biological Sciences.

Paula's research focuses on nuclear organization and gene expression, with an emphasis on understanding how nuclear organelles impact mRNA processing. She has sustained funding from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. Dr. Bubulya is passionate about inclusive excellence. In 2018, she participated in the Higher Education Resource Services (HERS) Summer Institute. She has also served as a Faculty Equity Fellow for CoSM. Paula has extensive experience teaching cell and molecular biology courses, advising Ph.D., M.S., and undergraduate Honors students, and has been a long-time member serving on the Biology Honors Program Committee.

Wright Fellows

The Wright Fellows Program emphasizes inclusive excellence and aims to attract high-quality graduate students to Wright State University. Recipients were selected through a highly competitive process. We are excited to welcome five new and five continuing fellows this year. We will feature them in the months of the Fall semester. Please meet our fellows!
Lovely Nalls

Lovely Nalls is a Central State University alumna with a BA in journalism and digital media. She has over five years of experience in the radio and broadcasting industry. Lovely is pursuing her MBA degree and also a sexuality certificate. Her favorite quote is, "work hard in silence, let success make the noise."

Mariah Paynter

Mariah Paynter graduated from Wright State with a degree in music education. They substituted for two years in the Dublin City School District. They are a member and student leader for Rainbow Alliance. Currently, Mariah is pursuing their MED in educational leadership.

Sidney White

Sidney White obtained her master's degree in public health from the University of Cincinnati. She is currently pursuing her MBA. She serves as a Readiness Program Specialist for the Defense Health Agency. She has also received the Airman of the Quarter award for her exceptional performance as a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force Reserve.

Graduate Assistants

Harley Paul, for Honors students' success

Harley is a first-year graduate student pursuing a Master's in School Counseling. She completed her undergraduate degree in psychology from Wittenberg University. During her free time, Harley enjoys cooking/baking, reading, and spending time with her family, friends, and dogs.
Victor Schmithorst, for graduate students' success

Victor is a third-year doctoral student in the Clinical Psychology program. He holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Victor enjoys following Cincinnati's local sports teams, watching movies, reading, and spending time with his wife and two cats.

Announcements

Outstanding Collaborative Unit Award

Congratulations to Lisa Lewandowski (associate director of graduate admissions) and Beverly Mason (records management coordinator) for winning recognition as an Outstanding Collaborative Unit at this year’s President's Awards for Excellence (PAFE). As part of the Slate team, they've assisted with the successful transition into the new system.

Graduate Students Orientation

The College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies hosted a virtual orientation on August 30th and an in-person session September 1st. Faculty and staff led discussions containing important information for graduate students. The orientations welcomed 70 attendees.

JCPenny Suit-Up Event

Thursday, September 21, from 4 to 7 p.m. JCPenny at the Fairfield Commons Mall is hosting the Suit-Up Event with up to 50% off select careerwear, shoes, and accessories. Wright State students, faculty, and staff are all eligible. Bring your ID. You can also pick up the coupon from JCPenny and use it in October.

Apply for Fall 2023 Graduation

Do you plan on graduating in Fall 2023? Remember to apply for graduation by September 22. Follow this link for instructions.
The Wright Day to Give

Join the Wright State community and Give Back to the Pack on Tuesday, October 3! Make a donation to support our graduate programs and the Honors program.

Graduate Program Open House

The Wright State Graduate Programs Open House will be held on Thursday, November 2, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Apollo Room, Student Union. Registration has started and will close by the end of October.

A Free Passport

If you are a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student at Wright State, a U.S. citizen, and are applying for an adult passport for the first time, you may qualify for the IIE American Passport Project Grant. Contact UCIE Study Abroad and learn how you can get your passport for free. The current fee for a U.S. passport book is $130.

Quiz

True/False: The Wright Day to Give involves current students, alumni, faculty, and the Raider community in fundraising efforts.

August 2023 Quiz Question: You can apply to the Honors Program as a continuing student at Wright State (T).

Your support will create unique learning opportunities for high-quality graduate and honors students.