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## **INTRAMURAL SPORTS REGISTRATION BEGINS**

BY : ARIAN MCNEIL

The Wright State University Department of Campus Recreation will again be offering several intramural sports for students to participate in for the upcoming fall semester.

Intramurals provide students with organized recreation in a wide array of sports.

Sports for the fall semester include: soccer, sand volleyball, flag football, 3v3 basketball, kickball and several tournaments.

The cost to play varies with the type of sport and size of the team but the average cost is around \$5 per player for the season. Several of the tournaments are free of cost, including the popular Canoe Battleship Tournament; where teams of four get into canoes and try to sink other canoes by flooding them with water.

Registration for all sports and tournaments can be completed through the online platform, [IMLEAGUES.com](http://IMLEAGUES.com). New students will be asked to sign-up for an account, utilizing their Wright State email address to do so. Once the account is created, students can view the sports offered and the times the once-a-week games will be played.

Students can create teams with friends or they have the option to request to join a team as a “free agent”. Team captains have the option to deny these players.

There is no limit to how many teams a student can play on, however, there are certain teams that have requirements. Co-ed divisions need a certain number of male and female players on the roster as well as a minimum and maximum number of players on the roster.

Student workers in the intramural sports office praise the benefits of participating in the organized sports offered.

Jacob Wells, a senior Intramural Official and Supervisor, actively participates in several sports a semester and believes students should consider trying a sport.

“The top three reasons to participate in intramural sports are exercise, healthy competition, and a great way to make new friends,” said Wells.

Soccer is the most popular intramural sport. Soccer is offered in the fall, winter and spring. Like most sports, soccer offers a men's, women's and co-ed league. For more information or questions about Intramural Sports, students can visit the Intramural and Club Sport office located at 039 Student Union.

# **EIGHT TIPS TO HELP YOU STUDY BETTER**

BY SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Academically speaking, many college students find it difficult to perform well in exams and class discussions. It is understandable; after all, college is a whole new level of stressful. Classes are longer, the material is more advanced and self-studying is a requirement. Changing up a couple of study habits is the key to make studying fun and productive. Here are eight tips to help you learn and retain course material;

## **Music**

For the most part, silence is golden. However, silence leaves room for the mind to wander. Try listening to instrumental music like classical or ambient music. YouTube hosts channels that stream lo-fi hip hop garnered towards students trying to study. Nature sounds such as rain, thunder or jungles are relaxing and can help with focus. Or, if music is too distracting, just stick to silence.

## **Group Study**

Group studying can be effective if done right. Discussing ideas with group members gives everyone different perspectives on the study topics. Interacting with team members helps teams stay focused on the task at hand. Divvying up the workload in group projects prevents any one person from feeling overwhelmed and as a result, the study material will not seem as expansive.

## **Memorization Methods**

An important step to making study hours productive is devising ways to improve memory. When it comes to college work, reading alone is not sufficient. Writing, not typing, out extensive notes cements what was taught in class and makes it easier to study for tests later. Talking out loud helps to memorize things better instead of just reading. "Teaching" someone is the best way to measure understanding of the course material.

## **Getting Creative**

The more fun studying is, the better. Associating a certain topic of study with something of interest can help with the memorization of what was studied. For example, if one was studying something which reminded them of a favorite song, they are more likely to remember material when they need to. Use anything as a reference; music, people, random trinkets around the room and, if possible, simple diagrams or mind maps. Going the extra mile with documentaries or books is effective as well.

## **Mild Exercise**

Short workouts or 20 minute walks before studying helps boost brain activity. The brain is more alert and becomes more receptive towards retaining information. This method is useful before taking an exam too.

## **Simple Reward System**

Try setting up small goals and give rewards when they are accomplished. A bite of cookie dough for every 300 words you type of that 15-page paper definitely will not hurt motivation.

## **Get Rid of Distractions**

Look up applications that block out websites for short periods of time, like SelfControl. The less distractions, the quicker one can finish work and scroll through Twitter.

Remember to Take Breaks!

Most importantly, remember to get the right amount of sleep. None of these tips are useful without a good six to eight hours of sleep. These tips are only suggestions and there is no guarantee they will be effective. Experiment around with these methods and figure out which ones work best.

## **BREAK THE ICE WITH NEW CLASSMATES**

BY SHADDIA QASEM

For many, especially college students, breaking the ice with a stranger can be difficult. The first day of classes can be a person's worst nightmare, so here are some tips that might help on those frightening yet exciting days.

First, come prepared. This may sound obvious, but many students can relate to being asked a question about themselves and not knowing how to answer it. Think ahead of time about what might be asked, what can be said and the impact it can leave on a potential friend or acquaintance. Have a few questions prepared. What would you like to know about fellow classmates?

Second, dress well. It may not cross your mind how much an outfit can affect one's confidence. Wear something that looks good, feels good and is comfortable. An outfit by itself can be an icebreaker. Remember, what someone is wearing is enough to start a conversation.

Third, refresh your memory. When meeting new people, introducing yourself can bring up things that had been completely forgotten. Having cool information to give people can leave a great first impression. Think about interesting facts that can set you apart from everyone else.

Fourth, find a friend. There is usually at least one person in each class that can easily and comfortably be made a friend. Once that person is found, things get easier. Step out of your comfort zone and be the one to start introductions. Odds are, everyone feels some level of anxiety when meeting someone for the first time; you are not alone.

Fifth, don't forget to smile. First impressions can be game-changers. Whether it has been a bad day or you are secretly having a panic attack, it is important to look approachable. Insight gives a great, yet simple, piece of advice: "Be enthusiastic, whatever happens, be enthusiastic!" In other words, even if your stomach is full of butterflies, throw that fear out the window and show those pearly whites. It is a known fact that the first day of classes can be the most difficult but soon it will become comfortable and hopefully some new friends will be made in the process.

## **GREEK LIFE RECRUITMENT**

BY SHADDIA QASEM

Greek life at Wright State provides great opportunities and experiences for incoming and returning students. Not only do members get to build friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime, members get the chance to network and communicate in groups, exercising skills in interpersonal communication. Networking also provides the opportunity to get to know other leaders in the community who may become future colleagues or employers.

Joining a Greek organization also increases academic development. These organizations uphold certain standards, such as maintaining a certain GPA, to continue being a member of a Sorority/Fraternity. As a member, it is imperative to balance the responsibilities of academia and the fraternal duties of the organization. Scholarships can also be earned through academic excellence.

The Greek life plays a big role in preparing its members for the role of leadership. With members' association in clubs around campus and taking part in the community, a leader is bound to be born. Organizing service projects, planning charities and giving back to the community are significant aspects of Greek life. The leadership learned from the experience prepares members for future endeavors and objectives in upcoming careers.

Sorority/fraternity life is not for the faint-hearted. Becoming part of a sisterhood or brotherhood requires the desire for hard work and something greater than yourself. One of the goals of being a part of a Sorority/Fraternity is coming together as a cohesive team to not only better yourself, but to better the community and its people.

If you have always wanted to make changes and support the community but do not know where to start, becoming a Sorority/Fraternity member might be the perfect opportunity.

Visit the Student Activities page on the Wright State website to learn more about the College Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Sororities/Fraternities offered on campus and how to become part of a tremendous and everlasting sisterhood/brotherhood.

## **MEET SUSAN EDWARDS, THE NEW UNIVERSITY PROVOST**

BY LUCAS GONZALEZ

Susan Edwards, formerly the vice provost for faculty affairs at Appalachian State University, was named the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at Wright State University on July 30.

The appointment follows a four-month national provost search, which was led by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Search Committee. She was selected from a pool of approximately 50 individuals, according to Travis Doom, co-chair of the search committee.

“She’s already making her presence felt,” Doom said. “Bringing in an outside view and fresh energy is already helping us to re-energize our leadership.”

As Provost, Edward’s responsibilities will include overseeing academics, enrollment management, and retention. “It’s a huge scope,” Edwards said. As Executive VP, Edwards will fulfill duties of President Cheryl Schrader in the event that she is not on campus, Edwards said. Edwards started her academic career teaching nursing to indigenous populations at Deakin University in Australia. She has also taught at Georgia Southern University and James Cook University. She also had a role similar to an associate dean at James Cook University, running medical college units on campus. She mostly recently worked at Appalachian State University in North Carolina as vice provost for faculty affairs.

“Dr. Edwards’ experience as a teacher, researcher and administrator; her leadership skills; and her personal commitment to student success make her the perfect leader to join our university at this time,” Schrader said in information provided by Seth Bauguess, director of communications at Wright State.

Edwards said that she is most looking forward to working with and helping Wright State students.

“The whole reason I am in the role I’m in because of students,” she said. “From my perspective, I get to impact a lot more people by having that student-centric mission.”

In April, Edwards joined other candidates in visiting Wright State to meet students and faculty.

“When I got here, I met people that were so engaged in the campus and really passionate about what they did,” Edwards said.

During her visit, Edwards engaged with students and faculty to immerse herself in a variety of perspectives.

“Those who interacted with her said they were impressed with her ability to listen closely, analyze questions quickly and communicate clearly,” Schrader said in information provided by Bauguess.

Toward the beginning of the fall semester, Edwards will meet with her direct reports, colleges on campus, and students. Edwards emphasized the importance of listening to many individuals’ concerns. “The last thing you want to do is impose your old culture on a new culture,” Edwards said.

In the long term, Edwards hopes to increase enrollment at Wright State, grow experiential learning, and to ensure student success by providing them with opportunities wherever possible. “I’m looking for Wright State to become a leader in Ohio for providing quality transformational



educational experiences for students,” Edwards said. “That is central to the heart of who Wright State is.”

## HACKS TO SURVIVE COLLEGE

BY MIKE FALLEN

Here are some great tips and tricks to help anyone survive college classes;

Addicted to Social Media? When you pull up Chrome or Firefox, or maybe you're on the cutting edge – whatever internet surfboard you're riding on – do you find your fingers typing “tw” or “f” all on their own? Do you sometimes catch yourself just scrolling mindlessly? Do you wish you could ask your laptop to hold you accountable when your precious focus is on the line? When it's crunch time? “I've got to get back to studying,” you say. Well, have we the fix for you! Quit social media now at [getcoldturkey.com](http://getcoldturkey.com). Install Cold Turkey, choose which websites you want to block and for how long, and Cold Turkey won't let you access them. If you go down this route, you're committed, and Cold Turkey won't let you uninstall the app.

Have you ever noticed that nearly every word we read is written in black? Books are printed in black ink. This is written in black; Twitter is; Facebook, the news, and books are too. Spice up your notes, and maybe help yourself remember what you've written, by writing in blue ink! Run out of printer ink from printing too many cat pictures again? Is your teacher long-winded in their notes? Or, are you just innocently out of ink? Head on over to <https://costcoinkjetrefill.com/> for a \$10 refill.

Are you messy? Is laundry strewn around your bedroom? Does your bathroom sink look like a bacterial warzone? Is your car zoned as a landfill? Clean it. You'll feel better. Pick your favorite chewing gum. Maybe you prefer mints, or jolly ranchers- the blue ones are the best. Whatever it is, chew on it while you're studying. It might even work with pencil erasers. Then, when you head to the exam, pick the same candy – or pencil eraser – and start chewing. The gum might help you remember the name of some tiny bone in the ear, or the formula for combustion, or the name of that one guy who fought that one war. Don't take my word for it, take science's (<https://www.newscientist.com/article/dn2039-chewing-gum-improves-memory/>).

Don't have time to read that book because you're working a different job every day of the week? Do you struggle to find time to read that short story for class, or that chapter on phagocytosis? Get the audiobook and crank the narrator up to 2x speed. The voice will sound like a strange time-traveler for a while, but when you get used to it, you'll be shocked by how much lost time you find.

Does the inside of your fridge look like you picked items off the shelf with your eyes closed? You've got sriracha, some spinach, a few chicken breasts, and some cannellini beans, but you're no cook. You're a fumbling chemist. You're afraid you might mess up the stoichiometry or burn the food. Don't worry about not having a recipe, head over to <https://www.supercook.com/#/recipes> and go from fumbling chemist to supercook! You give them the ingredients you have on hand. They give you detailed recipes. Making sure the food isn't burnt is up to you.

Tired? Uninspired? Snag something jingly, like your keys. Take them loosely in your hand, and dangle your hand over a plate. Close your eyes (read this first). Let yourself start to fall asleep. And, just as you're falling asleep, your hand will release, and that jingly thing will crash down on the plate like a cymbal, waking you up. You probably won't feel very rested, but you might be more inspired. Don't believe me? It worked for Edison and Dali.

New on Campus? Have you heard talk of an interconnected labyrinth buried somewhere beneath Wright State? Have you found it, and found yourself lost within its walls? Ask someone for directions, if they're not bull-headed, they'll help you find your way out.

Above all, no college hack beats deliberate, persistent study. Your schedule isn't a tyrant. Easy does it, but do it.

## **CHANGES TO AFFECT YOUR FALL SEMESTER**

BY SHADDIA QASEM

Whether you are a new student, attending a new college or a returning student, it is important to know what is going on and where. Several centers will now report to Matt Boaz, the Chief Diversity Officer, to have a broader influence on the Wright State campus. Here are a few current updates for the fall semester of 2018.

Changes were made to the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, Office of Latinx, Asian and Native American Affairs, Women's Center, Office of LGBTQA Affairs, Office of Disability Services and the Veteran and Military Center.

The goal of this change is to emphasize the importance of diversity on campus. President Cheryl B. Schrader said in a WSU Newsroom article, "it is clear that diversity and inclusion is critical to building an environment that fosters innovation, and by elevating the university centers that serve underrepresented populations Wright State is reinforcing that priority."

The center change will provide the freedom for growth and help to pursue the goal to better services to members and the community.

"Though the centers will be organizationally grouped together under the chief diversity officer, they will not all be in the same location on campus. The university hopes to move Bolinga, LANA, the Women's Center and the Office of LGBTQA Affairs to the same location. The Office of Disability Services and the Veteran and Military Center will remain in their current locations," Bob Mihalek wrote in a WSU Newsroom article.

# **STUDENT DISCOUNTS THAT WILL MAKE LIFE EASIER**

BY SRUTHI TENKAYALA

Most college students living on tight budgets will have to deal with an empty wallet at some point. For those who deal with student loans or just a limited budget, student discounts and freebies are a godsend. With this list of discounts, students can save money and treat themselves at the same time. For these discounts, it is important to have a student ID card on hand to receive them.

## **Amazon**

Let's start with Amazon; it is a retail company. The extensive range of products offered, not to mention Amazon Prime, make for a memorable shopping experience. Using a student ID, one can get a six-month trial of Amazon Prime along with free two-day shipping on all orders.

## **Buffalo Wild Wings**

A popular food and gathering place amongst Wright State students, Buffalo Wild Wings (or Bdubs) offers students a 10 percent discount on orders. Call ahead and check if the location offers this deal.

## **Chipotle**

As far as fast food goes, Chipotle can be on the more expensive side. However, as long as a student ID is shown at a participating location, one can get free Mexican food. A free purchase also comes with a small drink, so it is a decent deal.

## **Clothes**

Clothes are another commodity that can be too expensive for students. There are several clothing stores that offer discounts or deals, Banana Republic and H&M included. Both of these stores let students enjoy a 15 percent discount on their purchases and Charlotte Russe offers a 10 percent discount.

## **Apple**

Surprisingly, Apple is a part of the student discount club as well. Savings are available on pricy products like Macs and iPads. A 50 percent discount on Apple Music is also available. Apple constantly comes up with cost-effective deals for students, which can be seen in Education Pricing on Apple's website.

## **Residence Life Cinemas**

Want to stream movies for free? WSU Residence Life Cinema's got you covered. Just go to <https://streaming-wright-edu.swankmp.net/#/browse> and log in. Get in touch with your site administrator for your username and password. Once you've logged in, you can even sort out your movies by creating content categories. The FAQ link on Residence Life Cinema's homepage will help you figure out how to navigate the website.

For more great discounts visit <https://www.myunidays.com/US/en-US/content/about> .

# MANAGING YOUR TIME FOR THE FALL SEMESTER

BY TINA GUINDI

Time management has always been a fundamental factor for achieving success in daily life. Every person has individual schedules and priorities; following a convenient schedule indicates proper time management.

Time management reduces stress and maintains balance by increasing productivity. It also helps students follow a specific schedule that allows for focus on work to achieve a higher grade.

Studies show that time management is associated with a happy life and job satisfaction as a result of lower levels of stress, anxiety and depression.

What are some of the ways that a student can manage time during the school year? That is a question most students ask. The market is loaded with apps to help students stay focused, boost brain power and sharpen organizational skills. Here are some time-management-specific apps, so get downloading and finally crack open that History 101 book for crying out loud.

## **Finish**

Finish should be right up about every college student's alley. The app has an amazing time-frame capability that automatically calculates the duration of tasks and organizes them by priority. It is the perfect app for someone who can never quite figure out how to prioritize and balance a workload.

## **Focus Booster**

Focus Booster keeps students accountable by operating as a stopwatch. Students set a study time duration and breaks and a green bar shows how much time is left.

## **Evernote**

Available for both mobile devices and computer desktops, Evernote is one of the best free-time management apps around. This app enables users to create and find notes with voice commands, organize articles saved from Internet searches and discuss topics with others from within the app.

## **2Do**

For visual people, 2Do might be the top time management app to use. The tool uses color-coding and enables users to categorize tasks by type and priority. It also allows users to defer set tasks without a penalty so if something more important comes up, it is easy to shift around jobs.

## **SuperNote**

Staying organized can be tough but SuperNote makes it easy by allowing students to save all notes, recordings, images and other necessary information within a mobile device. Hate taking notes? Download SuperNote and record lectures. That Bio 101 class will live on forever.

## **Any.do**

This app touts itself as "the world's favorite task-management app" and regardless of whether or not that is actually true, this is a pretty awesome app worth downloading. It allows students to

organize each day and assign tasks through a clean, easy-to-use interface. It also allows users to create groups with other users so they can collaborate on lists, shared attachments and more.

## **FITNESS CLASSES BACK FOR FALL SEMESTER**

BY ARIAN MCNEIL

The Wright State University Department of Campus Recreation recently released the fall schedule of exercise classes to be offered in the Fitness Center.

All fitness classes are free for students, however, they are also open to staff, faculty, alumni and associates with the purchase of a group exercise pass. Passes can be purchased at the recreation desk for five dollars a day, \$45 a semester or \$80 a year.

Classes are offered at various times throughout the week to try and accommodate as many participants' schedules as possible. Classes start at 7:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Most classes are 45 to 50 minutes but 30 minute express classes are offered every day at 11:30 a.m. The express classes that will be offered this semester include TRX, Barre Blend and Battle Ropes Circuit.

In total, 28 classes will be offered a week, encompassing 13 different styles of fitness classes. Some of the more popular styles include Zumba, a fitness class inspired by Latin Dance, and TRX which was developed by Navy SEALs suspension training that utilizes one's own body weight to create a total body workout.

Wisnu Sugiarto, a graduate student, frequents the fitness classes for several reasons. These reasons include the convenient on campus location, clean studios and free price.

"My favorite class is definitely Total Body Circuit. The class itself offers good workout material. I like the variety and the level of difficulty," stated Sugiarto. Total Body Circuit is offered Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:15 a.m.

"I also like having a morning class. While I tend to be half-awake, a morning workout class gives me more energy throughout the day. Also, it allows me to start my day productively."

When asked how Sugiarto stays awake during the class, he praised the instructor for keeping the class upbeat and interesting.

"The instructor is great. I appreciate having an instructor who is nice, but also does not hesitate to coach me, especially if I am doing something wrong," Sugiarto added.

Karly Boerger, a senior, has also been attending fitness classes while at Wright State.

"My favorite fitness class would definitely have to be the Zumba class. The instructor, Jan, uses pretty modern songs but throws in some good old ones which makes it more fun for me. Jan has taught me so much more than how to dance in her classes." Boerger is on the fall schedule teaching a few different classes.

"One class I am teaching this fall is boot camp. It's basically an Insanity workout that drills your body in a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) mode. Be prepared to sweat and maybe shed a few tears in this class! For something less intense, I am teaching intro to fitness walking, so come out and see how simply taking a stroll can help your health."

Fitness classes begin August 27th. The full schedule of classes can be found on the Wright State website or posted at the recreation desk of the Fitness Center.



## **JULIA ACOSTA JOINS ACE WOMEN'S NETWORK**

BY JAMIE PENWELL

Julia Acosta, Director of Latinx, Asian and Native American Affairs (LANA) at Wright State University, has been appointed to the executive board for the American Council on Education (ACE) Women's Network.

The ACE Women's Network is a national organization that focuses on placing women in higher leadership roles. According to ACE's website, the organization envisions, "a vibrant, democratic society that relies on postsecondary education to expand knowledge, equity and social progress."

Acosta attended a leadership brunch at WSU that was sponsored by ACE. She described the conversations and ideas as 'contagious.'

"For once, faculty and staff were united," Acosta said. "there was just no difference, we were all women."

Afterwards, Acosta was approached by Shari Mickey-Boggs, Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer for Wright State, who asked if Acosta would be interested in joining ACE. When Acosta agreed, she took over Boggs' role at ACE.

In order to join ACE, you have to be a woman in Ohio with higher education experience and in an upper-administration role Acosta said. Members are required to participate in conferences, annual retreats and monthly telecom conversations. She plans to be very active in this new role. As the Director of LANA, Acosta is responsible for helping underrepresented students acquire leadership opportunities, internships, connections and skills. She strives to highlight students' experiences, connect students who share those same experiences and integrate them into the university.

Additionally; she manages the office, creates connections on and off campus, raises money, finds opportunities and works to understand students' obstacles, challenges and histories to help better guide students to success.

Acosta agreed that LANA and ACE are the perfect pairing. "I will always be thinking about the underrepresented women," Acosta said.

Joining ACE is such significance because she now has another opportunity to empower women every day. "I'm leaving the room better than I left it for the next person that comes," Acosta said.

## **WRIGHT STATE SEEKS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT THROUGH NEW INITIATIVES**

BY LUCAS GONZALEZ

Trends in enrollment at Wright State have shown a decline in the past five years.

In an effort to bring enrollment numbers up, the university has introduced a number of new recruitment methods that target demographics including international students, high school sophomores and Indiana residents who live close to Ohio, according to information provided by Seth Bauguess, Director of Communications at Wright State.

Regressions can be attributed to, among other things, a decreasing high school population in the Midwest, changing demographics and the climate of international politics, according to said Susan Edwards, executive vice president for Academic Affairs & provost at Wright State.

“This is not a unique problem to Wright State,” Edwards said. “This is something that is happening all over the nation.”

“Higher education just needs to communicate the value of what a higher degree is,” Edwards said.

New initiatives to increase enrollment in general include the following, according to information provided by Bauguess:

- Stepping up marketing of reciprocity agreements with 16 counties in Indiana whose students are eligible to study in Ohio at the cost of in-state tuition
- Becoming more active in high schools at financial aid night presentations
- Joining the Common Application, which allows potential students to use one application to apply to many different universities
- Implementing a Transfer Peer Mentor program, in which transfer students will guide incoming transfer students through their transition to Wright State

The number of students enrolling from Raider Country, the contiguous 16-county region in Ohio anchored by Wright State’s Dayton and Lake campuses, has shown only a slight decline, according to Bauguess.

“The story of the university’s enrollment decline is largely driven by international student declines,” Bauguess said.

The University Center for International Education (UCIE) has also engaged in initiatives to bring in more international students to Wright State.

WSU’s international student body largely comes from four countries, according to according to Bill Holmes, associate vice president of UCIE.

“My worry is that we’re overly reliant on those (countries),” Holmes said. “We need to be very strategic, and our plan that we’ve put in place for his year with recruiting addresses that.”

New methods to increase international student enrollment include the following, according to Holmes:

- Outsourcing recruiting by working with two recruiting agencies to put full-time agents on the ground in foreign countries
- Expanding its agent network into new areas, including Morocco, the Baltics, and Central Asia
- Working closer with other offices on campus, including the office of Marketing and Communications and Student Legal Services

· Implementing Sunapsis, an international case management software for processing international students

“We are very hopeful that this year is going to turn the corner for Wright State in getting a greater bit of diversity,” Holmes said.

The university declined to share enrollment data at this time, given that it has not reached its census date, the date by which the university finalizes enrollment. The data will not be available until Sept. 11.