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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
October 7, 2019

The stars just want to give you a better week than last. Here’s what the universe has in store for you this week. Check out your weekly horoscopes for October 7 through 12.

ARIES
You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand. [Woodrow Wilson]

TAURUS
Infuse your life with action. Don’t wait for it to happen. Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope. Make your own love. And whatever your beliefs, honor your creator, not by passively waiting for grace to come down from upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen… yourself, right now, right down here on Earth. [Bradley Whitford]

GEMINI
Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again. [Og Mandino]

CANCER
“There are two kinds of forgiveness. The kind when you forgive and you give them another chance or the kind you forgive but you move on without them. Use them both wisely.”

LEO
“I learned there are troubles of more than one kind. Some come from ahead, others come from behind. But I’ve bought a big bat. I’m all ready, you see. Now my troubles are going to have trouble with me.” [Dr. Seuss]

VIRGO
“You can’t make positive choices for the rest of your life without an environment that makes those choices easy, natural, and enjoyable.” [Deepak Chopra]

LIBRA
“Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am positive, it not only makes me better, but it also makes those around me better.” [Harvey Mackay]

SCORPIO
“Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn’t learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn’t learn a little, at least we didn’t get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn’t die; so let us all be thankful.” [Buddha]

SAGITTARIUS
Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from safe harbor, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, Dream, Discover. [Mark Twain]

CAPRICORN
“I decided, very early on, just to accept life unconditionally; I never expected it to do anything special for me, yet I seemed to accomplish far more than I had ever hoped. Most of the time it just happened to me without my ever seeking it.” [Audrey Hepburn]

AQUARIUS
“Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don’t know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is.” [Anne Frank]

PISCES
“Press on – nothing can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Perseverance and determination alone are omnipotent.” [Calvin Coolidge]
Festival of Flight had something for everyone. There were sports games, educational booths, food and drinks, live music, a golf cart parade, a haunted trail and inflatables.

There were seven sports games played and four flyovers. The bands that played were Lights Out, Summer Highway and Mad River Dogs.

“I think all the people that have attended so far have given us compliments saying this is a great idea and they love it. The flyovers have been a big hit,” said Greg Scharer, co-chair of the festival. “We had parachuting in earlier today and people thought that was pretty cool. Some people had never seen that before. The kids really seemed to like the Aviation and Innovation tent so overall I think everyone is pretty pleased.”

There were several different food options, including Haolepnio Hawaiian Filipino, El Meson and Greek Street. Rolling Indulgence from Food Network’s Great American Food Truck Race was also in attendance.

“It wasn’t one thing being coordinated by just one person or a couple people, it was a bunch of people coming together to try and put all these things together that we thought would be a really cool idea to turn into a festival,” said Scharer.

Attendance was a bit lower than anticipated at the beginning of the festival but rose as the bands started playing later in the afternoon and evening.

“It’s fun! There’s lots of vendors and lots of entertainment for the kids so it’s been good,” said Jen Edwards, who came to the festival from Indiana so that her son could see the USA Patriots play and be a batboy for them.

The festival was a success and the public looks forward to seeing what next year’s Festival of Flight will bring.
WSU to hold Tunnel of Oppression
Laci Wells
October 7, 2019

On Monday, Oct. 7 through Thursday, Oct. 10, Wright State University will hold the Tunnel of Oppression event to raise awareness on the issues of oppression.

“This interactive experience is created so that people can walk through and educate themselves about marginalized communities,” said Precious Claytor, president of The Black Student Union.

Students have the opportunity to learn about how communities are affected by systematic and social oppressive factors. This brings a whole new type of consideration to the table regarding one another’s distinct qualities.

“Awareness is brought to the community by asking critical thinking questions that make people wonder how their individuality affects others’ well-being,” said Claytor.

A progressive impact is brought to campus through simply attending.

“[The] campus is, for the most part, affected in a positive manner because a lot of students, staff and faculty learn something new to help make the campus a safer and a more welcoming community,” said Claytor.

Students gain consciousness through having an open mind, which has an impact on the campus’ atmosphere. The event is one that can allow students to participate in more ways than just attendance.

“Students are able to get involved with the tunnel of oppression through volunteering with identity centers on campus as well as some professors [that] require their students to visit and write papers on the event. This is an easier way for students to get involved and truly help,” said Claytor.

This occasion is not just a student-driven affair, its goal is to provide understanding to all. Staff and students are encouraged to attend and view the new materials used to create an applicable depiction of oppression in modern day society.

This tool allows volumes to be heard across campus. Since 2000, the event has prospered and influenced the perspectives of many.
Domestic Violence Awareness Week: Events to go to
Shaddia Qasem
October 8, 2019

The Student Advocacy and Wellness Center will be hosting Domestic Violence Awareness Week this week.

Events and exhibits will take place throughout the week to spread awareness, teach students the warnings signs and honor lives lost.

“College campuses specifically tend to focus a lot of energy around sexual assault but not around domestic violence. So often they are correlated. I feel like we aren’t talking about the big picture yet,” said Corrie Pleska, survivor advocate and case manager for the Student Advocacy and Wellness Center.

On Oct. 7, there will be a screening of “Tragic Refuge,” a film about the lives of incarcerated Ohio women who are survivors of domestic violence.

“It speaks to the justice system, how we punish survivors for defending themselves and how we don’t take care of them prior to these deaths. The co-producer from the Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) Nancy Grigsby will be here and do a Q&A afterwards,” said Pleska.

To better understand what domestic violence is and what resources are available to students, officials from campus and around the community have been invited to speak at the Law Enforcement Panel on Oct. 8.

Speakers will include Student Legal Services, the police, Wright State University Police Department, Title Nine Director Lindsay Miller, a domestic violence investigator from Xenia, an attorney and victim services.

“[We] want students to know what domestic violence looks like and be able to recognize that in their own relationship or their friend’s relationship [as well as] knowing where to go if you want to talk about it,” said Tylar O’Neal-White, the gender-based violence coordinator for the Student Advocacy and Wellness Center.

Alongside other events such as Digital Safety 101 on Oct. 7 and the Poetry Slam on Oct. 10, there will be two awareness events happening throughout the week: An Empty Seat at the Table and Turn the Quad Red.
“An Empty Seat at the Table is a tribute/memorial exhibit for people whose lives have been significantly altered or lost due to domestic violence. It highlights all the different ways domestic violence can take life away,” said Pleska.

For Turn the Quad Red, students are encouraged to write a red flag behavior that they have experienced or seen. The flags are then planted and will remain planted through Oct. 25.

“This was not your fault, it was someone else’s choice,” said Pleska. “It’s never your fault.”

By breaking down the barriers and stigmas of domestic violence, Pleska hopes to highlight all the different ways power-based violence takes place.

“Too often we hear domestic violence and we envision something between a man and a woman in a home in a family setting. That is not how we define domestic violence. As by the Ohio Revised Code, it is any form of violence against a family member, someone you have cohabitated with or have been romantically involved with,” said Pleska.

Although the Ohio Revised Code has a set description of what domestic violence is, Pleska emphasizes the importance of communicating that domestic violence is so much broader than what it is recognized as.

“What we’re hoping to do is let students know this can be happening in your relationship. It can take the form of stalking, [certain] behaviors online, name-calling or any kind of emotional or mental abuse, which is what lingers in survivors,” said Pleska. “I want students to learn about it, be aware of it, recognize it and know where to go if they need someone to talk to or they need some assistance.”
Festival of Flight: Opinions from all ages
Makenzie Hoeferlin
October 8, 2019

Festival of Flight drew in people of all ages and backgrounds for a chance to have a good time and learn about aviation.

Wright State University (WSU) and the City of Fairborn kicked off their very first Festival of Flight on Saturday, Oct. 5.

“I think this is a great start to a tradition that we can keep going on for a really long time because it has an opportunity for us to support the community and the community to support us, learn about us, learn about aviation, which is the whole tradition of our campus,” said Courtney Mullins, program manager for student organizations at WSU.

From little kids to college students to grandparents, there was something for everyone at the festival.

“Mostly we’ve just been looking around collecting free stuff and going all over the place. We’ve practically explored the whole place now. Now we’re just having fun on the bounce houses,” said Bix, 10-year-old attendee.

Although there were bounce houses, a few people expressed the need for a larger kid zone in years to come.

“I think we could amplify the kids zone a little bit, maybe some face painting or some craft that they could make,” said Mollins. “I think there’s a great opportunity for the adults to enjoy a beverage and some music, but I think the number one thing would be a bigger kid zone area.”

Others enjoyed the sports games available to the public on Saturday.

“They introduced this team made up of all veterans who are amputees,” said Pat Kraus, who attended the festival to listen to her son-in-law play in one of the bands. “They were amazing as they were introduced and walked up onto the stage.”

According to Bobby, a local attending the festival, the best part wasn’t the activities or even the food, it was the people he met while he was there. He even had the chance to pray with some of the veterans at the festival.
“There’s just a lot of love,” said Bobby.

Since this was the very first Festival of Flight, many attendees have high hopes and suggestions for years to come.

“It was one of the better-organized outside events like this we have attended in a while,” said Kraus. “All in all, we thought it was great and hope Wright State will do it again.”
Wright State IFC reacts to suspension of OU chapters
Natalie Cunningham
October 8, 2019

In light of the suspension of all Ohio University’s 15 fraternities Wright State Greek life leaders react, to the decision and how our own chapters handle conduct of hazing.

“We need to continue to put lots of work into making these [anti-hazing] events, and the statements behind them, memorable to each person,” said Austin Hunt, Interfraternity Council president at Wright State.

OU’s fraternities were suspended because seven of their chapters are facing allegations of hazing.

The North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) is the national organization that represents each Interfraternity Council.

The NIC is urging Ohio University to reconsider their decision to suspend all 15 fraternities rather than just those seven under investigation.

“We implore the university to bring all parties to the table to seek a path forward that places the highest priority on the health and safety of students, while respecting the rights of those that live up to the standards of fraternal excellence,” according to the council.

Wright State’s Student Government Association President Ivan Mallett expressed that any accusation of hazing needs to be fully investigated and appropriate actions need to be taken to reprimand and prevent future hazing incidents.

However, he believes banning all fraternities, when less than half had hazing issues, is a bit too far.

“We’re very fortunate that we have developed a culture at Wright State that does not promote hazing within our Greek Life and that we really hold true to those values and I would credit Gina Keucher [program director of fraternity and sorority life] with that a lot for developing that culture and promoting it,” said Mallett.

There are seven IFC fraternities at Wright State: Alpha Sigma Phi, Beta Phi Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Mu Alpha, Phi Sigma Phi, Sigma Phi Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon.
Of Wright State’s fraternities, three of them share chapters with Ohio University.

“I’m proud of how we handle the subject of hazing at Wright State. I’m confident that there is no hazing throughout the fraternity system here, since me and the other presidents of the various fraternities we have on campus have worked together to ensure there is none,” Hunt said. “The culture against hazing in our Greek Life is largely due to the amounts of education we have on what hazing is, and how bad it can be. We do this through the anti-hazing week we put on every November, the new member training that each of the councils run, and the various presentations that each of our fraternities’ national organizations put on against hazing.”

According to The Athens Post, ‘Ohio University’s expectation is that each chapter will develop a plan to ensure its organization’s culture is aligned with the code of conduct.’

“I’m currently reinvigorated to make sure that these events will have a solid impact on our membership about the negative impacts that hazing can have on an organization and its brotherhood,” Hunt said.
Laker Life: Library & Tech Center now open to students

Roxanne Roessner
October 9, 2019

Wright State Lake Campus’ celebrated a new Library and Technology Center.

The center opened on the first day of the semester Aug. 26.

Prior to the renovation of the Library and Technology Center, the Wright State Lake Campus Library was located in a module outside of the main building for the campus.

Most students did not know that a library at the campus had existed or what it offered until it was renovated for this semester.

“Students utilize it more and are able to sit down, relax between classes, and do homework,” said Jamon Flowers, head librarian. He says it is a great space.

The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; it is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

The tech center is located in Andrew Hall.

The new library has several additions including a book drop-off for students to use overnight, a large book display and a practice presentation room. Along with these add-ons, there are also six computers open to student use and several areas for students to sit and study.

“It’s an absolutely remarkable improvement to the prior facility. It is heavily used by students, day and night. Where did the students go before?” said Dan Krane, dean and chief administrative officer of the Lake Campus.

“I used to go to the boathouse, but it was overcrowded and loud,” said Trinity Rammel, sophomore.

Students are finding that the new library offers a quieter environment with comfortable sitting areas and multiple charging stations.

Upcoming events for the library include the grand opening on Thursday, Oct. 10, beginning at 2 p.m.
Be sure to catch the Glee Club perform and see representatives from the state and community such as former President of Senate Keith Faber, Senator Matt Huffman and Celina Mayor Jeffery Hazel, who are expected to attend the opening and say a few words.
For anime fans, this fall brings with it the fourth season of “My Hero Academia,” adapted from the manga “Boku No Hero Academia” by Kohei Horikoshi.

It is a show that follows the journey of Izuku Midoriya and his hopes to become the number one pro hero. Following the events of season three that saw the hero society of the show changed forever, Midoriya and company seem poised to complete a new mission with similar consequences in season four.

With the series’ impending return, I thought it would be fun to create my own mission for some of the characters appearing on the show.

Here’s the scenario: a new café has opened near the giant H-shaped U.A. High School and Kota, a young boy who first appeared in season three of the anime, is standing outside complaining that he needs a good meal quickly or else he will ‘starve.’ He’s also demanding that the food be gourmet level ‘at least.’

The question is: who of the students in Class 1-A (if asked to help, being that they’re so close by) would be best equipped to make said meal for Kota in the most efficient way possible? I’m glad you asked.

1. Momo Yaoyorozu: A student who was admitted into U.A. High School on special recommendation, Yaoyorozu’s ‘creation’ quirk allows her to make anything from her body as long as it is inanimate. With that in mind, it’s possible that she could go so far as to create said meal herself. Given the gross nature of this act though, let’s just say she created the utensils needed for cooking purposes.

2. Shoto Todoroki: Another student who was accepted into U.A. on recommendation, Todoroki’s use of his ‘half and half, fire and ice’ quirk means that the notion of pre-heating the oven takes on a new meaning.

3. Tenya Iida: As the class president of class 1-A and the owner of a super-speed quirk known as ‘Engine,’ Ida’s responsible nature and speed would allow him to cook the meal in the quickest amount of time.
4. Mezo Shoji: While underrated in the anime, Mezo Shoji’s ‘dupli arms’ would allow him to carry a multi-course meal with absolute ease.

5. Izuku Midoriya: The main character of the show and the owner of the powerful ‘one-for-all’ quirk, Midoriya’s quirk would be rather useless here. However, his kind, heroic and selfless attitude would make him the perfect candidate for best-waiter status. I mean talk about good customer service.

“My Hero Academia” season four debuts on Oct. 12 on various streaming platforms, my personal choice being “Crunchyroll.”
Located in downtown Fairborn, Ohio, The Neighborhood Nest is a dedicated gluten-free bakery that has operated in the area for approximately two years.

The Neighborhood Nest is run by Amber Tipton of New Carlisle, Ohio. She has hundreds of recipes, but customers are often the source of inspiration.

“I always say I do what I do because I’m giving people back something a health issue has taken away from them. One of the first people I baked a birthday cake for had been celiac for 22 years and had not had his grandma’s strawberry cake for 22 years. I gave it back to him,” said Tipton.

While in her final stages of culinary school, Tipton received her celiac disease diagnosis.

“I had one pastry class and I had a chef that let me bring in about 70 pounds a week of supplies in to try gluten-free and something clicked. I continued to refine as we moved along,” said Tipton.

“Every time I have a mom come in and cry because their kid can literally pick anything off of all the shelves, I have a purpose then,” said Tipton.

The Neighborhood Nest sources to several local places with a market for gluten-free products. This includes: Lefty’s, This Guy’s Coffee in Springboro, Health Foods Unlimited, Butter Cafe, Glow Juice Bar, Healthy Alternatives and Scratch by Justin, as well as Ashe and Mantle seasonally.

Not only is the bakery gluten-free, but they pride themselves on catering to other allergies and health concerns.

“We work really hard to make one day to bake with nuts. After that, we sanitize the kitchen. We’re the same way with dairy,” said Tipton. “We try to pick one day to do dairy-free so there is no danger of mixing milk up. Everything gets a sticker; the sticker will follow it from start to finish so nothing gets mixed up.”

Everything Tipton does has a health basis; while believing that keto is a fad diet, she believes there are health benefits to it.
“Keto is great for diabetics. The keto diet was developed around 40 years ago for seizure disorder. Those who have this disorder and participate in keto, it cuts down seizures by a lot,” said Tipton. “The diet also helps to eradicate cancer quicker in the body and helps by partnering with chemotherapy. Because it contains no grain or sugar, it’s really helpful with high protein and good fats to help fight cancer.”

The chef has been baking since she was a child, as it was a family tradition. The logo for The Neighborhood Nest uses her great aunt’s mixer that she still has at home.

“There is always someone coming in saying ‘gosh I really miss that thing from when I was a kid’” said Tipton. “That never leaves the back of my mind so the next time I’m bored and trying recipes, those are the ones that I’ll try. That’s my goal, what can I give people back that they miss?” said Tipton.

Before opening the Fairborn location, Tipton worked out of home and at farmer’s markets for three years. She raised her kids creating their baby food and baking treats from scratch.

“Anthony Bourdain has a great quote: ‘I’m a chef, I’m not your nutritionist and I’m not your conscious.’ I’m a chef, so my goal is to feed you great food, I can’t help you if you don’t have self-control,” said Tipton.
‘Pink Out Week’ with Bombball
Makenzie Hoeferlin
October 10, 2019

Bombball is collaborating with Wright State’s Relay for Life on Oct. 10 to raise money and awareness during Relay for Life’s “Pink Out Week.”

“I know many Raiders have been personally impacted by breast and other various forms of cancer,” said Hannah Vanek, treasurer of Bombball Club. “This event can help others become aware of the ways we as college students can help.”

Vanek has been playing bombball for two years.

The tournament will be held on The Woods volleyball court and will be $4 per player.

Milo Simpson, president of bombball, and Jefferey Shehee, president of the Wright State Chapter of Relay for Life, worked together to make this event possible.

“Jefferey and I were talking and it just made sense, if we can raise money for Relay for Life and at the same time have fun playing bombball then why not,” said Simpson. "Bombball at its core is more than just playing a game. It’s bringing people together, getting people to know each other. And if we can raise money at the same time for a good cause, it’s the perfect plan.”

According to Shehee, the Relay for Life team has a goal of raising a total of $500 from the event.

Simpson agreed that the event would be a great way to raise breast cancer awareness and also expressed excitement for the opportunity to promote bombball, which gives students a chance to have fun for a good cause.

“When presented with the idea of a pink-out breast cancer tournament, many students were immediately engaged in the idea,” said Shehee.

The bombball community currently consists of about 200 people and is in the process of becoming a student organization. The numbers continue to grow and many students have found a second family in the campus sport.
“I love that we are getting the chance to collaborate with Relay for Life as one of our first events as an organization on campus. I’m excited to see the growth of bombball and share it with our Raider community,” said Vanek.

Everyone can participate in bombball and intramurals are now open. Simpson encourages everyone to make an intramural team for tournaments and join the fun.

“It’s a good time to just pick up the ball and throw it around and you make a lot of friends,” said Simpson. “Even if you’re not playing the game, people will sit on the sidelines and cheer you on, you can sit and talk to them when you’re out. I’ve definitely met a lot of new people in bombball, And I think that makes me the happiest of all, just all the connections I’ve made.”

Simpson also expressed the desire to continue hosting events like this one. “We definitely want to partner with people because it brings in more people and we can do a lot more than what we could do by ourselves,” he said.
Perfect for students in search of jobs and internships, a plethora of career events will be held over the next few weeks at Wright State University.

Kicking off the career events is How to Work a Career Fair – Hosted by Reynolds and Reynolds on Oct. 8. The event will include a workshop presented by Senior Corporate Recruiter for Reynolds and Reynolds Jennifer Moore; this is a great opportunity to hear from a recruiter’s perspective.

“You don’t know all the career opportunities that are at a company just by the name; there are places that students may not even think they could apply at that have really cool opportunities in their career field,” said Twila Murray, career consultant for the Raj Soin College of Business.

Other important career events to attend are the Career Fair on Oct. 15 and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Careers Event presented by The College of Liberal Arts and the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success on Oct. 23.

“Arrive early,” said Moore. “There could be lines for the companies you want to speak with, so getting there late could limit the number of companies you can visit.”

Another topic to be covered is how to dress. “Make a great first impression. No matter the role you are looking for, dressing professionally will help make that good first impression,” said Moore.

One of the most important ways to prepare for a career fair is to do your research on the companies that will be attending. Handshake, Wright State’s career management system, is a great resource for researching job or internship opportunities.

 “[Doing research] will help you find out which companies have positions that might interest you and give you an idea of how many resumes to bring [as well as] help you to feel more confident when speaking to the employers,” said Moore.

Recruiters want to see that students are knowledgeable and ready to engage.
“Nothing impresses recruiters more than being able to talk about what they do, know what they’re all about, [express] why you’re excited about working with them and how your skills, experience and education connect with them,” said Wayne Stark, career consultant for the College of Liberal Arts.

Whether you are a student who is confident in their career path and are looking for a job or are still up in the air, Moore emphasizes the opportunities that come from attending a career fair. They are also great for freshmen to find internships.

“If you are not quite ready for a job, it can also be a good time to practice for future events, see what opportunities and companies might be out there, maybe find a part-time job or just to get in front of the employers so they remember you when you are ready for that full-time job or internship,” said Moore.

Stark emphasizes the need to visit career services, see a career consultant or counselor and take advantage of workshops.

In preparing for a career fair, students should review their resume and have a career professional look it over before the event.

“[Students should] make sure they have an excellent resume prepared and reviewed by one of us. That resume [should] focus on accomplishments and results, utilize powerful verbs and should be tailored to the particular opportunities they want to focus on at the career fair,” said Stark.

An important part of making a good impression on recruiters is to get contact information and record who you talk to.

“This is one of the most important pieces for students to remember: follow-up [with a recruiter] and thank them for their time,” said Stark. “After the email, send a thank you card with a hand-written note.”

Whether a student has a resume or not, everyone is encouraged to attend.

“Many of these organizations have internships available if undergrads want to [gain] experience. If you put in the effort to go to a career fair, you can still put a resume together based on high school experiences, volunteerism and class projects,” said Stark.
Aside from career events, it is important for students to be aware of emails they receive from members of their college.

“Look [for] and get to know the career people and recognize their names. Get to know the career emails because there will be a workshop, an event, a program, a career fair, a job opportunity, an internship possibility and if you aren’t looking at those, you’re going to miss that,” said Stark.
What ALICE training is like:
Marissa Couch
October 11, 2019

ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. This training has gained popularity as active shootings have become more prominent.

On Oct. 2nd, WSUPD held their second ALICE training course of the semester. Anyone affiliated with Wright State is welcome to sign up for the course.

“We are trying to be the hardest of targets. It sounds bad, but in a weird way you have to be selfish in these times,” said Kurt Holden, certified ALICE instructor and sergeant with the Wright State University Police Department (WSUPD).

WSUPD Sergeant Stephen Powers encourages anyone involved on campus to take the course and gain awareness of how to react if put in an unsafe situation.

The course lasted approximately two hours and consisted of a PowerPoint presentation, visuals, videos and interactive lessons to put what was learned into practice. It gives the opportunity to practice acting appropriately in a dangerous situation.

“We weren’t planning on making our schools a shooting ground,” said Holden.

This training has been implemented in recent years in response to the usual lockdown procedure. Given the number of active shootings, different practices had to be put into place to promote the safety of those involved.

Holden explains that in a dangerous situation, the initial first reaction would be to lockdown. Once taking the interactive course, these practices will replace lockdown drills if the situation calls for it.

Every active shooter scenario is different; therefore, the lockdown procedure cannot be the only method of safety.

Out of stress, most people would fall back on a lockdown procedure due to not knowing any better; this is why WSUPD encourages everyone to take the ALICE course: to learn other options when involved in an active threat.
Powers was also in attendance for the training as the safety officer. This is to ensure that the practical portion remains safe.

The next training course is scheduled for Oct. 15.