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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
April 6, 2020

The stars have a week of emotions and surprises in store for you. Find out how the moon in quarantine is impacting your sleep schedule here.

ARIES

Searching for new genre of music Aries? The stars are suggesting trying classic rock music. Shake up your routine a little with some Lynyrd Skynyrd and Led Zeppelin. Boost your bass!

TAURUS

You have been investing into too many subscription boxes lately Taurus. We know the world is big scary place but there is more to life than blogging about your recent unboxing. Try Meijer or Walmart. The items there will surprise you just as much as a box.

GEMINI

Stop describing memes in social situations Gemini. We get it, your angry Arthur clenched fist when someone says something offensive. Just act normal instead of a real life timeline.

CANCER

Reward yourself for your efforts this semester Cancer! Get yourself some ice cream and a gold sticker! You deserve it for all your hard work.

LEO

You will be feeling a little psychic this week Leo. Consider this a gift from the universe so you are aware that you should go to class. You will see visions of doing better on that test if you are present.

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VIRGO

Compliment and spread happiness today dear Virgo and the universe will reward you! For every smile you give someone else it will be reciprocated. Make the world a little happier today.

LIBRA

The stars suggest quoting the Office for the rest of the week. You are now named Dwight and this is your week to pull your best knowledge of the show into your life.

SCORPIO

Words are kinda difficult right now Scorpio. The stars know you are struggling with putting your emotions and thoughts into sentences. We suggest only communicating in emojis this week. Better yet use Bitmoji. It's basically you reenacting the emoji in cute outfits.

SAGITTARIUS

Looking for a good distraction from your personal life this week Sagittarius? Take up learning a language! The stars think you should learn Portuguese. Why you might ask, because it's unique and a good way to start a fun dinner conversation.

CAPRICORN

Drinking energy drinks and coffee at the same time is not only unhealthy but a bad decision Capricorn. We suggest drinking water and detoxing. You shouldn't be talking that fast.

AQUARIUS

Going out on Wednesday is a bad idea this week Aquarius. Mostly because you go out every single night. We do not understand how you can afford it. Take Wednesday off from social activities and spend time with your pet fish. He misses you.

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PISCES

Have you been needing to start a swear jar Pisces? Start replacing swear words with strange overly large words no one knows. Like adomania or kairosclerosis. Happy googling!

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Bridge Café permanently closing due to coronavirus

Maram Abuhaidar

April 6, 2020

The local Bridge Café that has been serving Wright State students for 15 years has recently decided to close its doors due to circumstances related to the coronavirus.

They will not be returning for the 2020-2021 academic year, according to a Facebook post.

“It has been an honor and privilege to be a part of the fabric of life at WSU. Thank you for the imprint you have made on our lives as we shared community, coffee and milkshakes within our walls,” according to the post.

Throughout their 15 years of business, they’ve happily served countless students, faculty and local families. Their coffee, milkshakes and cozy atmosphere had a sweet impact on the people around WSU.

They’ve held many fun events such as open mic night, movie night and even discounts for students on finals week. Thousands of memories were made at this coffee shop; their service will be remembered.

As unfortunate as this is, they have made this difficult decision in order to not only protect their employees, but to also protect customers and people in the Fairborn area.

Though this is the last year for the Bridge Café, this will not be the end. Their staff will continue to move forward and share hope and beverages with others.

For any questions regarding the reopening of the Bridge Café in the distant future, contact their Facebook page at Bridge Cafe.

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Jobs alert: Who is hiring in a pandemic

Natalie Cunningham

April 7, 2020

Many Ohioans are facing unemployment during this difficult time of the coronavirus outbreak.

Luckily, some businesses are still hiring during this time. Below is a list of the top five businesses hiring in the Miami Valley area:

Amazon

Amazon is hiring many different positions during this time.

Warehouse Associates are starting at \$15 an hour, Prime Shoppers are starting at \$17 to \$18.15 an hour, day shift Delivery Drivers are \$16 an hour, and Pickers/Packers are \$17 to \$18.15 an hour.

Chewy Incorporated

Chewy Inc. is hiring Warehouse Workers for \$16 an hour.

Applicants can apply from their smartphones and the application can be found on Indeed.com and other job listing websites.

ALDI

ALDI is hiring part-time Stockers starting at \$13.10 an hour in Beavercreek.

Employees earn a pay increase after one year of employment. ALDI in Kettering is also hiring full-time Store Associates at \$13.10 an hour.

Appvion Incorporated

Appvion Inc. is hiring Production Laborers at \$19.54 an hour.

It is located in West Carrollton City and offers a comprehensive benefits package.



Restaurants

Some restaurants in the area are also hiring.

Old Scratch Pizza Downtown in Dayton is hiring crew members at \$12 an hour. McDonald's in Dayton is hiring crew members at \$10 an hour.

Jersey Mike's Subs in Centerville is hiring at \$10 an hour.

Job information for all businesses listed above can be found on Indeed.com and other job listing sites.

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There over a thousand jobs posted to the Ohio Department Job and Family Services.

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What student leaders are doing during isolation

Alexis Wisler

April 7, 2020

Wright State University moved its spring 2020 semester fully online due to the coronavirus outbreak. Here's what eight student leaders have been doing with their time at home.

Ivan Mallett, Student Government Association president

"I've been lucky to spend this time training my new puppy! Also, many WebEx calls! But that's not as fun to report on."

Beth Metcalf, Student Government Association director of student affairs

"In my free time I have been hanging out with family and spending quality time! My brother and I have been playing video games and making TikToks! We are planning a big list of things to do that ranges from bike rides, workouts, to planting flowers! Of course, school has been a top priority though."

Jonathan Ciero, Student Government Association engineering and computer science senator

"With everything going online, my classes have kept me busy. Also, I am a Learning Assistant for [a psychology] class and we have been working to make the inline learning process as smooth as possible. That keeps me pretty busy, but other than that I make sure I get out of the house most days of the week to do some form of physical activity."

Samantha Ervin, WWSU 106.9 FM president

"So far all I've been doing since being home is working on [the Student Organization Budget Committee (SOBC)], doing a few art projects, gaming, practicing mixing music and working on school work. WWSU has moved remotely so we are all still working hard. As well as planning for summer work.

[I'm] hoping everyone is staying safe during this pandemic [and I hope] it ends soon; I miss being on campus. I miss my office. Most importantly I miss being within walking distance of Starbucks!"

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Joshua Burkheiser, WWSU 106.9 FM programming director

“I have been actively working on the upcoming fall semesters recruiting for the fraternities and planning our [Interfraternity Council (IFC)] Bid Day. The school has been actively engaged with us in Microsoft teams planning between all of the councils. I have also begun training for Take Flight this year and of course doing all of my assignments for my classes. Of course, being the programming director for the radio station here at Wright State has been quite the challenge, but we have been keeping the radio station running and updating new shows as we receive them. All in all, I am doing great and just centering on how to keep our members happy at WSU.”

Dakota Sturgill, Rainbow Alliance president

“I have been spending my time trying to keep Rainbow connected and together. Rainbow is doing this by still having online meetings and making posts on social media! In my own free time though I have been busy doing homework, drawing and playing video games. It sucks having to stay in, but we all need to do our part to flatten the curve!”

Ian Huelskamp, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity

“As a senior nursing student, I have been working hard in completing virtual clinical experiences to make up for being unable to complete them in at the hospitals right now.

When I’m not working on homework, I’ve been enjoying spending time with my three other roommates and been in loads of video chats with friends to keep up with the much-needed socialization that everyone is craving. While video chatting, we’ve cooked, baked dishes together and played games to pass the time and learn some new culinary skills.

With my roommates, we’ve gotten together to play new video games and tv series and started going on runs and working out together to keep up with our physical health and burn the calories we’ve been accruing with all the cooking we’ve been doing.

Many different hiking trails are still open and available to use both on and off-campus that we have taken advantage of too. My roommates and I have started a beard-growing competition to see who can grow the worse beard, and competition is tough. My fraternity, SigEp, has been facilitating many of these virtual get togethers so that guys can still feel like they’re connected to each other and to campus, which has helped immensely.”

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Kara Donbrock, Fitness and Wellness program manager

“While at home, I am continuing to work on programming and future ideas for campus recreation-fitness and wellness. It is my goal to keep our WSU family active so I created the #RecAtHome Challenge which encourages people to exercise for 20 to 30 minutes a day for five to seven days a week. I have designed a group fitness schedule that people can follow along with workouts at home via Facebook Live.”

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WSU community supporting international students

Natalie Cunningham

April 8, 2020

The coronavirus has impacted everyone in some way or another, but international students at Wright State University have been heavily impacted.

Lock down in and out of the country

Many international students have remained local while continuing their classes online and through remote communications.

They are permitted to return to their home countries after notifying WSU, who will help them navigate the process, according to Joy Wanderi, director of Education Abroad and Exchange Programs.

“Going home is not easy as many countries have locked down their borders or have stringent restrictions on for people coming into the countries,” said Wanderi.

The University Center for International Education (UCIE) is supporting students through emails, phone, virtual advising and regular contact. WSU is supporting students with the same methods.

Various departments are offering academic support for students, according to Wanderi.

Campus community support

“International students, like everyone else, are hard hit by this unprecedented global crisis. A lot of them are watching what is happening internationally and are worried about their families here and abroad. Remote education is also a foreign concept to most students, and I know this is true for international students,” said Wanderi. “It is a stressful time for all our Wright State students. Our student abroad students, for example, had to return home in the middle of their programs, which has been challenging to say the least.”

In the case of university admissions, coronavirus is changing the way the industry works and affecting the way everyone travels.

As of right now, it is not impacting future international admissions, according to Mariani Giancarlo, director of the International Admissions office.

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“Students have to think of their daily lives and switching to internet and online learning but also you have to think that they also have to try to keep close contact with their families at home,” said Giancarlo. “I think that they have an added stress that many domestic student would not have.”

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Virtual workouts build a community

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

April 8, 2020

Kara Donbrock, program manager for fitness and wellness, has created Rec at Home, a program that shares workouts on social media.

Learning to adjust

What started out as posting short workout videos on Instagram has turned into a virtual workout program with hundreds of views.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, WSU exercise classes and campus recreation activities were all cancelled. Donbrock didn't want this to stop people from working out and staying active.

"When the gym closed, that was like my worst nightmare," said Donbrock. "I know a lot of other people were upset about that too."

With fitness classes canceled, Donbrock found another way to share her workouts with others.

"Immediately I was like, 'ok, we'll do at-home workouts,'" said Donbrock. "There are so many ways to get a great workout at home. I've had to do it before. A lot of what I teach every day could easily be done at home."

Fitness is for everyone

"I just want people to stay active because health and wellness, it really helps your body," said Donbrock. "If we are healthy, then hopefully we can be stronger against the virus. I think it's a good way to release any anxiety that people are feeling towards all of this."

Donbrock emphasizes that fitness is something everyone can be a part of, a value that other fitness instructors share as well.

"I want to let people know that fitness doesn't just belong to athletes or body builders," said Tanvi Banerjee, yoga teacher and professor at WSU. "I have no background in physical activities as a child or a teenager, and now I love testing my body to achieve both physical and mental strength."

Normalcy in the midst of chaos

“This has also empowered me to feel useful when we are all cloistered in our homes and may feel a little out of control,” said Banerjee. “Having online resources freely available to staff, faculty and students gives them the freedom to work out at their own convenient time or join live if they so choose.”

Rec at Home gives people something to look forward to while stuck at home and accommodates those who still have to juggle a crazy schedule.

Virtual workouts are here to stay

Something neither Donbrock nor Banerjee expected was the abundance of positive feedback from all of the posted videos.

“I think teaching in person would have reached a much smaller audience, so it has been humbling to have 700-800 views and several comments to the workouts,” said Banerjee.

According to Donbrock, one of the best things about Rec at Home is the community outreach.

Engaging more people on social media is something she has wanted to do for a long time.

“That’s always been one of my biggest goals in the fitness world, to reach out and spread the word about health and wellness to as many people as I could,” said Donbrock. “I definitely think that this is something that needed to happen.”

Even though she wishes Rec at Home could happen under different circumstances, Donbrock is grateful for the time to be creative.

She plans to continue posting workouts even after quarantine is over.

“Please take the time to work out! Life can feel out of control sometimes and all we can do is focus on the present,” said Banerjee. “If you feel stressed out with the sudden change due to online courses and social isolation, please remember you are not alone. Take a deep breath and do a little at a time. Or, even better, go for a run and do some yoga!”

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University libraries encourages community to “Document Your Story”

Shaddia Qasem

April 8, 2020

With the struggles people are experiencing today, it may be easy to forget that what is happening will go down in history.

Because of this, The University Libraries Special Collections and Archives has created the Document Your Story project for the Wright State community.

How it came to be

“We are living through a time in history that is not an ordinary occurrence. Special Collections and Archives has always been proactive about collecting stories that tell us what is happening now, in our current lives. We can’t wait to collect this material. People need to write down what is happening now, reflect on how they feel about it and what they are experiencing,” said Dawne Dewey, head of Special Collections and Archives.

During any major event, the library encourages students, faculty, staff and anyone in the community to document this moment in time.

“[Record] everyday experiences; how things are different, the same, how they are communicating with family and friends [and] how they feel about what is happening,” said Dewey.

How you can be involved

Anyone interested in submitting a journal can follow the library’s blog on how to start writing a journal.

Submit by clicking [here](#)>>

“We will accept handwritten, typed, social media posts, word documents, photographs, videos [and] audio recordings. We plan to collect as much material as we can from a wide variety of audiences and ages and then place them in the archives. We want stories from students of all ages, faculty, teachers, staff and the wider Miami Valley community,” said Dewey.

The journals will be available for research and used in outreach programs as well as CORE Scholar.

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“We wake up each day and live our lives. We probably don’t think so much about the history we are making right now with the coronavirus quarantines. Keeping a diary, blog, journal or other record of one’s activities, thoughts and feelings will help the Archives capture a piece of history,” said University Librarian Sue Polanka.

The takeaway

“People will realize that they are part of history happening right now. All of our stories are important and writing down what we are going through now will help us gain a sense of belonging to the whole. “

“We are all going through the same thing, in different ways and in different situations. We hope that by keeping a journal or diary, people will be able to cope with the situation, it will be therapeutic in some way, and give people a sense of security, knowing that how they feel about what is happening now is going to be of benefit later, for them and others,” said Dewey.

Taking part in this project and sharing a journal during such a time in history will not only help people today feel more connected and united, it will also have a great impact for future generations.

In readings of Dayton papers in 1918 about the Spanish flu, Dewey has found the experiences from the past to be like our current circumstance.

“If, several decades from now, people can learn from the diaries, photographs [or] social media posts of what people went through now, it will help inform how we react when this happens again. It gives us a sense of community and connection to the past, a shared experience that helps define who we are. It can help us shape future policy, attitudes and reactions to national events that affect us locally. Someday, a grandchild is going to ask their grandparent about the pandemic of 2020. The memories and stories we record and collect today will help tell the story,” said Dewey.

Because this is an unknown experience to most people, it’s easy to feel stuck in the now and not look forward.

Taking part in this is a great way to be hopeful and see a light at the end of the tunnel.

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Music Review: Future Nostalgia by Dua Lipa

Maxwell Patton

April 8, 2020

English singer-songwriter Dua Lipa released her highly anticipated sophomore studio album “Future Nostalgia” on March 27 to praise from critics and audiences alike.

Supported by the singles “Don’t Start Now,” “Physical” and “Break My Heart,” this album is a collection that aimed to combine retro style with modern production, and it completes that task with flair.

The nearly flawless record, containing a total of 11 songs, effortlessly bounces from nu-disco to synth-pop, channeling female pop singers of the past in an effort that feels remarkably fresh.

It was incredibly difficult to choose my highlights on this record, but the final list contains my personal favorites.

Highlights

1. “Don’t Start Now”

Utilizing a wonderful bass line that would make Daft Punk jealous, Lipa exudes nothing but confidence on this track. It has a timeless feel to it and will more than likely stay as a pop anthem for years to come.

2. “Physical”

Lifting inspiration from the 1980s and Olivia Newton-John’s song of the same name, this song has an energetic and irresistible disco groove that is very fun to listen to.

3. “Levitating”

This synth-filled bop might be my favorite track on the album because of its groove and danceability, owning up to a sugar-sweet sound without leaving a bad aftertaste.

4. “Love Again”

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Punctuated by swelling strings at both ends and using a sample of White Town's "Your Woman", which sampled Al Bowlly's "My Woman," "Love Again" is a definite standout with a catchy beat that will surely leave you dancing.

"Break My Heart" and the title track/promotional single "Future Nostalgia" are also contenders for the highlight list.

However, the weak point of the album comes during the last two songs: "Good In Bed" and "Boys Will Be Boys." The duo are still very catchy, but they feel detached from the rest of the record. Nonetheless, this doesn't weigh the album down.

Background

Lipa's music career started in 2013 as she signed a deal with Tap Management while she was employed as a waitress at a cocktail bar. After some successful recording sessions, she struck a record deal with Warner Brothers.

Lipa released her debut single "New Love" in August 2015 followed by "Be The One" two months later. Her self-titled debut album was released in June 2017 with the smash hit singles "New Rules" and "IDGAF." This was followed by the single "One Kiss" with Calvin Harris, released in 2018.

Lipa won Best New Artist at the 2019 Grammy Awards and won another for Best Dance Recording.

The album was originally scheduled to be released on April 3, however, album leaks and the ongoing coronavirus outbreak caused "Future Nostalgia" to be released a week early.

In an Instagram Live video on March 23, Lipa shared the news with her fans.

"I've been a little bit conflicted about whether it's the right thing to do during this time because lots of people are suffering," according to the post. "I'm not sure if I'm even doing the right thing, but I think the thing we need the most at the moment is music, and we need joy and we need to be trying to see the light. I hope it makes you smile and I hope it makes you dance and I hope I make you proud."

It is a spectacular pop album that showcases Lipa's versatility as an artist. The fine-tuned production coupled with catchy melodies and empowering lyrics make this an Album of the Year contender.

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Update: Graduate students now able to choose grade
News Team April 8, 2020

Marissa Couch contributed to this story.

Wright State University announced that graduate students would have the option to switch courses to a pass/unsatisfactory grading scale.

The news came on April 7, almost two weeks since undergraduate students were given the option as well.

According to the release, pass or grade of P is equal to a “C” or higher. Any unsatisfactory or “U” grade will not apply to a degree and additionally, neither P nor U will count toward GPA points.

Students will have until May 15 to make the decision on any chosen classes, excluding any terms that concluded before March 9.

The release encourages students to consult their advisor before making any decisions to ensure that they understand how it will impact their course completion moving forward.

This story was originally published March 25:

Makenzie Hoeflerlin and Clare O’Toole contributed to this story.

Wright State University is now offering students the option to receive a pass/unsatisfactory grade for any and all spring semester courses in light of the coronavirus pandemic.

In a campus-wide email sent out today, Dr. Douglas Leaman, interim provost of Wright State University, recognized the concerns of many students regarding grades and disruptions to coursework due to the evolving coronavirus pandemic.

To abate anxiety about grades and grade point average, Dr. Leaman made the decision to give students the option to take a ‘Pass/Unsatisfactory’ grade as their final course grade, rather than a normal letter grade of A, B, C, D or F.

In the same effort to assuage student stress, the deadline to withdraw from any spring semester course has also been postponed three weeks until April 17, according to the email.

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“Grades of C or higher for a course for which a student elects the Pass/Unsatisfactory grade will convert to a P. F grades will automatically be converted to U, and students can elect to convert a D grade to a U,” according to the email. “Students will receive credit for courses for which they earn a P, but will not receive credit for courses in which they receive a U. Neither P or U grades will impact the student’s grade point average.”

The interim provost explained in his email that ‘faculty will submit their course grades’ by May 6, and that students “will then have until noon on May 15 to decide to change one or more of their courses to a Pass/Unsatisfactory grade.”

Students may convert as many courses as they wish and may make an individual decision for every course.

Leaman encourages all students to consult with their academic advisor through the remote advising currently being offered by the university to confirm what taking a Pass/Unsatisfactory grade instead of a typical letter grade may mean for “course prerequisites, course repeats, program requirements, and post-graduation opportunities for licensure, graduate school, and employment.”

Any questions about scholarships and financial aid eligibility are to be directed to Raider Connect.

This new grading program does not apply to the Spring 2020 A term or any classes completed before March 9.

A similar program is being looked into for the graduate program, but currently, this does not apply to classes above 4999.

A student petition

Last Wednesday night, Wright State student Dawson Draper started a petition to move all Wright State classes to a pass/fail system for spring 2020.

Amid all the concerns of the spread of coronavirus, face-to-face classes have been cancelled, bars and restaurants have been closed, and the graduation ceremony has been suspended until further notice.

“All of this in the name of public health, which is a worthy cause,” according to the petition.

Students understand the drastic measures the university must take, but just like many others, it has caused upheaval to their lives.

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“For many of us, these bars, and restaurants, the retailers and campus positions were our livelihoods, our sources of income,” according to the petition. “While yesterday, the most pressing issue for us was when we would have time to study, today our most pressing issue is how we will pay rent.”

According to the petition, students are not acting to blame, but to request extraordinary measures for extraordinary circumstances.

Students are asking for the university to move to a pass/fail system for spring semester for the mental health of the students at Wright State University.

“We ask this as a gesture to alleviate mental health issues that this is already causing,” according to the petition. “We ask this so that we may focus on the most pressing issues at hand. We ask this for the seniors who otherwise would have maintained a 4.0 GPA and the students who need this to avoid academic probation. We ask this from the position of students who have already given up so much and have just accepted the daily upheaval of life due to no fault of our own.”

The petition was started on March 18 but has since been closed after reaching a little over 500 signatures.

Student reactions

Wright State students have mixed opinions about the petition.

“I think it is completely unfair to us students that work our butts off to get A’s and B’s in order to get a high GPA,” said WSU student Alexis Hobbs. “I understand that these are unprecedented times, but our professors are working as hard as they can to keep our classes going and students are working hard to keep up with assignments. It is only fair to students to keep the traditional grading system.”

Another Wright State Student, Jacob O’Connor, is concerned with the consequences of the request of the petition being put into action. He says that classes moving to a pass/fail system would nullify hard work and dedication that students have put into their work thus far.

“Some are working on capstones, raising their GPA, and working hard to get the most out of their classes that their professors have worked tirelessly to create,” said O’Connor. “I encourage students to think on this subject and make an educated decision before signing something that could change so much for so many.”

The Student Government Association is aware of the petition and will advocate for students.

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“Student government sees the petition about changing classes to P/F for this semester,” said Student Government President Ivan Mallett. “This is a complex issue that has many implications, all of which must be carefully considered. This is a topic that was brought up during a planning meeting today and options are being looked at and discussed carefully. The university is aware of the difficult circumstances that students are in and we are continuing to advocate on your behalf.”

University President Susan Edwards took to Twitter to address students and the petition.

“As always I am listening to our student body,” said Edwards. “I want you to know that there are consequences associated with sweeping blanket decisions, especially for students who may wish to pursue post graduate education. Therefore we are seriously examining the consequences of such actions.”

What are other colleges doing?

Three Ohio colleges are now allowing a pass/fail grading system for the spring semester due to the disruption of coronavirus to the classrooms.

At Ohio State University, the college of arts and sciences is allowing students to opt-in or opt-out of the particular grading system.

Northern Kentucky University students have also started a petition asking for this “opt-in pass/fail” grading system.

Students at Georgetown University and the University of Pennsylvania have also begun petitions toward different grading systems.

Bigger name colleges such as Smith, Duke, MIT and Vanderbilt have all shifted to another form of grading similar to pass/fail. These institutions are also allowing students to request letter grades if they choose to do so.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Roost Modern Italian's pop-up pasta bar

Marissa Couch

April 9, 2020

The coronavirus outbreak has caused a lot of local restaurants to learn to think on their feet in an attempt to stay afloat; this is a time where businesses are mandated to be closed to the public.

Roost Modern Italian has developed a pasta bar to offer efficiency in ordering takeout from the Historic Oregon District-staple Italian restaurant.

The food that is typically served on Roost's menu cannot be displayed in a to-go box, according to Owner Dana Downs.

The plan of action

"You can see we have absolutely no seafood on the menu," said Downs. "We're not going to put that in the box. We could put it in a box but it wouldn't be any good so I would never do that to my customers."

Hours of operation currently include 4-9 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Customers can call ahead or order online.

"We will go back to our regular business model. This is purely a decision based upon trying to fill a need of people's pocketbooks, for one, it's food that we can produce with little labor," said Downs.

How it's done

Roost has a pickup window that's right on the sidewalk of Fifth Street so that customers picking up their orders don't come in at all.

"We actually just crank the window out and hand it to them while they're standing on the sidewalk. That's worked out extremely well, people are super happy. It's nice for us because we know that we have to maintain our space. as far as the sanitation and safety of it," said Downs.

As well as carry-out orders, Roost is available for catering.

"Even though we aren't open, we entertained the thought of catering bulk meals. People could just call us and leave a message and we can take care of them that way," said Downs.

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In this time of uncertainty, restaurants are trying to keep the best interest of consumers in mind.

Roost Modern Italian is located at 524 E 5th St, Dayton, Ohio.

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Student refunds: Meal plans, housing, parking will be refunded

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

April 9, 2020

Wright State University (WSU) students will receive refunds and credits for campus housing, meal plans and parking passes, according to a communications email sent to students Thursday morning.

“Thank you for your patience as we developed a fair plan for issuing refunds and credits to students for housing, meal plans, and parking for the spring 2020 semester,” according to the email. “Refunds will be issued for expenses students paid out of pocket and will not include scholarships or grants.

Students who lived in residence halls on either campus and properly checked out will receive proportional refunds for the period of March 23 through April 30.

Meal plans

Students with residential meal plans will receive refunds for meal swipes March 23 through April 30.

Dining dollars for residential students will be valid until spring 2021.

Students with commuter meal plans and dining dollars will not receive a refund, but the account amount will roll over and stay valid until spring 2021.

Raidercash will also roll over until the 2020-2021 academic year.

Students who graduate, transfer or do not return to WSU are eligible for a prorated refund and should contact wright1card@wright.edu.

Parking

Students will receive a prorated refund for their parking pass that can be used to purchase a parking pass for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The amount of the credit will depend upon what type of pass each student purchased and will be prorated from March 16 to April 30.

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Students who graduate, transfer or do not return to WSU are eligible for a prorated refund and should contact parking@wright.edu.

“Refunds for students who owe a balance for housing, meal plans, parking, or other charges will be reduced by the amount owed,” according to the email.

Students are not eligible to receive a refund if their tuition and fees were paid exclusively by a federal or state grant, a scholarship or grant from WSU or the Wright State University Foundation, or a scholarship from an external organization or third-party.

Administration plans to have all refunds and credits issued by the end of April.

TikTok trends to try in quarantine

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With students spending their days at home, creativity and boredom have led to several new trends on TikTok. One of them being whipped coffee. Scrolling through the 'for you' page, whipped coffee seems to be everywhere.

But what exactly is it?

Whipped coffee

Whipped coffee is made from whipping together equal parts of instant coffee, sugar and warm water until it forms an almost peanut butter-like consistency.

[View the trend here>>](#)

Once the coffee and sugar are whipped, add it on top of milk or coffee creamer for a drink that is almost a coffee milkshake.

The origins of whipped coffee

According to Good Morning America, this form of coffee is known as Dalgona is South Korea and People reports that it is named after a popular street candy there. Greek frappes and Indian cappuccinos are similar to Dalgona.

Other TikTok self-isolation trends

Besides whipped coffee, other DIY-style trends have become popular on TikTok as students find creative ways to pass the time at home.

Bleach tie-dye

One trend emerging from self-isolation is bleach tie-dye. TikTok users are taking old shirts and giving them a new look by using the lightening effects of bleach to tie dye patterns into them.

When doing this, make sure to either do it outside or keep the clothing in the bathtub or sink so the bleach doesn't touch anything it's not supposed to.

[See the trend here>>](#)

According to Thomas Benzoni, assistant professor at Des Moines University, during an interview with the Washington Post, gloves should be worn whenever handling bleach and if the project is happening inside, the area needs to be properly ventilated.

Half-bleached jeans

Another DIY bleach trend taking over TikTok is half-bleached jeans. Take a pair of jeans and bleach one half of them, either one leg or the front/back and that part will turn white, creating color-block jeans.

[See the trend here>>](#)

Be sure to give the jeans a good wash in the sink before trying them on.

Embroidery

Embroidery is a fun way to add a personalized touch to just about any fabric item. Embroider a sweatshirt, a backpack, the pocket of jeans or a denim jacket. Use a sewing needle and colorful thread and the possibilities are endless.

[See the trend here>>](#)

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Movie Talk: “Uncorked” Netflix review

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This movie is a wine enthusiast’s dream.

“Uncorked” is a Netflix drama with a subtle hint of comedy thrown in. The film stars Mamoudou Athie (Elijah) as a young man looking to find himself.

His father Louis, played by Courtney B. Vance, is sure that his son will take over the family business; that business happens to be a restaurant that surely serves some of the best ribs around.

The film plays with themes of legacy, fatherhood and self-identity. This is one of the bright spots of the film.

The portrayal of the father-son dynamic, specifically from an African-American lens is interesting to see.

Vance’s performance is understated as he portrays a man who is desperate to cultivate a legacy of his own. The restaurant was passed on to his character from his father, and he looks to do the same for his son Elijah.

This dynamic is set off by Athie’s equally understated performance as Elijah, a son who wants to expand from where his family is. Throughout the film, we see him struggle with the idea of being “stuck.”

He even mentions this to his father, who is understandably shaken by the comment.

The comedy that stems from the film is also well done. The comedic timing from Courtney B. Vance is the best part of this movie to me. His character comes off very distant towards his son, but when he’s with his wife, he’s way more loose.

A gripe I have with the film relates to directorial choices; for example, with every scene change there was a music cue that utilized a snippet from various hip-hop songs. For me, this choice was distracting and unnecessary, making the movie feel like a music video at times.

I also felt like the script felt too contrived.

I understand that every work of fiction is technically contrived, but it shouldn’t feel that way. In this film, things seem to happen because Elijah needs an obstacle to overcome.

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Also, certain characters seem to disappear throughout the film, mainly in the form of Elijah's girlfriend, Tanya (Sasha Compere).

Overall: "Uncorked" is a movie full of interesting themes and dynamics, and while contrived at times, it is worth a watch.

Promoting self-care while at home

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Given the current situation, most of us are surrounded with some extra downtime, which can either be deemed a blessing or a curse.

It's easy to feel lonely and lose motivation when your daily schedule has been picked apart and running errands has become a battle.

It's important during times like these to make sure you're keeping up on your health. Although your physical health is important, your emotional and mental health are key as well.

Here are some ways to use your spare time and improve upon your health.

Get outside and enjoy the fresh air

Some sunshine and clean air can make a world of difference when it comes to how you're feeling. Take a walk, ride a bike or just soak up some sun. Getting up and moving is essential.

Start a new project

Being creative and starting a project that has an end goal will give you something to look forward to. Move around some furniture, paint your room or reorganize your closet. Getting rid of clutter and changing the way a room feels can give you a more welcoming feel and a more satisfied outcome.

Start a skincare routine

Stress and worry can really take a toll on our skin. Face masks, baths and a little moisturizer can go a long way. Taking a few extra steps can make you feel a world of difference; your skin will thank you later.

Getting on a regular sleep schedule

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At this point it's hard to even determine what day of the week it is and sleep schedules are paying the price. Getting a good night's sleep and staying on a schedule is beyond beneficial to your wellness. Your focus increases, you get sick less often and your stress levels are significantly reduced.

Overall, it's important to stay hopeful. Staying positive and looking at life with a new perspective when things aren't ideal can improve your wellbeing greatly.

Your health overall can be viewed as a chain reaction. If one part of your health is lacking, it can greatly affect your overall wellness. Taking a break from the hustle and bustle gives you the opportunity to create a balance that'll benefit you greatly.

What day is it again?

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Many people may find themselves struggling to remember what day of the week it is due to lack of schedules and responsibilities during quarantine.

Here are a few tips on how to keep track of the time and stay on top of everything.

Animal Crossing

It may seem like an odd suggestion, but “Animal Crossing: New Horizons” on the Nintendo Switch keeps track of the time and date while playing. By matching the location and time zone of each player, it is a foolproof way to remember your surroundings.

Calendars

Another way to remember your day-to-day life is to keep a calendar. Fill the boxes with things to do each day and cross them out when the day is over.

Make a schedule

Try to give yourself objectives to accomplish each day and write them down. Whether it is an at-home workout, a homework assignment, or a Netflix episode, anything can be added in order to keep peace in your life.

Document when you send emails or submit files

When you complete homework assignments or emails, be sure to add the date in order to keep track of what has gotten done and when.

Set a reminder on your phone

Set an alarm each day at whatever time you would like, though it is suggested for when you wake up, with the day of the week with the alarm's name. It may be overkill, but you won't forget what day it is when you have to turn it off each day.

Ask. Your. Mother.

She always knows.

Check your phone when you wake up

This may be the simplest of the suggestions due to its nature. However, be sure to make an effort to remember what day it is when you check your phone. Do not just look at it and then forget as we all tend to do.

Keep a daily journal

Once you wake up for the day, whether it's at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m., grab some paper and a pencil and jot down what your plans are for the day. Be sure to date it at the top and try to do it daily. This

way, when it's week three of quarantine, you can go back through your entries and see where all of the time went.

Track your meals

Mentally or physically keep track of your meals by writing down what you have eaten that day. Try to keep your meals regular each day. Quarantine may mean less tasks, but it does not mean letting yourself fall into bad habits. Set aside time each day to eat in order to keep yourself on track.

Watch the news

Not only does this suggestion provide you with the date and time, it also informs you on what is happening in your world, country, state and town. Tune in to Mike DeWine's daily news conference at 2 p.m. for news focused on Ohio.

5 Skills to learn in quarantine

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Students can use some of their extra time while stuck at home to learn something new, such as another language or dances trending on social media.

New language

Now is the best time to learn a new language. Apps like Duo Lingo make it easy for beginners and Rosetta Stone is even giving students free access for the next three months.

Have a travel trip planned for when quarantine is over? Take the time now to learn the native language of the locals.

TikTok dances

TikTok is a new social media trend that allows users to make short videos to share with others. Often, the videos come in the form of catchy songs with dances.

Learning these dances is something fun that anyone can do by themselves or with the whole family. Those that want to make TikTok videos with friends can also share a screen and film over the internet.

Take a free class from Harvard

Harvard offers free courses online that anyone can take at any time.

The courses offer a variety of subjects and last anywhere between four and 15 weeks long.

Students can get on the website right now and start a class in business, programming, humanities or many other subjects.

Aside from learning something new at one's own leisure, those who complete a course would also have the bragging rights of taking a class from Harvard.

Drive stick shift

There is no better time to learn to drive stick shift than when gas prices are close to dropping below one dollar.

Driving stick is a useful life skill to have. The only obstacles are having a manual car and knowing someone who is willing to teach.

How to cook

Learning how to cook is another essential life skill. It is also something easily built upon.

The more one knows, the more challenging recipes they can learn.

Now that everyone is in quarantine, we have the time to watch baking shows and epic fail at baking before getting it right.

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SIL hosts its 35th Annual Student Leadership Awards

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Wright State University's Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) held its 35th Annual Student Leadership Awards on Apr. 9 through Webex in celebration of the leaders across campus.

Students and organizations were nominated for several awards in different categories. The categories included Student Organization Awards, Individual Awards, and Senior Leader Awards.

Student Organization Awards

For their collaborative efforts with organizations around campus, Black Men on the Move was the winner of the Collaboration award.

In raising money to fund cancer research, outreach and education programs, Relay for Life won the Community Service Award.

With their efforts in making sure anyone and everyone on campus can participate, Fencing Club won the Diversity and Inclusion Award.

For their work creating Raiderthon, which has raised \$58,000 for the Children's Miracle Network, the Student Organization Program of the Year Award went to the Miracle Makers.

With their work improving their local community and parts of the world, Student Organization of the Year Award went to Engineers Without Borders.

Individual Awards

Destinee Beisemeyer won Student Supporter of the Year Award.

Jeff Fleck, Club Bowling Advisor and Coach, was awarded Advisor of the Year Award.

Lauren MacGregor was awarded Distinguished Graduate Student Leader Award.

Emerging Leader Award



The Emerging Leader Award was given to multiple students. The winners were Ben Hollinger, Makenzie Hoeflerlin, Jacob O'Connor, Sydney McGilton, Dylan Collison, Natalie Cunningham, Roxanne Roessner, Dylan Hall, Lauren Harris, and Hunter McCubbins.

Natalie Cunningham was awarded the Distinguished Emerging Leader Award.

Established Student Leader Award

Numerous students were recipients of the Established Student Leader Award. The winners were Jacob Jones, Sabrina D'Alesandro, Allison Harbaum, Logan Rex, Cody Pack, Dai'shanae Moore, Dorian Buford, Leah Dryden, Jeffrey Shehee and Sean McGraw

Sabrina D'Alesandro was awarded the Distinguished Established Student Leader Award

Advanced Leader Awards

The Advanced Student Leader Award was given to 10 students. The winners were Nathan Price, Kara Combs, Reilly Corbett, Alexis Hobbs, Shaddia Qasem, Riley Plotner, Kearnstyn Bowen, Aaron Brautigam, Samantha Baxter and Sydney Gower.

Aaron Brautigam was awarded the Distinguished Advanced Student Leader Award.

Senior Leader Awards

The Senior Leader Award was awarded to 10 students. The winners included Milo Simpson, Sarah Cavender, Petey Sanchez, B. Lenz, Austin Rex, Beth Metcalf, Tyler Willis, Markayla Clayton, Kendra Thibaut and Bentley Peed.

The winner of the Distinguished Senior Leader Award was Sarah Cavender.

Miss the ceremony? You can watch it on Student Involvement and Leadership's Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/WSUSIL/videos/235651621176084/>

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Bellbrook flooding causes damage
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On March 20, Bellbrook experienced heavy rain and severe storms which caused heavy flooding.

A bridge on North Bellbrook Drive was washed completely away by the flooding. Several other areas of Greene County experienced flooding as well, according to a news story from WHIO.

Bellbrook's emergency funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission are empty until the new fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The City of Bellbrook has had engineers inspect the destroyed area of the bridge and meetings have been scheduled to plan the repair, according to a news story from WHIO.

The city of Bellbrook is a floodplain, meaning flooding can be common in the area. The city of Bellbrook provides a flood insurance rate maps and flood risks maps. The city of Bellbrook also provides tips and information on how to be prepared in the event of a flood, according to the city of Bellbrook's website.

Bellbrook Fire Department do not usually respond in the case of flooding. If people are in dangerous situations the fire department occasionally responds, if necessary. Bellbrook Service Department is usually in charge of responding to these situations.

Natural disasters such as flooding depend on several different departments working together to manage the situation. There is no typical protocol as every situation is different and needs to be handled individually as necessary, according to Karen Hawkins, Public Works director for the City of Fairborn.

Any area with a creek or body of water has the possibility of experiencing flooding. Fairborn mostly sees minor backyard flooding, according to Hawkins.