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In need of a mantra? Here is the quote you should live by based on your astrology sign.

ARIES

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” –*Walt Disney*

TAURUS

“Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not.” –*Oscar Wilde*

GEMINI

“If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.” –*Eleanor Roosevelt*

CANCER

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.” –*Helen Keller*

LEO

“The real test is not whether you avoid this failure, because you won’t. It’s whether you let it harden or shame you into inaction, or whether you learn from it; whether you choose to persevere.” –*Barack Obama*

VIRGO

“Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.” –*John Wooden*

LIBRA

“If you look at what you have in life, you’ll always have more. If you look at what you don’t have in life, you’ll never have enough.” –*Oprah Winfrey*

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SCORPIO

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” –*Maya Angelou*

SAGITTARIUS

“Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
–*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

CAPRICORN

“When everything seems to be going against you, remember that the airplane takes off against the wind, not with it.” –*Henry Ford*

AQUARIUS

“If you are not willing to risk the usual, you will have to settle for the ordinary.” –*Jim Rohn*

PISCES

“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*

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WSU Cultural Centers Adapt to Pandemic

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

September 7, 2020

On Tuesday, Sep. 1, the Wright State University (WSU) Cultural and Identity Center held a virtual open house for students to learn about what they have to offer in the fall semester.

All four centers in the Cultural and Identity Center are running virtual for the fall semester.

Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center

The word “Bolinga” translates as love in Lingala, an African language deriving from the northwestern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and is spoken by more than 10 million people throughout the region.

Located in room 140 of WSU’s Millett Hall, the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center provides students the opportunity to celebrate and learn about diverse African cultures.

The ultimate goal of the group is to provide a sense of belonging for students. Whether students are African American themselves or desiring to learn more about the African American culture, the center provides academic and emotional support for those students involved.

“The Bolinga Center is actually getting ready to celebrate its 50th anniversary in January,” said School of Medicine Diversity Program Manager Tanya Mathis. “So, we’re excited about that. It was actually born out of student protests back in 1971.”

The center offers various events throughout the year and is actively working on a system to provide students with virtual events as well.

Latinx, Asian, and Native American Affairs

Located in Millett Hall 154, the Latinx, Asian, and Native American Affairs center focuses on advocating for and teaching students about cultures within the Latinx, Asian and Native American population.

The center runs virtual talks known as “LANA Talk Tuesdays” throughout the semester, where students can ask questions and discuss various topics related to the center and their mission.

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Various forms of academic support are offered for students, such as open study tables, internships, mentorships, and scholarships.

“We do DACA, which is the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and support,” said Associate Director for the Office of Latinx Asian and Native American Affairs Mia Honaker, “as we help with funding, and any kind of financial resources. We have a frequently asked questions FAQ section on our website.”

The office participates in several events annually, such as Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, and Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Office of LGBTQA Affairs

The office of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Ally (LGBTQA) Affairs was founded nearly six years ago to provide support for students who identify LGBTQA and for allies to learn more information and support their peers.

The 4 core tenants of the LGBTQA Affairs Center are advocacy, community engagement, education, and success.

Located in 147 Millett Hall, with an additional office in 150 Millett Hall, one of the programs offered includes the Unicornship Peer Mentorship program, where first year LGBTQA students are paired with returning LGBTQA students to achieve academic and social goals.

“We not only have our mentees and mentors, asked to meet once a week, but we also have monthly engagements with the entire group,” Interim Associate Director of LGBTQA Affairs Emily Jane Yantis said. “In the past we’ve done bonfires, we’ve done laser tag, just different team and community building exercises.”

Women’s Center

The Women’s Center strives to create a safe and comfortable environment for women to feel supported and connected with one another.

Located in 148 Millett Hall, the center offers mentorships, scholarships, educational programs, as well as physical hygiene kits to women in need.

“We’re going to be doing it a little differently this year, because of you know, what’s going on right now,” said Assistant Director of the Women’s Center, Cindy Vanzant, in reference to the

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personal hygiene kits. “There’s going to be a form to fill out, and I will be sending out information very soon.”

One of the programs offered by the Women’s Center is a weekly crochet and knitting circle, which will be offered on Friday’s over WebEx beginning Sep.11.

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SGA Elections: Candidates Announced

Alexis Wisler

September 7, 2020

Campaigning for the Student Government Association (SGA) 2020 election begins today, Sept. 7, and the candidate list has been announced.

President and Vice President

Two teams have been selected for the President and Vice President ballot.

Running for President is Samantha Baxter with Amani Wilson as Vice President.

Adrian Williams is running for President with Joe York as his running mate.

Senators

Four senator positions currently have no candidates. The Commuter Senator position has three candidates.

The College of Engineering and Computer Science Senator position, the College of Liberal Arts Senator position and the College of Science and Math Senator position each have one candidate.

Commuter Senator candidates:

Mark Stickford

Sabrina D'Alesandro

Nhu Ngoc Honang

College of Engineering and Computer Science Senator candidate:

Gullzada Anwari

College of Liberal Arts Senator candidate:

Victoria Soloman

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College of Science and Math Senator candidate:

Zayneb Moumkine

The College of Education and Human Services, College of Nursing and Health, Raj Soin
College of Business and Residential Senator positions currently do not have any candidates.

The procedure for unfilled positions is outlined in the SGA constitution.

When positions are left unfilled at the beginning of the academic year, the president must notify the campus of the open positions and make the appropriate applications available, according to the SGA constitution.

After the one week application process is concluded, a candidate will then be nominated to fill the vacant position and must be confirmed by a majority vote of the Senate.

Voting will begin Sept. 13 and end Sept. 17. Campaigning will continue throughout voting week.

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Contact Tracers Overwhelmed; Calling On Students for Help

Maxwell Patton

September 7, 2020

The Department of Population and Public Health Sciences (DPPHS) at Wright State University (WSU) is hiring student employees for a Supplemental Contact Tracing Team. This team's goal is to assist local health departments with contact tracing during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Contact tracing is a procedure where a group reaches out to those who have either contracted or been in contact with someone who has contracted an infectious disease and asks them about who they have come in contact with.

This is done to minimize the spread of a contagious disease such as tuberculosis, HIV and coronavirus.

How the project began

Students were sent an email on Sep. 1. Around this time, WSU received its first cases of coronavirus, with eight students and one employee infected as of Sep. 3.

Public Health Workforce and Community Engagement Director Camille Edwards is a leading figure in the hiring project and said that it was started to aid health organizations in the area with tracking coronavirus cases.

“We noticed that some of the local health departments are being overwhelmed with the number of cases that they’re getting in, and so we wanted to be able to provide support for those health departments in more of a supplemental manner, seeing which ones are in need of our support and trying to partner with them,” Edwards said.

DPPHS is looking to hire about 40 or 50 students to assist with contact tracing.

The contact tracing process

The CDC website explains that “public health staff begins contact tracing by notifying exposed individuals (contacts) of their potential exposure as rapidly and sensitively as possible, not revealing the infected patient’s identity.”

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According to the department's job posting on Handshake, a script will be followed that "educates individuals about their exposure, asks individuals to quarantine as needed, and share information to support a quarantine."

"It'll just be kind of educating contacts on the difference between quarantine and isolation, the importance of following the quarantine protocols, things like that. We will be educating them on some signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and then, if necessary, providing them with information for resources in our area," said Edwards.

Where and when contact tracers will work

The contact tracers will work with local health departments, either remotely or through a call center. WSU is looking into setting up call centers near campus. DPPHS will be providing training for students upon hiring.

Students will be assigned to work in teams, scheduled for 3 to 4-hour shifts any day of the week. The number of hours they will work each week depends on the need their department has for them during that period.

Educational coursework or prior employment experience in public health, global health, medicine or related fields is preferred when applying for the position, according to the job posting.

The duration of the contact tracing position

The department's contract regarding the hiring of student contact tracers will expire on Dec. 31, though there is the option for an extension. Edwards believes that there is a chance the extension will not be necessary.

"If people in communities follow the guidelines in a stricter manner, then I do think that we can definitely get back to some sense of normalcy. If not, I do see [the pandemic] extending into next year," said Edwards.

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Campus Ministries: In Person Worship, Virtual to Come
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
September 8, 2020

After working through changes in staff and adjusting to new policies brought on by the coronavirus, the Catholic Campus Ministry has begun to provide opportunities for students to worship on Wright State University's (WSU) campus.

Meet the Staff

After Fr. Ethan Moore's final mass on June 27th, Fr. Tim Fahey took over leading the church and providing students with a welcoming environment to worship in.

"I know college campus ministry had a big impact in my life when I was in college," said Fr. Tim Fahey. "It was really there that I started thinking about the priesthood. It was really there that I really came to know Jesus Christ...so hopefully it goes well, but I'm pretty happy to be here."

Nic Kovatch is a campus minister going into his fourth year at the Catholic Campus Ministry after spending several years down in Cincinnati. He actively works with the Catholic Initiation of Adults (CIA) to help adults on campus in their journey to Catholicism, as well as coordinate other student and church-led events.

Denise Jasek, the coordinator of the ministry's music, dedicates her time to configuring music programs for mass and other events within the church.

"Please introduce yourself if you'd like to get involved in the ministry's music," said Jasek. "It brings me immense joy when we all are worshiping and singing together from the heart."

Plans for Fall 2020

In person mass is offered daily at the Campus Catholic Ministry. Opportunities for confession and exposition are provided most days of the week as well. Social distancing and mask wearing will be enforced on church property.

Although church services are currently not available online, there is a plan in the works to try and livestream services in the coming weeks.

"So, we actually had a donor pay for a live streaming system," said Fr. Tim Fahey. "Now, as you can probably imagine, when you install stuff like that, there's a good chance there's going to be

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bugs and everything like that so I would hope for mid-September. At that time, we'll most likely be able to have our masses live streamed online and then available just as recordings."

The Catholic Campus Ministry is also working to provide other events for members of the church to be able to spend time with one another and grow the community. Although the acre of land the church sits on is considered to be off campus, they are still adhering to Centers for Disease Control guidelines with the rest of the university.

Events offered in upcoming weeks include socially distant bonfires and tie dye events, with other events to be named at a later date.

For more information on mass, confession, and exposition offerings, go to the Campus Catholic Ministry Website: <https://www.raidercatholics.com/>

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YouTuber Lindsay Ellis and Her Debut Novel, “Axiom’s End”

Ariel Parker

September 8, 2020

“Axiom’s End”, by Lindsay Ellis released on July 21 and follows a young adult woman who becomes the sole point of communication between humans and aliens in an alternate 2007.

Cora Sabino is a 21-year-old college dropout who wants nothing to do with her narcissist father, a whistle-blower who has developed a zealous fan base after leaking top-secret government documents.

However, when she accidentally stumbles upon a real-life alien, whom she calls Ampersand, she forms an unlikely alliance and becomes its interpreter for the US government. This reimagining of alien first-contact during the tail end of the Bush era is a premise that has a unique feeling of nostalgia for early 2000s alien movies.

Axiom’s End is also about empathy, and, if you read between the lines, the ways human societies interact with and subjugate other humans.

The themes and tropes explored in the book aren’t in any way new to the genre, but the combination of them all is written in a way that any millennial sci-fi movie fan can recognize and enjoy. For the more experienced sci-fi fan, this book will cover a lot of the same ground that other, more popular, science fiction has explored.

However, even with its pitfalls, this first book in a series lays down a lot of interesting groundwork that future books will be able to explore in more depth.

For readers who don’t traditionally read sci-fi, this may seem like a somewhat intimidating and complex book. Reading about the complex dynamics and social hierarchies of an alien civilization even lost me a few times.

But if you’re a fan of “Transformers”, “The Shape of Water” or “Arrival” – which, I promise, is all related – and would like to read a combination of those three, then you will absolutely enjoy this. Fans of Ellis’ work will immediately recognize her inspiration and laugh at the inside jokes sprinkled in, but even if you are not familiar with her, this is still a fun, and at times funny, read.

There’s a running gag that YouTuber’s only write books to make more money and a book written by any of them isn’t worth reading. However, I would argue that Ellis’ book is a great example of why that isn’t the case.

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While it explores the possibility of an apocalyptic war between humans and aliens, it also delves into the friendship and blossoming, slow-burn romance between Cora and Ampersand. Ellis has been able to create an interesting and engaging book that leaves readers excited to see what happens next.

Ellis is most well-known for her YouTube channel where she makes long-form video essays about everything from Disney to Transformers to the Omegaverse lawsuit, and recently reached 1 million subscribers.

Her most popular work is the three-part documentary on *The Hobbit* movie trilogy, which was a finalist for the 2019 Hugo Award for Best Related Work. She's also the co-host of PBS's YouTube web series, "*It's Lit!*", where she co-writes videos about trends in American literature.

"Axiom's End" is available at libraries and wherever books are sold.

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Tuesday Night SGA Meeting Cancelled

Roxanne Roessner

September 8, 2020

President of the Student Body Ivan Mallett informed students on Sept. 7 that there will be no Student Government Association (SGA) meeting tonight.

According to Mallett, all old business will be recounted at next week's virtual general meeting at 7 p.m.

The reason for the cancellation is due to a lack of business to conduct.

This is not something new for the SGA election season. It is unique because there is no sitting cabinet at this time and members of the senate and Eboard are on their way out.

"I am working to make the transition with the next president, whoever they may be, as smoothly as possible and that's my number two priority after being able to maintain advocacy for students' concerns with coronavirus," said Mallett.

The next SGA meeting will be held on Sept. 15, 2020.

Students and Professors Share Similar View of Online Instruction

Noah Kindig

September 9, 2020

Wright State University's (WSU) online classes have just finished up their first weeks, and while it is a new experience for all, the core of the classes is still present.

Instructor comments on their first classes

While some Instructors are having some difficulty adjusting from in-person classrooms to an online format, their overall experience has been better than expected.

"Panopto and the Center for Teaching and Learning have been fantastic," said English Language and Literature Senior Lecturer Brady Allen. "They go above and beyond with trying to help all of us navigate these new and difficult times."

Amanda R. Harris, WSU graduate student, and an English 1100 Instructor, feels prepared as well.

"Wright State has done a great job with their virtual setup," said Harris. "I've really had a good experience. As far as my own classes have gone, I am still excited for them, which feels great."

In terms of the interaction with students, though, some things are different.

"It's a lot more difficult to interact and encourage students, especially those who are shy," said Harris. "Making sure that you interact with your professors would really help us a lot. It is uncomfortable to be teaching to your office, rather than a room full of people."

Allen shares similar concerns but is optimistic.

"I like to see a face, you know," said Allen. "I'm yet to find out if a community feel is missing, but again, I feel confident in the direction classes are headed."

Online difference for students

While the main difference of online classes may be social, there are also differences in how classes are conducted for students.

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“A big difference for me is how static the courses are,” said Yasel Rosado, senior at WSU. “In an in-person class, the professor and students are able to move due dates around if they need to, but that just doesn’t happen with online courses.”

While the face-to-face interaction isn’t there, professors have still been patient with students.

“My computer isn’t the best, and thankfully my instructors have been very patient,” said Rosado. “It’s important that these things go both ways. Both professors and students should be open and patient with technology issues.”

Other students seem to share the same ideas as Rosado.

“There are things that you just can’t get through a screen,” Lee Huntsberger, a member of Greek life at Wright State, said. “Maintaining the mindset of being patient with one another is the best way to get through this, for both students and instructors.”

The impact on campus:

Even though online instruction is a much different format than what WSU is used to, things haven’t changed that much on campus.

“It wasn’t as bad as I thought it would be, honestly,” said Huntsberger. “The Library is still open, and seeing faces is helpful.”

For those on campus, there are still events happening.

“I recommend finding ways to get involved with organizations that are still going,” Huntsberger said. “You know, finding ways to make gatherings happen.”

Harris advises students to relax and take a break if they need it.

“Just breathe. No matter if you’re online or in-person, first day or last day, breathe. You can’t get good ideas if you’re stressed out,” said Harris. “Most instructors will be empathetic because, hey, we’re going through the exact same thing.”

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Coronavirus Takes Toll on Food Bank Inventory

Nicolas Benvenuto

September 9, 2020

The coronavirus pandemic has taken a substantial toll on the inventory of goods available at Wright State University's (WSU) Raider Food Bank.

With the start of the fall semester underway as of Aug. 24, the food bank is actively seeking physical donations as well as monetary donations to best support the Raider community moving forward.

"The changes in income, access to school lunch programs many of our student's children use, and the uncertainty of what could happen all impacted our community's ability to access food during the pandemic," Associate Director of Student Advocacy and Wellness Destinee Biesemeyer said.

Timing couldn't have been worse for the pandemic to strike, as the Raider Food Bank was just beginning its largest food drive of the year when the university was forced to close in March.

Unexpected madness

"When the campus closed, it was right at the start of March Meal Madness. This is our biggest food drive of the year and the donations our students, faculty, staff, and community provide play a substantial role in keeping the pantry stocked," Biesemeyer said.

Forced to adapt and overcome the challenges presented upon them, Biesemeyer and the staff of the university food bank creatively decided to provide the community in need with an alternative form of assistance.

"This primarily included a twenty-dollar gift card program that students could receive in April, May, June, and July. This was funded by the amazing donations received from the Foundation's Student Emergency Relief Campaign and a grant from the Dayton Foundation," Biesemeyer said.

Moving forward, the Raider Food Bank is optimistic that shelves will soon be filled once again, as gracious donations from the Raider community are already beginning to arrive at the pantry.

"I put the word out on the President's WebEx chat recently that we were ready to accept food donations again, and already people are stepping up in a massive way. We are also looking to

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develop a partnership with Kroger to help us build a stock of fresh foods in the pantry,” Biesemeyer said.

It’s okay to ask for help

Students needing assistance in keeping food on the table should not shy away from reaching out, as WSU has a reputation for being more than accommodating for it’s students and those in the community needing help.

“We all need help in some way,” said WSU graduate Zack Kriel. “I found at Wright State the biggest obstacle for me in receiving assistance was my own self. Once I actually reached out and spoke up I was embraced and helped in any way I needed.”

WSU senior Cheyenne Price has also had positive experiences while seeking help during her time studying at the university.

“I had a class in the fall of last year where our professor would remind us almost daily of the great services,” Price said. “Most of our professors are very passionate about the students they teach.”

Those wishing to help the Raider Food Bank replenish its stock of goods may drop food donations off at the pantry located in room 055 of the Student Union. Monetary donations may be made through the Wright State University Foundation.

Students may text or call 937.260.0617 if assistance is needed outside of food pantry hours of operation.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Bring Back the Weekend

Nicolas BenVenuto

September 10, 2020

Businesses in Dayton's Oregon District are excited to offer to-go beverages for patrons age 21 and over to enjoy while walking the streets of the district on weekends beginning on Friday, Sep. 4.

Utilizing the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) that passed on March 10 by Ohio state legislature, local bars and restaurants will have the opportunity to offer their goods while also providing safer, extended outdoor seating.

'Out on Fifth' Pilot Program

Weekend visitors to the Oregon District will have the opportunity to enjoy live music and street vendors as the pilot program will be running every weekend through October.

The program will begin on Friday's at 5 p.m. and streets will remain closed until 10 p.m. on Sunday, with events wrapping up at 10 p.m. each night.

"It's like using the DORA in a new way during coronavirus," Said Mayor of Dayton Nan Whaley. "A lot of small towns have it, but I believe this is the largest area in a bigger city to be doing this."

The ability to have customers outside and in an open-air setting is crucial for smaller bars and restaurants in the area operating with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as coronavirus concerns are still casting a shadow over much of the world.

Local Brews, Local Culture

Toxic Brew Company, located at 431 E. Fifth St. in Dayton's Oregon District, is one of many Dayton area businesses excited to be taking full advantage of the DORA, and will be welcoming mask-wearing guests throughout the length of the pilot program.

"It's been a long six months," said Toxic Brew Company's Sales and Distribution Manager Adam Stephens.

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Stephens additionally works as the company's event manager and co-runs social media accounts, giving him additional opportunities to interact with guests during this unprecedented time.

"Guests have been extremely cooperative and mindful of the situations we're going through," Stephens said.

Toxic Brew Company, which has been serving customers for 13 years in the Oregon District, is a local favorite brewery, and leaves many across the area eager to return after each visit.

"With our location we get lots of students from both the University of Dayton as well as Wright State," Stephens said.

For Tyler Burton of Troy, OH., the atmosphere and excellent customer service are what keeps him returning to the business whenever he visits the Oregon District with his friends.

"It's nice to be able to go out and get delicious beer with my friends and get treated so well by the staff," Burton said. "I've never had a negative experience at Toxic Brew Company."

Support Local Business

Supporting local businesses has never been more important than it is right during the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead of going to the same chain restaurant or drinking the same grocery store beer this fall, maybe visit the Oregon District instead. The locally-run bars and restaurants will gladly serve you with a masked smile.

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419 Alive: Brew Nation
Roxanne Roessner
September 10, 2020

Brew Nation, owned by Kim and Vance Nation, is located in the heart of Celina and offers customers a range of services from pottery, coffee, craft beer, live entertainment and food.

The company has gone through several changes since it was first opened as Brew Nation in 2007. It was integrated by The Potter House on Main and now lets customers paint pottery while they sip coffee and take in the ambiance. They have live music every Saturday night with seating both inside and outside.

Kim and Vance also own Lake Rat Brewery next door to Brew Nation. There are 20 beer taps, the “best wine selection in town”, according to Brew Nation’s Facebook, and a full bar for visitors to choose from. Artists are also able to display their work on the walls for customers to purchase or simply enjoy.

General Manager Caroline Hinders has worked at Brew Nation for the past four years.

“We were the first coffee shop in town and everybody knows us. It was important to Kim and Vance that there was a place like this in Celina,” said Hinders

The food served at Brew Nation ranges from cafe style selections to wood-fired pizzas.

Coronavirus

Hinders has worked on the reopening plan in the face of coronavirus.

“It is important for us that we are taking [the coronavirus] seriously,” said Hinders.

Part of the precautions include separating the disinfected pens and menus that customers use when ordering from those that have been used. They also have digital menus that can be accessed through QR Codes located on their website.

Upcoming events

On Wednesday, Sept. 16 there will be a wine tasting event hosted at Brew Nation and community members of the legal age are encouraged to participate.

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Brew Nation's address is 110 S Main St. Celina.

Brew Nation can be found on Facebook at Brew Nation-Celina/The Potter House on Main and their website brewnationohio.com.

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Student-Athlete Spotlight: Loudon Love

William Baptist

September 10, 2020

Loudon Love is going into his redshirt senior season on the Wright State University (WSU) basketball team as the only senior on the team.

Love was Horizon League Freshman of the Year (2018), second-team All-Horizon League (2018), two time first-team All-Horizon League (2019,2020) and Horizon League Player of the Year (2020).

He is eager for his last season to get underway with the Raiders, and expects to have a great year whenever the NCAA decides to move forward with the college basketball season.

“The ideal finish would be going out the way I came in, on an NCAA tournament run and a record setting season for the Raiders, but I’m not sure if that will be allowed. The only thing I can say for certain that would be ideal is helping lead these guys being the only senior, staying positive everyday with the uncertainty, keeping people encouraged every day and being present every day,” said Love.

The NCAA has not made a decision yet on when the college basketball season will start, but there have been ongoing discussions and it seems like it will start before the end of 2020.

What Brought Love to WSU

Love played football in high school, and in his senior season he tore his ACL on the last play of his last football game on a trick play.

This impacted his recruiting somewhat, but he still had offers and decided to play for South Dakota State under Head Coach Scott Nagy. Nagy then received an offer from WSU and became the Head Coach in 2016.

“I wasn’t really planning on going to Wright State, I was planning on being with Coach Nagy over at South Dakota State. He got an offer to come here and I followed him over here, and I’m glad I did, obviously,” said Love.

Thankfully Coach Nagy and his coaching staff stood by their offer to Love after his surgery. This gave Love confidence in the coaching staff, and he was ready to work and develop his game once he arrived at WSU.

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“When I first came in off that ACL surgery I came in weighing in at 320, that first year I got down to 280 before going into my redshirt year. From there I have refined my post-game with the coaches, and worked on my skillset on basketball, taking a lot of steps forward since being here,” said Love.

Unprecedented Offseason

Throughout the summer, practice facilities and gyms were closed for months due to the coronavirus. This made it challenging to prepare for the season and train effectively.

“The hardest part was just finding a gym, it was a lot of hunting for hoops this offseason, but it was good,” said Love.

Regardless of the circumstances, Love was still determined to improve his game this offseason.

“I worked a lot on form shots and free throws, and trying to get that percentage up. A lot of conditioning along the way as well,” said Love.

Love continued to work on his leadership skills, and learned a lot from numerous different players at WSU. For his last season, being the only senior on the team, he is excited to get the opportunity to lead this team once more.

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College Rep. and Dem. Speak Out About Election

Alexis Wisler

September 11, 2020

Election Day this year is Nov. 3 and Wright State University (WSU) College Democrats and College Republicans want to make sure students stay informed and use their voice to vote.

College Democrats

For the Presidential debates, College Democrats will host virtual watch parties over zoom where watchers can hold discussions and share their thoughts.

Although the watch parties are the only thing College Democrats has planned so far, they are working on several other events to host leading up to election day.

As for local elections, the group wants to invite local candidates such as Kim McCarthy, running for state representative, to speak at their meetings. Nothing is confirmed as of now.

College Republicans

College Republicans will work with local and Presidential campaigns by assisting in door-to-door campaigning. The campaigns include the Trump Victory campaign and the Mike Turner, running for state representative re-election, campaign.

“If they don’t answer [the door, we] leave them a little flyer, if they do [we] tell them when the elections are happening just make sure they get their voices heard and represent their interests,” said College Republicans Vice President Jarod Kiser.

Depending on campus restrictions and the interest of other political groups on campus, the group wants to hold public forums and debates leading up to the election.

Call to Action

Both College Republicans and College Democrats stress the importance of voting.

“It is very important to register to vote and to vote whatever way you can whether it’s early, absentee ballot, or in person,” said College Democrats President Hannah Weisgerber

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Along with voting, both groups want students to realize that the Presidential election isn't the only election to be aware of.

"Local elections are just as important as the Presidential elections," said College Democrats Treasurer Erica Jones

If students want to learn more about local elections, they can visit both the College Republicans and College Democrats Engage page and reach out for more information.

"I do think a lot of young people need to become more aware of their political situation around them," said Kiser

Weisgerber also said that students who feel comfortable and are able to should volunteer at their local voting polls in November.

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NCAA Grants WSU Waiver to Remain Division I
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Wright State University (WSU) was granted a waiver by the NCAA to remain in Division I. WSU can operate below the minimum amount of required sports for the next two seasons.

The NCAA requires Division I member institutions to sponsor at least 14 sports. WSU now has 11 after cutting the softball team as well as the men's and women's tennis teams in June.

"Made the difficult decision back in June to cut 2 million dollars out of our 10-million-dollar budget, that involved cutting three sports," said WSU Athletic Director Bob Grant.

The budget being restructured due to coronavirus forced a lot of student-athletes to transfer and find another school. These are unprecedented times, so drastic measures had to be taken.

Importance of Waiver

The difference between Division I and Division II is fairly huge. Division I includes tougher competition at a higher level.

A lot of student-athletes want to be a part of a Division I program and to compete in that atmosphere, so it plays a big role in recruiting.

"If I were a freshman right now it would definitely have way more effect on me, knowing that I chose to play for a D1 school and I worked hard to get there, but now they might go D2 which would have me questioning what I would want to do," said senior on WSU volleyball team Teddie Sauer.

Now WSU can continue to recruit Division I athletes, making the waiver crucial for the university.

"I think playing D2 would have affected all of us in one way or another. But I'm just glad we were able to receive the waiver to continue playing D1 for the time being," said senior on WSU golf team Austin Schoonmaker.

Next Steps

WSU now has two full seasons until they have to add back at least three sports.

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They can add back any NCAA-sponsored sports they choose; it doesn't have to be the same three sports that they cut.

Throughout the two years of the waiver, WSU will have to provide several data checkpoints to the NCAA as part of the process.

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Wright Through My Eyes: Alexis Hagerman
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Alexis Hagerman is a sophomore at Wright State University (WSU) who has gone above and beyond in helping others around her. She is majoring in English Integrated Language Arts and minoring in Spanish.

Hagerman volunteered for most of her high school career and continues to do so at WSU.

“You’re getting much more than you’re giving when you volunteer,” said Hagerman.

Clubs and volunteering

Hagerman is involved with the English Club and Honors Association with the determination to know more people and help the community of Dayton.

She also volunteered at the Dakota Center, El Puente and Elevate Dayton.

The internship at Elevate Dayton focused on publishing uplifting articles about the Dayton community.

“When I started volunteering in high school I did it out of a selfish spot because I wanted to get into a good college. That’s what they tell you – to pad your resume. I was 14 years old and I tried it and really enjoyed it. It quickly became more to me... When I got to college, I realized that I was doing it more to learn,” said Hagerman.

By volunteering in the Dayton community, Hagerman found ways to connect herself to the culture of the city while also learning about the issues that it faces.

Planning for the future in her spare time

When she’s not volunteering, Hagerman spends time with her boyfriend and enjoys reading.

She also keeps up to date with the Black Lives Matter Movement to one day teach her students about African American experiences in modern-day America.

“I became a person who loves to be busy and I don’t really like to slow down. I wanted to translate that to my life in college because I had so much free time, I didn’t know what to do with it. The best way to make friends and become knowledgeable is to just get out there and be busy

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because if I'm going to be teaching in a big city then I need to understand the city culture," said Hagerman.

Along with this, she is making an effort to make sure that her future students and their cultures will never be white-washed.

Hagerman is excited to get back to volunteering when coronavirus allows it. She was at El Puente for one day before places were closed down.

"I really hope that I can do some more work with them when I get back there," said Hagerman.