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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
November 2, 2020

Read on for the song that describes your life based on your zodiac sign. If you had a theme song, this would be it.

ARIES

“Sorry Not Sorry” – Demi Lavoto

TAURUS

“Sk8ter Boi” – Avril Lavine

GEMINI

“Thank U, Next” – Arianna Grande

CANCER

“Revival” – Selena Gomez

LEO

“Bohemian Rhapsody” – Queen

VIRGO

“Sunflower” – Post Malone

LIBRA

“Lover” – Taylor Swift

SCORPIO

“Dance” – DNCE

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SAGITTARIUS

“Hollaback Girl” – Gwen Stefani

CAPRICORN

“Here Comes the Sun” – The Beatles

AQUARIUS

“We Are Never Getting Back Together” – Taylor Swift

PISCES

“After Hours” – The Weekend

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New WSU Tennis Courts Put On Hold

Alexis Wisler

November 2, 2020

In 2016, a plan to fix the groundwater chloride levels at the site of the old Wright State University (WSU) salt barn led to an idea for a new tennis court. However, this project was put on hold indefinitely after both the men's and women's teams were cut in June.

The project

At the site of the old salt barn, which stored salt used on campus when it snows, west to the Wright State Physicians Building, chloride from the salt caused the chloride levels in ground water to be higher than usual. Because of this, the soil needed to be dug up and cement was to be poured on top.

“Working with the EPA the university finally arrived at a solution that can be referred to as ‘capping the site.’ In this solution, some of the soil is removed and the site is paved over with asphalt so that future rains do not further penetrate the soil containing sodium chloride but rather drain over and to the outside of the blacktop around that location,” said WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess.

While Facilities worked on this project, the Department of Athletics was considering upgrading the existing tennis courts, located by the Nutter Center.

“Since Facilities had to blacktop the old salt barn site anyway, and since that location was about the same footprint as what might be required for a potential new tennis facility the Facilities Team reached out to Athletics asking if there would be any interest in laying the pavement out in a way that created a possible new location for a tennis facility in the future. Athletics said that seemed to make a lot of sense because the existing courts had fallen into disrepair,” said Bauguess.

On hold indefinitely

Over the summer, WSU cut three sports programs: softball, men's tennis and women's tennis. In response to this, the project for a new tennis court over the site of the chloride project's pavement was put on hold with no current plans to resume.

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“With the tennis team eliminations and funding challenges, it made sense to pause on the initiative,” said Javen Conley, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management and Campus Operations.

According to Conley and Bauguess, the project was still in the design process when it was canceled and no money had been spent on it.

“The idea never got off the ground,” said Bauguess.

The construction of pavement over the site of the old salt barn began recently and could still be the site for a new tennis court if the university decides to reinstate the tennis teams.

Tennis at WSU

A senior criminal justice major, Jonathon Yenser, says he would use the new tennis court if it were to be built.

“I would probably use it, especially now with nothing to do around here,” said Yenser.

Yenser also said that cutting the tennis teams came as a shock to students at WSU.

“I feel like they’re taking away a lot of the opportunities that a lot of the tennis athletes came here for, like scholarships,” said Yenser

Sophomore elementary education major Grant Sommer agreed with Yenser and said that the tennis teams were a big attraction to incoming students who wanted to play for WSU.

“It’s always horrible when a team gets cut. It always seems like other things could have gotten cut before a team that supports so many students, especially for incoming students. Having those sports is such a big draw to people,” said Sommer.

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Local Election Candidate Profiles

Jackson Cornwell

November 2, 2020

As Nov. 3 nears it is important to focus on local elections. Here are the state and local elections that will affect Wright State students.

Ohio Senate District 6

Democrat Mark Fogel is running against Republican Niraj Antoni to fill Republican Peggy Lehner's seat.

Fogel is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and served as active duty for 12 years. Following this he has taught at the University of Dayton in the School of Business and the Department of Political Science. Fogel is also a Lieutenant Colonel and Squadron Commander in the Ohio Air National Guard

Antoni currently represents the 42 District in the Ohio House. Antoni is a member of the NRA and volunteers for Dayton Right to Life. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Miamisburg, serves on the executive board of the non-profit Dayton International Festival, Inc. and he chairs the Ohio Republican Party Asian Pacific American Advisory Council

Ohio Senate District 10

Republican incumbent Robert Hackett is running for reelection against Democratic challenger Charles Ballard.

Hackett served in the Ohio House of Representatives from 2008 until he reached his term limit in 2016, where he ran for Senate. He has served on the Agriculture Committee and the Ways and Means Committee.

Ballard is an Air Force veteran who worked as a government contractor at Wright Patterson AFB before opening his own business with his wife in Greene County.

Ohio House District 73

Democrat Kim McCarthy is running against Republican Brian Lampton to fill the seat held by Republican Rick Perales.



McCarthy is an accountant, and has been a long-time business owner and entrepreneur. An Australian native, she believes in a society that is based on justice, respect and empathy for one another and for the environment.

Lampton is the owner and operator of Lampton/Engle & Associates Insurance & Financial Services for nearly 30 years. He is the current president of the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Beavercreek Rotary Club.

US House of Representatives 10 District

Democrat Desiree Tims is challenging incumbent Mike Turner.

Tims is a graduate of Xavier University, served in the White House during President Barack Obama's first presidential term and worked with Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). She was elected to serve as the Senate Black Legislative Staff Caucus President.

Turner served as Mayor of the City of Dayton for eight years. He was first elected to Congress in 2002. In Congress, Turner serves as a subcommittee Chairman on the House Armed Services Committee and a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He has served on both the House Intelligence Committee and as a Subcommittee Chairman on the House Armed Services Committee.

US House of Representatives 1 District

Incumbent Steve Chabot, Republican, is running against challenger Kate Schroder, Democrat.

Chabot has served in the US House since 1994. He currently serves as the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Small Business. He has also served as Chairman of the House Committee on Small Business and more.

Schroder received her MBA from Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in 2004. She used her degree to join the Advisory Board Company in D.C. as a healthcare researcher and consultant. She then relocated to Africa through the Clinton Health Access Initiative to serve as the Zambia Country Director for two years.

Dayton's Not Dead: Busken Bakery
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
November 3, 2020

Busken Bakery has been conducting their own version of the presidential election since 1984, only instead of filling out a ballot, all patrons have to do is purchase a cookie.

History of the bakery

Growing up in the bakery business, Joseph Busken opened the first location of the Busken Bakery in Cincinnati, OH in 1928. Over the course of 92 years four more locations have opened, including one in Kentucky.

Growing in popularity post-WWII for their donuts and other sweet treats, five generations of Busken children have all operated the Busken Bakery business. Dan Busken joined the family business in 2004, officially taking the reins in 2006.

“My father actually created a written policy for the company, explaining that if any one of his six children wanted to work at the company, there had to be an open position.” president and CEO of Busken Bakery Dan Busken said, “But we were all required to work at least three years after college for another company.”

While the bakery was operated by Joe Busken Jr. and Page Busken, Dan's grandfather and great uncle, the presidential campaign cookie sale tradition began. The first cookie prediction took place during the election of Ronald Reagan and Walter Mondale. The Busken Bakery sells cookies decorated as the Republican, Democratic and “Cookie” party candidates, and for nine consecutive elections the sales of these cookies have accurately predicted the winner of the election, from former President Reagan in 1984 up to President Donald Trump in 2016.

“We're kind of hoping to maintain our streak,” said Dan Busken. “Ten elections in a row would be really awesome.”

Current candidate predictions

As of Oct. 30, the Busken Bakery Facebook pages shows President Donald Trump in the lead with 18,025 cookies sold across the three locations currently open during the coronavirus pandemic. Former Vice-President Joe Biden falls behind current President Donald Trump with

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13,066 cookies sold. The “Cookie Party”, which represents a more neutral or third-party view, has 8,048 cookies sold.

“No surprise here,” said long-time customer Nicole Leta. “This is a republican area and it does not reflect our nation. I think there is hope that so many people just want to have a happy face [cookie party].”

Leta is not the only one skeptical of whether or not the Busken’s cookie sales will accurately predict this election. Wright State University (WSU) students share a similar doubt.

“Ohio is a swing state, and even if Ohio has been leaning Republican in the last couple of elections, I’m not sure if the sample population [Ohio] would not be enough to predict the outcome of such a controversial election,” said WSU student Cal Kahoun.

The Busken Bakery Facebook page will continue to be updated daily with sale numbers through election day.

For information on which locations are open during the coronavirus pandemic, go to:

<https://busken.com/locations/>

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The Electoral College and Its Controversy In The Election

Jamie Naylor

November 3, 2020

Wright State University (WSU) political science professors disagree about the role of the Electoral College but find common ground when talking about possible outcomes of the 2020 election.

The electoral college

Created in 1787, the Electoral College is the constitutional system that ultimately decides the chief executive. A constitutional compromise between Founding Fathers, this system is a balance of power between people and the government.

According to Dr. Liam Anderson, a political science professor at WSU, states have a set amount of College members equal to the number of House Representatives and two Senators. Ohio has 18. Chosen by the parties, electors vote for the President based on votes cast by citizens.

The biggest concern for this election is the fact that former Vice President Biden or President Trump could win the popular vote, but not the Electoral vote, as seen in 2016.

According to Dr. Anderson, “[this] has happened twice, possibly three times, in the past 20 years, now the problem is the person who wins the most [popular] votes doesn’t always get elected”

Efforts to abolish the College or pass the National Popular Vote Compact, which would instill a winner take all system across the county, is a response to this problem

Dr. Sean Willson, a political science professor and an American political scientist, disagrees saying, “if it was a popular vote system, they [the candidates] they would campaign differently. The mechanics of the campaign world would be different, there would be less attention by the campaigns in middle America.”

But is America a collection of states or a united nation? The Electoral College creates a system where each candidate has to win 50 elections in 50 different states with varying demographics.

“The debate over the Electoral College is the debate over what we want as a county,” said Masada Warner, a sophomore political science major.

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Both professors recognize another possibility of this election: neither candidate gets a majority in the Electoral College.

According to Dr. Wilson, “[if] nobody has a majority, nobody has 270 votes, you have to go through the tie-breaking process in the House.”

According to Dr. Wilson, in a tie or non-majority situation, each state would get a single vote in the House based on state delegations. If the House is unable to make a decision then the decision would be moved to the Senate.

The debate around the Electoral College is raging but Ohio is a key swing-state. It’s 18 electoral votes will impact the election making Ohio voters some of the most important in the county.

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Letter From the Editors: Our Pledge to Voters

Alexis Wisler

November 3, 2020

During the election night, *The Wright State Guardian* media group will be covering the election results until 6 a.m., pledging to provide the Wright State University (WSU) community with unbiased information that is as accurate as possible.

However, with the amount of mail-in votes, the final numbers that we present at the end of the night may not reflect the votes of the nation.

The results for Ohio are expected to arrive around 7:30 p.m., but the final numbers might not be available until much later, according to The Associated Press

According to the New York Times, nearly 100 million mail-in ballots have been cast for the 2020 election, causing the election results to be delayed longer than normal.

In Ohio, mail-in votes must be postmarked by Nov. 2, and are accepted up to 10 days after Election Day, according to Vote.org. The regulations for mail-in ballots vary from state to state.

According to the Associated Press, those working the election must check the mail-in ballots for errors before sorting and processing them.

“But several states did not have this system in place before this year and laws on the books prohibited election officials from processing the ballots well in advance of Election Day,” said the Associated Press.

The Wright State Guardian media group is dedicated to providing you up to date and accurate information throughout the night as well as continuing coverage in the coming weeks.

Disability Employment: Raising Awareness

Maxwell Patton

November 4, 2020

October marked the 75th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). The month is meant to raise awareness of the needs of disabled workers, which have been complicated due to the coronavirus pandemic.

NDEAM

Senior Vocational Counselor Maggie Mejia, who works with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), first became aware of the month in 2016 through mass emails and communication within their job.

“I started working for the state in 2016 after I finished school,” said Mejia. “I work for the state agency. Their sole, primary purpose is to help Ohioans with disabilities get jobs. Pretty much every major disability-related calendar event is communicated throughout the agency, and we try to use that as a platform to really bump things up.”

The agency uses the event to excite employers to have more hiring fairs for those with disabilities.

Disability Specialist Evan Mason became aware of NDEAM as a student worker with the Office of Disabilities at Wright State University (WSU), though he did not have much to do with it until a year ago.

“This is really the first full month that I’ve been in a position to be able to act on it, so that’s been fun,” said Mason.

Helping students with disabilities

OOD prepares students who have disabilities with various workshops to help them perfect their resume and interviewing skills. These events are designed to assist the students in being hired.

“We’ve been coordinating with a federal program called the Workforce Recruitment Program, WRP for short. We’ve got contacts through Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, who we’ve been collaborating with to set up interviews to get people considered for government internships,” said Mejia. “I’ve been working with students to look through Handshake to apply for employment and future internships, and just constantly helping students with preparing for interviews with

practice, mock interviewing, writing out elevator speeches, going over their resume, and really helping them to reach out and explore their network and form up references, people that will speak for them.”

Mason and Mejia have both been working with WRP, a program that helps disabled students get internships, often in the federal sector. Nearly all of those students are receiving internships at the Air Force Base or participating in a job related to the base. As part of WRP, Mason and Mejia are working to provide long-term career support to disabled students, starting conversations about where the students want to take their careers in the future.

“Our role is to help students connect with what’s out there, and what supports there are beyond Wright State,” said Mason.

Challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic has made it difficult for students to find jobs and internships. One of those challenges, according to Mejia, is finding a job where the students can work remotely.

“Some students are just not comfortable physically going out into the workforce, and understandably so,” said Mejia. “[A challenge is] trying to find opportunities that are going to meet the health and safety needs of students. Not all job postings clearly say whether or not this can be worked from home.”

Another obstacle has been looking for internships and jobs that can help students achieve their financial goals.

“Some internships that used to be paid are no longer paid because funding has been cut, and employers are generally just trying to trim the fat and just capture and save as much money as they can,” said Mejia. “Unfortunately, new hires or temporary employees are not being compensated as they should.”

Mason and Mejia have been working on confirming new internships for the summer of 2021. The method of delivery for those internships is up in the air at this moment.

“Because we’re working so many months out, there’s a lot of questions about how these internships are even going to be delivered,” said Mason. “We don’t know if there’s going to be in-person options or if it’s going to be remote work.”

Mason sees a few benefits to working these internships remotely, including the location that the students can work.

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“They’re not tied to only working at Wright-Patt if they’re going to be having remote-working options,” said Mason. “Some places out of the area that would be out of traditional driving distance for them would actually still be a viable option.”

Connecting with these students remotely is beneficial to workers like Mason and Mejia because they can demonstrate what they are discussing with students by using screen sharing during virtual meetings.

“That’s added a really nice layer that didn’t exist before this was commonplace,” said Mason.

As of 2019, the unemployment rate for those with disabilities is 7.3%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“People with disabilities are still greatly underemployed or unemployed,” said Mejia. “You’ve got folks with potential who are not reaching their full potential, and so the idea is that people with disabilities are able to contribute to society and be self-reliant and work to their full potential, be able to be financially independent and not dependent on government benefits if they don’t need to be.”

Book Reviews: Nonfiction November

Ariel Parker

November 4, 2020

Nonfiction November is an unofficial holiday where book lovers commit to reading at least one nonfiction book during November (and because alliteration is cool). As 2020 is winding down, it is good to end the year with a little more knowledge than you came into it with.

‘Know My Name’ by Chanel Miller

This is a moving memoir by the formerly anonymous woman who was in the Brock Turner case. Here, Miller takes us not only to that night but to the weeks, months and years that follow as she reflects on the assault.

Since reclaiming her identity, she wrote this resilient novel and her courage has let many others step forward to share their experiences. If you have not had the chance to read this, be sure to check it out.

‘Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Boy’ by Roxane Gay

Gay is a prolific writer that has written multiple nonfiction books about feminism, the black experience in America and cultural criticism. My personal favorite of hers is this one, where she talks about body image and mental health.

Struggling with weight is something everyone experiences, but Gay opens up that conversation by talking about our relationship with food and family, and how society’s idealization of a “perfect” body pushes us to create unhealthy habits.

‘All the Real Indians Died Off: and 20 Other Myths About Native Americans’ by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is important to be mindful of the inception of this country and some of the very racist and harmful ideas about Native Americans.

This short book could be read in one sitting, and it gives you some basic information to allow you to look at the world differently and to challenge the American-centric status-quo.

‘So You Want to Talk About Race’ by Ijeoma Oluo

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There are multiple lists of books to help open up the conversation about race, but in my opinion, this is a fantastic book to start with. Oluo brings up her own experience growing up black, and how white people throughout her life have treated her—both intentionally and unintentionally.

It answers basic questions that white people, and people of other races, have and how it impacts us in our everyday lives. The title of this book is blunt and eye-catching for a reason, and while this should not be the *only* book you read on race, it is a great start.

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Breaking: Basketball Schedules Announced; No Fans In December

William Baptist

November 4, 2020

The Horizon League released the 2020-2021 conference schedule for men's and women's basketball.

This basketball season will be unlike any other due to the concerns over the health and safety of everyone involved. The Horizon League Board of Directors is overseeing league-wide safety protocols to ensure each university has an understanding of what is expected.

"It has been a work in progress with input from a variety of stakeholders including our student-athletes, coaches, medical staffs and sport administrators. This collaboration was guided by our fundamental commitment to protect the safety of our student-athletes, coaches and other team personnel as we navigate competition in an unpredictable environment," said Horizon League Commissioner Jon LeCrone.

The conference schedule will be comprised of 20 games within the Horizon League, and teams will play one opponent twice each week with games on consecutive days. Each school will have five home weekends and five road weekends, and will play 10 of 11 League teams. The men's schedule will start on Dec. 19, while the women's will start on Dec. 12.

The Horizon League Board of Directors announced that all games in the month of December will not allow fans. They will reevaluate these changes at a later date.

"We appreciate all the work and time that the Horizon League has put in to piece together our conference schedule. We look forward to the opportunity to compete this upcoming season," said WSU Head Coach Scott Nagy.

Men's Schedule

WSU at Detroit Mercy (Dec. 19-20)

Green Bay at WSU (Dec. 27-28)

WSU at Oakland (Jan. 1-2)

Youngstown State at WSU (Jan. 8-9)

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Cleveland State at WSU (Jan. 15-16)

WSU at IUPUI (Jan. 22-23)

RMU at WSU (Jan. 29-30)

WSU at UIC (Feb. 5-6)

Milwaukee at WSU (Feb. 12-13)

WSU at Northern Kentucky (Feb. 19-20)

Women's Schedule

WSU at Detroit Mercy (Dec. 12-13)

Oakland at WSU (Dec. 19-20)

WSU at Youngstown State (Jan. 1-2)

WSU at Cleveland State (Jan. 8-9)

IUPUI at WSU (Jan. 15-16)

WSU at RMU (Jan. 22-23)

UIC at WSU (Jan. 29-30)

Milwaukee at WSU (Feb. 5-6)

WSU at Northern Kentucky (Feb. 12-13)

Green Bay at WSU (Feb. 19-20)

While these schedules are unique, they were developed to reduce the amount of travel and risk and to protect the student-athletes, coaches and other team personnel.

The Horizon League Men's and Women's Basketball Championship is scheduled to take place at the Indiana Farmers Coliseum with more information to come at a later date.

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Mental Health During a Pandemic: The Need For a Hotline

Noah Kindig

November 5, 2020

Both Republicans and Democrats are working together to combat mental health, with a bipartisan bill recently signed into law to designate 988 as a number for mental health emergencies, similar to 911.

President Trump signed the bill into law on Oct. 17, setting aside 988 for the Federal Communications Commission until 2022. This will allow mental health providers time to adapt to the new number.

The National Suicide Hotline is currently available at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), but will be switched to 988 due to hope that it will be easier to remember for those needing mental help.

The national number will collect calls from across the nation and transfer the call to a local crisis center, so that incoming callers can connect with someone in their local area.

The bill will also authorize states to help pay for fees aimed at local crisis centers so that these centers can support more calls, and it directs government health agencies to submit reports to Congress in order to develop better strategies to help different groups at a higher risk of suicide, such as individuals in rural areas and LGBTQ youth.

How an easy to remember national number will help

The point of switching to a 3-digit number is so that mental health services will be quickly available to those who need counseling and help at that moment, especially during an anxious time like a pandemic.

“Access to mental health care is especially important during this trying time filled with grief and uncertainty...” Senator Cory Gardner said in a U.S. senate hearing in May, when the bill was first proposed. “It’s almost impossible to remember the current 10-digit hotline.”

Gardner’s claims are correct, with a public health group called Well Being Trust warning that there could be as many as 75,000 Americans that could die due to stress or drug/alcohol abuse because of the pandemic.

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Due to the pandemic and the structure of classes this year, there is an increase of anxiety for some Wright State University (WSU) students. Luckily, the Raider Cares hotline at 833-848-1765 has been able to help these students.

“We have noticed an increase in anxiety in our clients. 45% of diagnoses given to clients this semester have been in the anxiety disorders group. This compares to 39% from last year.” said Director of Counseling and Wellness Services at WSU Robert Rando. “Luckily, we have not seen any changes in terms of suicidal behavior or other risk-taking behaviors.”

The availability of this hotline is what made the bill so appealing to both Republicans and Democrats, allowing it to quickly pass through the Senate and the Executive Branch.

“I think that anytime that we can provide resources for people who are struggling with mental health issues and suicidality, it is a good thing.” said Rando. “The addition of a simple number to dial crisis resource for our students and the community is a wonderful opportunity for people in crisis to receive help in addressing their issues.”

Rando stresses that while a national number is great for the community, there is still a benefit to contacting a local hotline like Raider Cares.

“In some ways, help is help. Wherever and however someone can receive help, it is a good thing.” Rando said. “The nice thing about using the Raider Cares line is that we get a report for calls made and can then reach out to students to offer additional assistance.”

The evolving ideas around mental health

For many years, the stigma around people suffering with mental health problems has been negative due to beliefs that they may be more violent than others, but these ideas aren't accurate.

Graham C.L. Davey, a writer for *Psychology Today*, writes, “This treatment may come from the misguided views that people with mental health problems may be more violent or unpredictable than people without such problems, or somehow just ‘different’, but none of these beliefs has any basis in fact.”

Today, advancements in medicine and national mental health organizations have helped increase our understanding for these issues.

“I believe that the prevalence of mental health issues and the successful work of some national organizations have helped to decrease mental health stigma and increase our understanding that this is a common problem worthy of attention and help.” said Rando. “Unfortunately, many



people in Dayton or at Wright State know someone who has attempted or completed suicide and this may have helped to increase people's understanding of the problem and the need for attention."

What to do in the case of mental health problems

If you think someone in your life may be having mental health problems, the best option is always to talk to them.

"If you have concerns for someone, express those concerns to the person and suggest that they speak to someone." said Rando. "Don't be afraid to ask the person how they are doing and express your concerns directly."

There are many signs a person struggling with their mental health may give.

"Look for changes in mood or behavior than what they normally are like." said Rando. "Is the person more withdrawn, are they isolating, are they viewing the world in a negative or threatening way, are they expressing feelings of sadness or anxiety that are impacting their functioning in school, at work, or in their relationships?"

If you or someone close to you is struggling with their mental health, you can call the current National Suicide Hotline number at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or the Raider Cares line at 833-848-1765.

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WSU Alumna Isabella Andrews Featured In New Faces Sing Broadway
Roxanne Roessner
November 5, 2020

New Faces Sing Broadway 1987 is a 90-minute production filmed in Chicago's historic Studebaker Theater featuring Wright State University (WSU) alumna Isabella Andrews as well as nine other up-and-coming Chicago performers.

New faces throughout the years

New Faces Sing Broadway 1987 is directed by Christopher Pazdernick, hosted by Larry Adams with David Fiorello as director of music and arrangements.

Director Pazdernick has worked on New Faces for almost a year now because of delays due to the coronavirus. Before the coronavirus pandemic hit, there would have been two different live performance venues with around 150 audience members.

The event is now completely online and is available from Nov. 6 through Nov. 29 with tickets on sale for \$25-\$50 at <https://porchlightmusictheatre.org/events/new-faces-sing-broadway-1987/>.

"New Faces is one of a kind. We do three additions of them in a season and I have yet to see anything similar," said Pazdernick. "In the 40s and 50s, there was a regular review series on Broadway that would introduce a bunch of up-and-coming performers to Broadway. While those were full-scale Broadway productions, that's not what we're doing, but that was our inspiration".

Each season of New Faces features the songs from one year in Broadway history with the upcoming edition focusing on 1987. The production will have music from shows such as "Les Misérables", "Into the Woods" and "Me and My Girl."

According to Pazdernick, because New Faces is virtual, they hope to reach a wider audience to highlight the ten new faces and the Studebaker Theater. When filming the performance, the camera crew was able to film in all areas of the historic theater, moving from dressing rooms to wings to capture the performance like never before.

Isabella Andrews

"We look for two things when choosing performers. One is a unique sense of personality, we're looking for individuals who are distinctive in some way. The second thing is that we're looking

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for people who are really going to go places and we've had a lot of success with that, not that we can take credit of course," said Pazdernick.

Andrews was elated to be a part of New Faces because of her history with theater. Her mother is an actor that has been in the Chicago theater scene for around 30-40 years.

"I'm excited to properly put myself out there in the Chicago theater scene. Growing up with my mom in the business, I've been raised knowing all these people as my mom's kid. It's a huge opportunity for people to see the new talent in Chicago as well," said Andrews.

Andrews has been a part of several productions after leaving WSU with a BFA in musical theater. These include "Shrew'd", "A Christmas Carol" and "Route 66."

Andrews will be singing "Moments in The Woods" from "Into the Woods," "Typical High School Senior" from "Smile" and "Music of the Night" from "Phantom of the Opera."

WSU performing arts

According to Andrews, WSU gives students the platform to achieve their dreams.

"Wright State showed up on a list of top 25 musical theater schools in the Midwest, and I chose it because I wanted somewhere to start fresh. I was told by Joe Deer that his job was to create genuine working actors. It doesn't matter where you end up going, if you are a working actor, that's what's important," said Andrews.

Sophomore acting major Alexis Muhlenkamp decided to attend WSU when they saw Andrews perform "A Little Night Music" as a perspective.

"Wright State helps students to find a solid base understanding what you want to do artistically and then going into junior and senior years, professors sprinkle in business information like how to negotiate contracts, how to find a manager and what things you need to be a part of the Equity Association eventually," said Muhlenkamp.

WSU also has professors that are constantly working in the industry and are integrated into the theater and performance community now.

A message to WSU students

"You are the best version of yourself that you can be and you can take that when you're walking into a room at an audition, when you're walking into a non-theater-related job interview, when you're just walking down the street to meet a friend for coffee. You are the best version of

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yourself and you have a right to be here. Everything you do, you do because you should have this love for yourself. You have to love yourself first. You can't give advice about being in this profession without giving advice on how to just live as yourself," said Andrews.

Be sure to keep an eye out for another edition of New Faces Sing Broadway 1961 in December.

WSU Graduates Optimistic To Find Work After College

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Though the Department of Labor reports the weekly unemployment rate is above 750,000 people in the United States, Wright State University (WSU) soon-to-be graduates and academic advisors remain hopeful that positions will be available for alumni post-graduation.

Unemployment in 2020

The Department of Labor reported that as of Oct. 24, weekly unemployment filings had decreased by approximately 40,000 people since Oct. 17, showing evidence of a gradual decline in cases filed.

“The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits declined to 751,000 in the week ended October 24th, from the previous week’s revised level of 791,000 and below market expectations of 775 thousand,” said a representative of the Department of Labor.

The Department of Labor has also reported cases of weekly unemployment filings jumping around from 751,000 to nearly 900,000 from Aug. 30 to Oct. 10. However, the 14-day period from Oct. 10 to Oct. 24 is the first instance where weekly unemployment claims appeared to decline multiple weeks in a row in the United States.

WSU upcoming graduates

With unemployment claims appearing to be entering a steady decline, students and faculty advisors of WSU are optimistic that fall 2020 graduates will be able to find job placement.

“Everyone is going through a lot and I’d like to think employers have to make adjustments to keep things moving. It’ll be difficult, but doable hopefully!” said SGA President Adrian Williams

WSU also continues to offer academic & career advising services to all students, regardless of their intended graduation year.

“Over the past 7 months, we have actually seen an increase in the number of students using our services which is great! The employers that we work with are eager to meet and interact with WSU students,” said WSU Associate Director of Career Services Lance Cauley. “Many employers have developed virtual internship opportunities so that they can accommodate the new social distancing protocols which students find very convenient.”

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For more information on remote WSU Career Services, go to
<https://www.wright.edu/student-success/article/student-success-services-delivery-updates>

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Will Students Have To Submit To Random COVID Testing?

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Wright State University (WSU) informed students Thursday, Oct. 29 of a plan to expand coronavirus testing to include asymptomatic students and faculty.

“Wright State’s new pilot program for asymptomatic individuals will seek to increase the number of personnel tested to approximately 100 people a week,” said Interim Provost Dr. Douglas Leaman in a communications email Thursday.

The three-week pilot program will test the same individuals once per week, allowing for early detection amongst the high-risk population.

“Testing will be administered at the Lot 20 bus shelter adjacent to the Wright State Physicians Health Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.,” Leaman said.

Tests are expected to take roughly 15 minutes.

Testing of other students and faculty with a Wright State Physicians order will continue to be offered at the drive-through site Monday through Friday from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Who makes up the 100

“The screening program will use the rapid Abbott Binax NOW COVID-19 antigen screening tests, and will include students and employees from areas of campus who have high incidence of in-person contact with others and are therefore at higher-risk of exposure to COVID-19. This specific group may include students and employees from athletics, resident assistants and professional staff from housing, those working and studying in clinical settings and others,” Leaman said.

Currently, volunteers for this pilot program are not being accepted however it is likely there will be an opportunity for those wishing to be tested once per week to volunteer their efforts during the spring semester.

Testing at other universities

In September, the University of Illinois implemented a similar, but much more aggressive strategy of testing students and faculty and have seen favorable results.

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Testing 100% of their students and faculty twice a week, the university has implemented a saliva test that was developed by a university research team and is administered by way of 17 different testing facilities on the campus.

Positive cases are alerted immediately, and the quarantine process subsequently begins.

Students at the University of Illinois are also given access to an app which monitors how close they have come into contact with those individuals who have tested positive, giving them an incentive to get tested as soon as possible.

Using this method, the University of Illinois has been able to reduce the number of positive cases on campus by 65-85% over the course of just a few weeks.

Student opinion

While remaining safe and healthy has been on the forefront of student and faculty agendas throughout the course of the fall semester thus far, some students are not keen on the idea of being forced into coronavirus testing.

“I understand that the school is trying to keep track of the cases and keep the students and staff safe. I feel like it shouldn’t be mandatory though, and nobody should be forced to do it if they don’t want to. It should be your choice,” WSU Senior Tylecia Parks said.

“I just got tested last week at the hospital and came out negative, why should I be forced to test again?” Parks said.

While concerns such as those raised by Parks are real among some students at WSU, avoiding testing may not be an option.

“I think students are going to be stuck taking the test unless there is some sort of religious or medical exemption,” said WSU Student Legal Services Attorney Stephanie Allen. “I liken it to the vaccinations that you must have to live on campus. Attending Wright State is a privilege, and there are certain things you must abide by to go here.”

To remain up-to-date on all WSU coronavirus news, visit: www.wsuguardian.com/coronavirus/

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Could WSU Basketball Compete In Multi Team Events This Year?

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The multi-team events that take place during college basketball have been considering a bubble location to host the teams. Due to concerns over the safety protocols, all of these events could be canceled.

“ESPN Events set out to create a protected environment for teams to participate in early-season events in Orlando. Based on certain challenges surrounding testing protocols, we opted to resume these tournaments during the 2021-22 season,” according to a statement from ESPN.

Each individual event can make their own decision on using a bubble to host the teams as long as they follow the protocols put forth by the NCAA to ensure the health of safety of the teams.

“We are providing guidance for those types of events at this time,” said NCAA’s Associate Director of Communications Michelle Hosick.

The NBA successfully executed using a bubble location for their playoffs and had zero positive tests for the coronavirus over the course of three months.

Orlando bubble

ESPN has already canceled eight of the marquee tournaments that were scheduled in Orlando due to schools having concerns about the testing protocols.

There are numerous multi team events hosted by ESPN that are in jeopardy, but the events that are not hosted by ESPN are still on schedule to take place at a different location.

Wright State University (WSU) was not set to compete in any of the tournaments that were canceled in Orlando.

Will Wright State compete in any events?

Each university can decide if they want to compete in one of these events, but the Division I Council changed the schedule so that teams can participate in only two multi-team events for the upcoming season.

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WSU is waiting on the Horizon League to make up their conference schedule, but the university decides who they play outside the conference, which includes any multi-team events.

“At this point we have yet to announce any scheduling for this upcoming 2020-2021 season, including any potential Multi-team event (MTE) matchups,” said the Assistant Athletic Director of Communications Nick Phillips.

There is speculation that WSU will compete in a multi-team event hosted by Illinois consisting of a total of four teams, but Phillips declined to confirm this.

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Breaking: Spring Semester to Stay The Same, Spring Break Still Possible

Clare O'Toole

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In an email from Interim Provost Douglas Leaman Friday morning, students, faculty and staff were told to expect a spring break and a similar spring semester.

No plans to alter spring break

Wright State University (WSU) has no plans at this time to alter its spring break schedule. As such, spring break will begin on Monday, March 1, with classes resuming Monday, March 8. If conditions change in the spring, it may require the university to reconsider this position.

Coronavirus testing will be administered over the remainder of the fall semester to a targeted group of students and employees. The information from fall semester coronavirus testing will determine what course of action the university takes in the spring.

“At this time the university is still on a course to finish out the fall semester as announced previously,” said Leaman.

At the beginning of Thanksgiving break on Nov. 25, all classes will move fully online for the rest of fall semester. Final exams will be taken remotely starting the week of Dec. 7. Virtual commencement will take place Dec. 12. Spring semester will begin on Jan. 11, 2021.

No changes to remote delivery

“Our mix of in-person and remote classes is expected to mirror fall with about 35 percent of instruction delivered in-person or with in-person components and about 65 percent of classes delivered remotely,” said Leaman.

All residential housing communities will again be open for spring semester — with occupancies similar to fall — for students who want to live in one of WSU’s residence halls or on-campus apartments, including on the Lake Campus.

“Our Residence Life and Housing employees have done an excellent job of executing our health and safety initiative so far this year. Those plans will continue to be administered and communicated with residential students, along with any new public health and state mandates that may come in the new year. Housing employees have worked with Student Health Services,

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Wright State Physicians, and local health departments to monitor students' health and plans in place if self-isolation and quarantine areas are needed," said Leaman.

If any severe weather causes campus to close, Leaman says only in person events will be cancelled, and remote employment and classes are still expected to continue.

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Wright Through My Eyes: Isabelle Hardesty
Roxanne Roessner
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Isabelle Hardesty is majoring in international business with a certification in business analytics at Raj Soin College of Business. Hardesty is involved with multiple organizations on campus and is currently President of the Asian Student Association (ASA) and for Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence (ACE).

Joining Wright State University (WSU)

Hardesty decided to join WSU after moving junior year of high school. Hardesty is from a military-based family with her father working in the United States Marine Corps. Because of this, Hardesty was inclined to join WSU since the Air Force Base is relatively close to campus. Hardesty receives the military benefits of the retired ID so all of their healthcare would be taken care of on base.

According to Hardesty, their experiences of traveling the world at a young age and seeing different cultures has helped them to look at life differently.

“I was always moving around and I’ve met so many differently opinionated people from different walks of life and that has changed my perspective. I try to have a positive outlook on the world,” said Hardesty.

Hardesty is currently a general member of the CJ McLin Scholars group, President of ASA, as well as the President for ACE and the chair for the Latinx, Asian and Native American Center (LANA).

Organizations

Hardesty first got involved with these organizations because they felt out of place in their dorm rooms the first year and went to LANA to see if they could make connections.

After meeting the President of ASA, Hardesty participated in general meetings and would later join as a secretary after going to the Midwestern Asian American Student Union (MAASU), a yearly conference where individuals talk about crucial conversations involving the Asian American community.

When Hardesty started their sophomore year at WSU, they first heard about ACE.

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“One of my advisors told me that there was a girl trying to start an Asian Interest sorority group and it piqued my interest because I was interested in sorority life but felt like I wouldn’t fit in with the other groups,” said Hardesty.

According to Hardesty, the original person who wanted to create ACE stepped down and Hardesty became President and then became a Residential Assistant on campus.

“I’ve met so many people here at Wright State that have furthered my growth as a leader and as a student. It definitely had a big impact on who I am today,” said Hardesty.

Plans for the future

Hardesty hopes to have a job dealing with management or leadership after graduating in the fall semester of 2021.

“I hope I can use what I have learned here to influence others and change what needs to be changed from negatives to positives. Even if it’s a small thing, I feel like that’s enough,” said Hardesty.