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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
March 1, 2021

Everyone has secrets, whether they realize it or not. Read here to find out what your biggest secret is based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, you are always the life of the party, but you don't always feel like it. Your biggest secret is that you often worry about where you will end up in life or what impact you will make on the lives of those around you.

TAURUS

Taurus, you work hard to please others, perhaps a bit too much. Your biggest secret is that you care too much about what others think almost to the point of making yourself unhappy sometimes.

GEMINI

Gemini, You have been searching for a long time, but you still are kind of confused about who you really are. Your biggest secret is that you haven't really figured out who you want to be yet.

CANCER

Cancer, you are naturally good at a lot of things that you do in life, and you often get pointed out for it. Your biggest secret is that you wish you didn't stick out like a sore thumb. You wish you were more normal.

LEO

Leo, you are extremely kind and hard working. Your biggest secret is that you have hidden problems that you don't like to share with others.

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Virgo, you are always in the center of the drama and action. Your biggest secret is that in the end, you desire a nice and simple, quiet life: something that no one would expect.

LIBRA

Libra, you are the queen of settling arguments and bringing peace to your surrounding friends, but your biggest secret is that you have a lot of anger that needs to be released.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, you are very passionate and feel strongly about many things in life. Your biggest secret is that you aren't as confident in yourself as you pretend to be.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, most people see you as a daredevil, willing to prove anything and everything. But your biggest secret is that you are actually a chicken.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you are always ready to lend a helping hand, but not likely to ask for one. Your biggest secret is that you often need more help than you ask for.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you always put your best foot forward and work your hardest. These are great qualities to have. Your biggest secret is that you are always worried that your hard work will never be enough.

PISCES

Pisces, you are all for taking life as it comes and "going with the flow." Most people know you as being chill and easygoing. Your biggest secret in life and that you constantly worry about the unknowns in your life.

How Accurate is Phil the Groundhog?

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

March 1, 2021

Groundhog Day is an American holiday that has been celebrated since 1887, and each year Phil the Groundhog is summoned in Pennsylvania to help determine whether or not the United States will have an early spring or six more weeks of winter. In recent years, however, the accuracy of Phil's prediction has been a topic of discussion among his followers.

History of Groundhog Day

The origins of Groundhog Day are a twist on an ancient Christian holiday called Candlemas, where clergy would bless candles needed to help the community survive the winter months.

"The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather," the History.Com Editing Team said in a recent *This Day in History* article.

Once Germans began to immigrate to America, the tradition was modified to incorporate groundhogs instead of hedgehogs due to their large population. Groundhogs tend to hibernate from late fall through early spring, but the males briefly break hibernation in early February to search for a mate before returning underground for another month or so.

The American tradition began in Punxsutawney, PA in 1887, so a local newspaper nicknamed the weather-predicting groundhog Phil, and 134 years later Phil is still predicting the weather based on his shadow.

Phil's accuracy

Every Feb. 2, Phil's shadow (or lack thereof) is used to determine when the United States will start their spring season. If Phil sees his shadow, then winter will continue for six more weeks. When Phil does not see his shadow, an early spring is predicted to occur.

"Data from the Stormfax Almanac's data shows that Phil's six-week prognostications have been correct about 39% of the time," the Live Science Staff said in a recent article.

Other calculations have surfaced showing that in the last few years showing that, although Phil's accuracy may not be the greatest, it has improved in recent years. In fact, shortly after Phil predicted that there would be six more weeks of winter this year, the majority of the United

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States was hit with a massive winter storm that left millions without electricity, heat and clean water for several days.

Despite the lack of accuracy in Phil's shadow, the tradition of Groundhog Day continues on, but his predictions are taken lightly.

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Letter From the Editor: Today is Guardian Day
Makenzie Hoeflerlin
March 1, 2021

Two years ago today, the first “Guardian Newspaper Day” was celebrated, created by a Student Government Association (SGA) proclamation during the Daniel Palmer administration.

Today, we no longer call ourselves a newspaper, but a media group, and this day holds special meaning to everyone on our staff after the trying year 2020 presented.

As student journalists, we provided essential coverage this past year, providing the latest news on the coronavirus pandemic, the 2020 election, and social injustices in America and local communities.

In addition to these national topics, we report on the ongoing retrenchment processes occurring at Wright State University (WSU) alongside other important local issues.

Although the original purpose for Guardian Day was to recognize the Guardian’s work during the faculty strike, the event has turned into a time to celebrate *The Guardian* staff’s incredible work and their hard work from the past year.

Adapting Coverage

Our coverage this year is a bit different due to the pandemic. Instead of covering events on campus, we covered coronavirus updates on the national and local levels. We also focused our coverage on the upheaval the pandemic caused in students’ lives, staff and faculty.

As an organization, we work to document the truly unprecedented times we are currently living through.

On March 22, *The Wright State Guardian* will celebrate 56 years of existence. We have grown tremendously from starting as *The Daily Guardian* newspaper in 1965, and we continue to innovate with no plans of stopping.

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Accomplishments and Organization Changes

Although I came into the position of Editor-in-Chief in the midst of a pandemic, the staff I have the privilege of leading has made the experience unforgettable.

An accomplishment that previous and current staff can be proud of, *The Guardian* won in three different categories in the Best of College Journalism SPJ Awards: second place in News Writing, second place in features writing, and first place for Best College Newspaper Daily.

A staff of about 15 people during the fall 2019 semester is now over 30 and growing. Each of these members has a special place in the organization and contributes content, whether through writing, social media, graphic design, etc.

On Election Day (Nov. 3), *The Guardian* had a team of around 12 members working throughout the night delivering live news coverage to our community. Covering both local and national



elections, we had a team of editors, reporters, social media managers, and interns working from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the following morning.

In addition to covering coronavirus news and the 2020 election, *The Guardian* has been working on a new project: Flight Magazine. This annual magazine will publish once a year in the spring and focus on highlighting the lives and culture of Wright State students, staff, faculty and the surrounding community.

During the fall 2020 semester, *The Guardian* successfully launched the Spotlight News app, allowing for our content to be available via an app for the first time. We also rebranded our video segments previously called "The Guardian Spot" to "GTV" for a more professional name that fit our brand and allowed for growth.

Thank you for the continued support

The coverage we provide to our community and the awards we win would be nonexistent without the constant support from our community and alumni.

Thank you for continuing to read our content, donating on important days like Student Press Freedom Day, and taking our reporting seriously. We work hard to provide accurate and truthful information, and your support pushes us forward.

At an institution that does not have a journalism program, alumni's support and knowledge are essential in building our program and continually improving our journalism practices.

This past Friday, we had the pleasure to meet with three of our alumni, Sarah Cavender, Justin Boggs and Josh Swaggart. It was a phenomenal experience for everyone involved, and the knowledge shared is incomparable to anything else.

Happy Guardian Day and thank you.

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Five Shows To Binge Over Spring Break

Nick Wood

March 1, 2021

For those staying indoors this spring break, here are some hidden-gems to binge on Hulu, Amazon Prime, Netflix, HBO Max or Disney+.

“Pen15” (Hulu)

This hilarious Hulu original series set in the year 2000 follows comedians Maya Erskine and Anna Konkle as they play their angsty, melodramatic middle school selves against a cast of real-life middle schoolers. “Pen15” simultaneously captures early-2000’s nostalgia and the awkwardness of seventh grade across two seasons that will make you laugh, cry and cringe.

“It’s A Sin” (HBO Max)

“It’s A Sin” follows the lives of five friends living in London throughout the AIDS epidemic beginning in the 1980s. These friends must navigate love, loss and heartbreak as they cope with the impact AIDS has on their relationships and community in crisis. This beautiful, five-episode miniseries carries special significance in light of the current coronavirus pandemic as well.

“Schitt’s Creek” (Netflix)

After the wealthy Rose family suddenly loses everything, their only remaining asset is the small town of Schitt’s Creek, where they must now move and try to start over. Catherine O’Hara and Eugene Levy star in this hilarious, Emmy-winning series that strikes the perfect balance of heartwarming and ridiculous. Fans of “The Office” are sure to love this off-beat series as well.

“Wandavision” (Disney+)

The Marvel Cinematic Universe extends into this Disney+ original series which follows the Avengers’ Wanda and Vision living out romantic suburban lives. Each episode of this series takes on the style of other well-known TV sitcoms, like “Bewitched” and “Malcolm in the Middle,” but it is slowly revealed that not everything in these idealized worlds are as they seem.

“The Boys” (Amazon Prime Video)

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Superheroes are perceived as popular celebrities with a god-like status, but are their intentions as pure as they seem? The Boys are an underground group set on exposing the dark truth of the superheroes their society praises in this dark comedy series. “The Boys” is a strange combination of violence and fun action that hooks viewers from the very first episode.

Book Recommendations For the Spring Break Mood

Ariel Parker

March 2, 2021

Spring is on everyone's mind, and what better way to enjoy the outdoors than read a good book outside. Below are some selections that will put you in a dreamy and reflective mood to welcome the coming season.

“Days of Distraction” by Alexandra Chang

When her longtime white boyfriend decides to go to a graduate school across the country, a young Chinese-American woman has to decide if she wants to leave everything she knows for a relationship that she has misgivings about.

**“Why Fish Don't Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life”
by Lulu Miller**

Part fable, part biography, part memoir, this quirky book will take you on a journey you could have never predicted as you learn of a man whose life's work was demolished during an earthquake and is then determined to rebuild from scratch, with some very questionable ideas in mind.

**“Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the
Teachings of Plants” by Robin Wall Kimmerer**

Robin Wall Kimmerer is a botanist and member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and in this nonfiction book that reads like poetry, she inquires on mankind's relationship to plants and how we can one day connect to nature again.

“Spring” by Ali Smith

This third installment in Smith's Seasonal Quartet series features an elderly man grieving the death of a friend and a young woman who meets and travels with a woman in hopes of a better life.

Online Games to Play Over Spring Break

Alexis Wisler

March 2, 2021

Although the pandemic finally has an end in sight, it is still important to practice social distancing. While playing virtual games over Zoom is fun, it can get boring. Here are five different activities that your friend group can do over Zoom to have fun while staying safe.

Zoom table read

A fun way to spend an afternoon with friends over Zoom is to do a table reading of your favorite movies. Scripts of popular movies can be found online, studiobinder is a great website, with movies ranging from Marvel to classic comedies. Everyone can pick a character and you can spend a couple hours acting out a movie that you all love. If you record your zoom meeting, you can look back on the table read and have a good laugh whenever you need one.

<https://www.studiobinder.com/blog/best-free-movie-scripts-online/>

GeoGuesser

A game that uses Google street view to place you somewhere random in the world, GeoGuesser is a fun game that can be played alone or with friends. The objective of the game is to look around the Google street view and guess where you have been placed in the world. You can choose to be placed in different areas, with the most popular choices being anywhere in the world, America and famous places. One person can share their screen on Zoom and the game can either be played in teams, all together, or one-by-one.

<https://www.geoguessr.com>

Just Dance Now

If you want to get some exercise in and get up from your desk where you probably spend most of your days, Just Dance Now is a fun way to play the classic dancing game virtually with your friends. One person shares their screen and players join a private dance room on their phone with a code. For free, there is a wide selection of classic Just Dance songs to choose from for hours of fun.

<https://justdancenow.com>



Record a fake (or real) podcast

Have you ever said to your friends “we should start a podcast!” during a conversation? Recording a podcast over Zoom can be an entertaining way to spend an afternoon. Zoom allows you to save the recorded audio as a separate file, and with the help of free podcast software, you can finally create that podcast you always talk about making. Either save the podcast for yourself or publish it for others to listen to.

Trivia Kahoot

Another fun activity that you can do over Zoom is trivia games through Kahoot. There are several premade trivia Kahoots that you can choose from, or you can make your own. Each friend can make a Kahoot either about themselves or a topic that they are passionate about and your group can take turns playing everyone’s trivia game.

Five Steps To Refocus During Spring Break

Brandon Sutherland

March 3, 2021

Spring break could not have come at a better time. Typically associated with rest and relaxation, spring break can also be the perfect time to refocus your attention on personal goals and self-improvement techniques. Below are five tips that can help you revitalize your energy for the rest of the semester to finish strong.

Schedule Your Time

Everyone has busy schedules. Most are juggling participation in multiple organizations, clubs, classes, or internships. This being said, time management is a must to ensure you get all of your work done when it is due.

Microsoft Outlook's calendar feature allows you to insert all of your classes, tests, assignments and meetings creating a visual that allows you to see all that you have going on at any given date.

Make notes for yourself as a reminder of important tasks to be completed. These notes can either be on your laptop or paper sticky notes placed around your workspace.

Most importantly, do not forget to schedule time for self-care and mental breaks.

Stay Connected

During break, do your best to not lose any connections you have made with professors, colleagues or your classmates. Networking is an integral part of the college experience and who you know is important. Having a human connection, especially in times of social distancing can make us all feel more connected and improve moods drastically.

Do Not Procrastinate

To all the Seniors: I know senioritis is kicking in.

It is important to persevere and push through this last semester as you have done for the past three and a half years. Before you know it, graduation will be here and your hard work will have paid off.

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Going hand-in-hand with tip number one, scheduling your time and blocking spaces for studying, social interactions, working out etc. will decrease your chances of procrastinating tasks and keep your eye on the prize.

Ask For Help

Do not be afraid or uncomfortable to ask for help.

If you are struggling in a class do not wait until the end of the semester to ask professors for help or guidance. Remain proactive and go to professor's office hours and utilize tutoring centers.

There are a variety of resources on campus dedicated to student success. It behooves all students to utilize the available resources both on campus and in the virtual setting.

Keep A Journal

College is filled with many personal and professional development experiences.

Keeping a journal is a great way to unwind from the day and to document all that you have been through. There will be many memories, obstacles and achievements you will not want to forget, and keeping a journal is a great way to remind yourself of the journey you have embarked on.

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NASA's Perseverance Rover Lands on Mars

Noah Kindig

March 3, 2021

After seven months of preparation, NASA's 2020 Mission has safely landed on Mars. The Perseverance rover safely touched down on the surface of the red planet on Thursday, Feb. 18 at around 3:00 PM.

In around seven minutes, the spacecraft was able to perfectly land itself, entering Mars's atmosphere at over 12,000 mph and slowing to a complete stop.

The landing of the Perseverance rover is not the only thing to look for during this year's mars mission either. Over the next decade, this mission looks to amaze us through the lens of the past, present, and future.

Past

The main mission of the rover is to look deep in the past, studying the planet's past geography and climate to try and find signs of ancient, microscopic life.

It will do this by first heading to the site of a former river delta on the surface, about one and a quarter miles from it's landing position. The river will be a perfect spot to look for signs of life, since living as we know it requires water.

It will also be the first mission to collect and store rocks from the surface of the red planet, and future missions collaborating with European agencies will help to send these samples back to earth.

Present

One of the biggest innovations of the Perseverance rover is the landing itself. Just simply slowing down from 12,000 mph to zero in seven minutes is amazing on its own.

The robot had to pilot itself due to a 22-minute time gap back and forth between Perseverance and mission control.

The Jezero Crater that Perseverance landed in is full of holes and cliff faces, forcing NASA to create new tech that not only opens the parachute when exactly necessary, but also to scan the ground below the rover and find it a perfect spot to land.

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The rover did all of this while recording everything in HD video, taking thousands of photos and returning the very first sound heard on the surface of Mars.

Future

As NASA studies far into the past, they are also planning for the future.

Along with planning future missions to send the first martian rock samples back to earth, there are other missions to look forward to in the next couple months.

Ingenuity is NASA's prototype helicopter, which plans to be the first craft to fly on another planet in the next few months. Moxie is an instrument that could pave the way for Astronauts to create oxygen out of Mars's CO₂ air.

Other countries are also getting into the mars mission, with China and the United Arab Emirates getting in on the action.

Local Asian-Owned Businesses to Support This Spring Break

Kaylee Raines

March 4, 2021

Spring break is known for being a time of rest, partying and travel. In fact, beach trips and adventures are common spring break activities.

However, you do not need to leave Dayton to find a special adventure this year. Check out these amazing, local Asian-owned businesses where you can treat yourself with delicious food, shopping and a spa day.

Try some Korean snacks and face masks at Hanguk Market

Are you a foodie that enjoys trying new snacks and drinks? If so, Hanguk Market is the perfect store for you. This market has Korean street foods, sodas, teas, ice creams and ingredients that provide the perfect introduction into Korean food culture.

Additionally, they have a whole section near their check-out counter that contains a diverse array of cosmetic sheet masks that make for a relaxing self-care routine. Not to mention, they have a point card that customers can use to earn points and eventually get \$10 off of their purchase.

Hanguk Market

1042 Kauffman Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324

937-878-6560

Leave Hanguk Market and head down the street to Pleasing Market

Following your visit to Hanguk Market, hop back in your car and drive down Kauffman for a few minutes and you will reach Pleasing Market. Another Korean market, Pleasing Market also provides some amazing snacks/drinks to check out. However, they also have a diverse array of Korean side dishes, known as banchan. My favorite banchan is the stir-fried fishcakes and japchae noodles. Similar to Hanguk Market, Pleasing Market also has a point card.

Pleasing Market

1352 Kauffman Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324

937-878-5501

Try a trendy, delicious drink at Yumi Boba Tea!

If you are looking to have the best boba tea you have ever had, then head to Yumi Boba Tea. Located in close proximity to Wright State University's (WSU) Dayton campus, Yumi Boba has various types of boba. From milk tea to smoothies, Yumi serves quality beverages.

Yumi Boba

170 Woodman Dr, Dayton, OH 45431

[\(937\) 813-4917](tel:9378134917)

Splurge on a traditional meal at Song's Sushi

Song's Sushi is a tiny restaurant that serves quality Korean and Japanese cuisine, including some of the best sushi in Dayton. This restaurant makes for a great date night and girls' night and is also located in close proximity to WSU's Dayton campus.

Song's Sushi

5515 Airway Rd, Dayton, OH 45431

[\(937\) 254-8989](tel:9372548989)

Get a mani-pedi or massage at Nouveau Nails

If you are more interested in relaxing/therapeutic activities, then check out Nouveau Nails. They have many nail designs and methods available for the perfect mani-pedi. All of the workers are highly trained and experienced, providing clients with some of the best spa treatments in Dayton. For those looking to decompress and relax, a visit to Nouveau Nails is sure to do the trick.

Nouveau Nails

6012 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45459

[\(937\) 848-2555](tel:9378482555)

Spring Break at Wright State is from March 1-March 6.

Women's History Month: A Few Inventors to Celebrate

Jamie Naylor

March 4, 2021

March is globally recognized as Women's History Month, a month-long celebration of female-identifying persons, activists, inventors, artists, and other pioneers. Here are a few female inventors and pioneers who helped shape the modern world as we know it.

Marie Van Brittan

Personal home security systems have been all the rage with the advancement of technology, and now people can watch their beloved possessions on their smartphones. None of which would have been possible without the work of African American Inventor Marie Van Brittan.

Brittan was born and raised in New York City in the 1920s, and while her formal education is not widely known, her intelligence precedes her.

Brittan was a nurse who worked late nights and worried about her and her family's safety. To remedy this issue, she invented a home security system that was patented in 1969 and laid the foundation for CCTV security and other home security systems.

Olga D. González- Sanabria

Originally born in the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico, Sanabria spent most of her life on the island before moving to Ohio to finish her education. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees in science and chemical engineering.

Sanabria holds the U.S. patent for a special alkaline battery that is used in space research and space vehicles.

Sanabria currently is the Director of Engineering at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, OH.

Sarah E. Goode

Another Ohioan, Goode is thought to be one of the first African American women to receive a U.S. patent in 1885. She received her patent for a folding cabinet chair. She was known to have worked on other folding furniture, such as the folding bed.

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Not much is known about Goode's personal life, education, or family due to lack of records during that time period. It is known that she was born in Ohio and moved to Illinois and opened a furniture shop with her husband Archibald Goode.

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Three Places To Get a COVID Test Near WSU's Campus

Nicolas BenVenuto

March 5, 2021

As spring approaches and travel becomes inevitable, it is important for those embarking on journeys both local and abroad to take a coronavirus test and ensure the safety of themselves and those around them.

Luckily for those at Wright State University (WSU), multiple testing locations are available.

Fairborn

Located at 900 N. Broad St. in Fairborn, CVS Pharmacy offers area residents coronavirus testing through their drive-thru window.

Per the CVS website, lab testing performed through the drive-thru window is free regardless of insurance coverage.

Those requiring coronavirus testing are able to [schedule their testing time online](#).

Test results take one to two days, with results accessed via online documentation provided after testing.

Upon arrival, those being tested are instructed to pull up to the drive-thru window with license or state ID and insurance cards at the ready. A pharmacy staff member will then provide the patient with a test kit and provide step-by-step instruction on how to administer the test.

Once the test is complete, the patient gives back the test tube containing the provided cotton swab through the pickup window.

Start to finish time for drive-thru testing is estimated by CVS at 10 minutes or less.

Beavercreek

Located at 2269 N. Fairfield Rd. in Beavercreek, Walgreens also provides drive-thru coronavirus testing free for those insured and uninsured.

Those wishing to receive a coronavirus test at this location may click [here](#) to complete the coronavirus pre-test questionnaire and select a time and date that best fits their schedule.



Upon arrival, those taking the test opting to visit Walgreens will similarly provide their driver's license or state issued ID card along with scheduling information to the drive-thru window pharmacist.

The Walgreens pharmacist will then provide patients with a self-administered test kit and subsequently provide instructions on how to complete the test properly.

Once completed, those taking the test are free to leave and will receive test results via email within one to two business days.

Premier Health Urgent Care

In addition to Walgreens, Beavercreek residents may also choose to visit Premier Health Urgent Care located at 2484 N. Fairfield Rd.

While Premier Health does not offer free coronavirus testing, it remains a viable testing option for those showing symptoms of the virus who might not be able to schedule a free test at other locations due to time restrictions.

Premier Health Urgent Care is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and accepts all walk-in patients showing signs and symptoms of the coronavirus.

Patients wishing to speak with a Premier Health physician may also seek virtual treatment through Premier Health's virtual visit program.

Supplementary information including insurances accepted, directions and virtual visit FAQ's may be found by clicking [here](#).

Learning Guitar: A Personal Narrative

Roxanne Roessner

March 5, 2021

A few years back, my mother bought me a guitar from a garage sale and the musical being inside of me was so excited to have another outlet. I was ready to have the calloused fingertips and ability to string together chords, but the only problem is, it has been five years and I still have no idea how to play.

Frustrations

This story starts as most do. I was excited to learn how to play the guitar when my mom brought it home for me. She even got a few books on how to teach yourself how to play. I downloaded a guitar learning app on my phone and even one for tuning the strings.

The problem was, I have the attention span of a goldfish and my hands do not know how to work together.

I have, for years, tried to teach myself how to play piano and even know the beginning of “Mad World” by Gary Jules, but the guitar does not quite click for me.

I have brought these frustrations up to others in conversations and I am always bombarded with, “Go watch YouTube,” “It just takes practice,” and “It’s so easy, you just strum.”

But what if, what if, I was never meant to learn how to play?

Just keep practicing?

I am not the type of person to just give up whenever the going gets tough, but what if there are simply certain people that are not able to play guitar? Am I among the one in a million people that, try as they may, cannot do it?

I am eyeing my guitar right now. There is so much dust on it and the books have become a little sun-bleached by sitting by the window for so long. Maybe I should just do it. Maybe I should apply myself a little more.

If I was meant to learn though, why did I not do it during quarantine? I keep asking myself these questions and give myself more excuses. I know I would like to learn, but there are so many different reasons why I have not yet.

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I do this with a lot of things in my life. I am sure that other college students think the same as I do. I push things off until the last minute. I forget to pursue things in my life because I use homework and my schedule to hide behind. I have forgotten what it is like to do something solely for pleasure.

Learning how to play the guitar is a lot like learning how to slow down and take time for yourself. You have to work on it and nurture the skills you are developing.

I may not know how to play guitar, but I know I can learn how to give myself that same breathing space. I urge you to do the same. Not everyone can learn the guitar, but everyone can learn to treat themselves with love and care.

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BREAKING: Wright State Announces Plans for In-Person Commencement

Maxwell Patton

March 5, 2021

[Roxanne Roessner](#) contributed to this story.

Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards announced in an email to students on March 5 that commencement ceremonies for Spring 2021 graduating seniors will be in-person.

These ceremonies will be on April 30 and May 1 at the Nutter Center to accommodate safety precautions.

“University health and safety protocols, including the campus mask requirements and social distancing, will be observed at all ceremonies,” Edwards said.

Different times for different colleges

According to Edwards, there will be four commencement ceremonies to commemorate the spring class of 2021. Students earning a Ph.D., Ed.D. or master’s degree will graduate April 30 at 7 p.m., while those from the College of Education and Human Services and the Raj Soin College of Business will graduate at 10 a.m. on May 1.

Students from the College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College of Science and Math will have their ceremony at 2 p.m. on May 1. Graduating students from the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Nursing and Health will have their event at 6 p.m. the same day.

The Lake Campus will be hosting multiple in-person commencements for the classes of summer and fall 2020 and the spring 2021 class. Once a venue is finalized, the university will announce the dates and times.

Each graduating student will receive up to four free tickets for family and friends to attend their commencement. The university will share information regarding tickets shortly. WSU will also be live-streaming each commencement ceremony.

Future details ahead

The university will continue to monitor the coronavirus’ spread in Ohio and, if necessary, modify the commencement plan.

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“While it is our absolute intention to hold all commencement ceremonies in person we must remain open to last-minute alterations to our planning given the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation,” Edwards said.

WSU will release more details regarding the ceremonies on its [commencement website](#) and social media accounts. The Lake Campus will also share information on its [commencement website](#) and social media accounts, respectively.

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Eligible Wright State Students to Receive up to \$1,100 in Federal Coronavirus Relief

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On Friday, March 5, Wright State University (WSU) announced that it would distribute \$5.2 million in federal aid to over 6,750 students enrolled during the spring semester.

HEERF

“We believe these funds will provide some financial relief to a broad range of spring 2021 students who experienced hardship as a result of COVID-19,” Director of Financial Aid Kim Everhart said in a press release by WSU on Friday.

The grants come as a second wave of a two-portion aid package afforded by the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which provides aid for both students and WSU as an institution.

The first round of HEERF dollars was distributed amongst WSU students during the Spring 2020 semester. The university disbursed \$5,070,423 to over 5,700 students for assistance with tuition, food, housing, course materials, technology, health care and child care.

Spring 2020 HEERF dollars given to WSU for institutional purposes sought to upgrade technology in 119 classrooms on WSU’s Dayton Campus and ten additional rooms on the Lake Campus. These federal dollars prepared the university for remote delivery teaching methods.

The expenditure of \$12.3 million in institutional portion funds for the second wave of HEERF dollars has yet to be announced, as WSU awaits further guidance from the U.S. Department of Education on the proper usage of these funds. The university sought similar guidance during the first round of HEERF grants.

When will students receive funds?

The university will distribute funds starting the week of March 8, and seeks to finish the distribution process by March 19.

All HEERF grants will be automatically disbursed to eligible students, with emails already sent to those students impacted by the relief initiative.

Who is eligible?

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According to the press release by WSU on Friday, a total of 6,753 students will receive aid, with 43% of eligible students receiving the maximum grant of \$1,100.

“All students who are degree-seeking, enrolled at least half-time during spring 2021, are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens will receive funds,” WSU said in the press release.

Non-degree students and international students – including undocumented and DACA students – are not eligible to receive funds.