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Weekly Horoscopes

Star Signer

April 5, 2021

Read here to discover what you would most likely do if you overslept and were late to class, based on your zodiac sign.

## **ARIES**

Aries, you have never missed a class and you don't plan to. If you ever did sleep through a class, it would be your worst nightmare.

## **TAURUS**

Taurus, you never schedule 8 a.m. classes for a reason. All of your classes are usually in the afternoon, and if you oversleep and miss them, there is a good reason.

## **GEMINI**

Gemini, you have overslept and missed a class a couple of times but you don't worry about it. You know you can catch up easily, you are usually just sad because you missed an opportunity to see your friends.

## **CANCER**

Cancer, you often miss class due to oversleeping, sometimes even on purpose. You see some of your classes as a waste of time and you love sleep. It's a win win.

## **LEO**

Leo, you are meticulous about your school work and attending class is a must for you. Your coursework is rigorous, so if you oversleep, it's all over freak out mode.

## **VIRGO**

Virgo, when you oversleep and miss a class, it is only because you hate walking in late. Instead of being there for part of the lecture, you would rather not be there at all.

## **LIBRA**

Libra, when you oversleep and think you are going to be late to class, you make a detour and go to Starbucks as well. If you're going to be late, you might as well be late with a coffee.

## **SCORPIO**

Scorpio, you are rarely late for class, but when you are, it isn't much of a big deal to you. You talk to friends and try to catch up on what you missed and then have a laugh about it later.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittarius, when you oversleep and miss class, it isn't much different than any other day for you. If you didn't have sleep as an excuse to miss class, you would have found another one.

## **CAPRICORN**

Capricorn, when you oversleep and miss class, you either sneak in the back or don't go at all. You hate to draw attention to yourself so you always try to make it to class on time.

## **AQUARIUS**

Aquarius, when you oversleep and miss class, you look at it as an excuse to skip your classes for the rest of the day to do something more fun. Why not take a day off and give yourself a much needed break?

## **PISCES**

Pisces, most times when you oversleep and are about to miss class, your class gets canceled and you don't have to worry about it. What a lucky duck.

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Wright State Faculty Senate Welcomes Dr. Oliver Evans During March Meeting

Nicolas BenVenuto

April 5, 2021

The Wright State University (WSU) Faculty Senate met virtually on Monday, March 29, where they welcomed Interim Provost Dr. Oliver Evans and learned about an alarming budget issue by a presentation from University Librarian Sue Polanka.

## **Provost's report**

Joining his first Faculty Senate meeting since taking over as WSU's Interim Provost on Feb. 22, Dr. Oliver Evans presented Senators with a short yet informative report detailing his background in higher education and his reasons for accepting the Interim Provost position before answering questions posed by Senators.

Evans informed Senators that he has a method of deciding how he can best utilize his set of skills in assisting an institution meet its goals and operational requirements.

"This is what I always do, and this is the fifth of these positions [Interim Provost] I have held since retiring," Evans said.

"The first thing I do is a Google search of the institution, to see what the institution's issues seem to be as perceived by the media and in the public," Evans said. "The second thing that I do is look at the institution and see if it knows who exactly it is. Does it have some kind of mission that is appropriate to its location, its size and so on," Evans said.

Evans noted that WSU certainly seems to know its role in its geographic area.

"I look then at what the institution is asking for. What does it seek? What does it seek to accomplish? The institution does not so much ask me to define where it wants to go, as it says we are on this track, and can you take us further along this direction we are going," Evans said.

Evans described his prior experience taking institutions through change, as he identifies WSU as an institution doing just that.

"I have had the experience of taking institutions through those situations of change and then into periods of growth and what I would describe as enriched opportunities," Evans said.

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Evan's resume boasts more than 30 years of experience working in higher education, spending more than 18 years of his career at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he held numerous [administrative positions](#) before retiring in 2012.

"I have a clear sense of where this institution is, and I have a clear sense of where I think the institution can go," Evans said. "I believe I can contribute to that."

## Library budget crisis

In a call for attention, WSU University Librarian Sue Polanka presented Senators with alarming news of a budget crisis that has seen a 47.5% decrease in overall funding over the last 11 years.

Polanka said that over this same time frame, the library has additionally seen a 42.5% decrease in full-time equivalent (FTE).

"Looking at the staff that we have to serve you, in 2010 we were at 66 FTE, we are now down to 38.07," Polanka said.

"During this time, we have closed and absorbed the services of a medical library, we have merged our special collections and archives with our digital initiatives departments together to save funding for a department head, we have lost electronic course reserves services, we have reduced instruction outreach and workshops, etc.," Polanka said.

Polanka reiterated that the library is stretched thin in regard to staffing, and in order to meet the 2020 budget, eight or nine library staff members stepped forward and reduced their FTE to help the library meet its budget so that colleagues would not lose their job.

"One of the biggest problems with the library budget is that even a flat budget is a cut for us because of the inflation on our journals, databases and anything that is an annual expense," Polanka said.

At this current moment, inflation rates and WSU's library budget are as far apart as they have ever been.

"The reality is that if we want to keep every resource that we have now, we can't have a flat budget. We have to have an increase to cover inflation. This is obviously problematic in this tougher budget environment," Polanka said.

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Polanka went on to detail the vast amount of journals, databases and resources that have been cut in the past 11 years, most notably the cut of 1,379 journals and 41 databases totaling \$300,000, and a book/media budget that has decreased by \$530,000.

“I call these what we subscribe to locally, meaning things that Wright State University subscribes to just for Wright State University affiliated people. This is not anything involved in state-wide collections,” Polanka said.

Polanka went on to state that if the current budget crisis doesn’t change, by fiscal year 2035 all ‘local’ subscriptions will be completely wiped out.

Upon completion of the presentation, Senators expressed immense gratitude for Polanka and her library colleagues who work diligently to assist both students and faculty on a daily basis.

“I love our library and wonderful staff,” Senator John Martin said in the meeting chat.

Senator Sarah McGinley echoed the admiration for WSU’s library and staff, saying “our libraries and library staff are fantastic.”

The WSU Faculty Senate will convene again on [April 26](#).

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Volleyball Sweeps IPFW in HL Semi-Final, Defeats UIC Saturday

Noah Kindig

April 5, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) volleyball eliminated IPFW from the Horizon League championship with a 3-0 sweep on Sunday, punching their ticket to a Horizon League final.

This 3-0 sweep is the 11th this season for the Raiders in 15 conference matches, giving them an overall 45-5 record in sets and a 15-0 record.

Scouting for WSU gave them the edge over the Mastodons, as Player of the Year Katie Crowe was completely shut down by the Raider defense.

“I thought that we did a really good job scouting and preparing for what they were going to do,” Head Coach Allie Matters said in a post-game interview. “We took their comfort away from them, and it was good for us in the end.”

## **Earning their awards**

Jenna Story and Lainey Stephenson both earned HL honors at the end of the regular season, and their play against IPFW showed exactly why.

Defensive Player of the Year Jenna Story led the match in digs with 24, while also helping out on offense with seven assists and leading the game in aces with three.

With IPFW having an offensive threat like Crowe, who led the league in total kills and kills per set this year, Story’s defensive play allowed WSU to execute their own play while denying the Mastodons.

Setter of the Year Stephenson doubled the assists of any other player on the court with 30 throughout the match while forcing the defense to be ready for anything with four well-placed shots when IPFW wasn’t paying attention.

She was also a part of shutting down Crowe, totaling 13 digs throughout the game.

“Lainey definitely earned her title of Setter of the Year today,” Matters said. “Her ball distribution was all that we could ask for.”

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Celia Powers and Teddie Sauer earned All-League First Team honors as well, as Powers totaled eight kills, four blocks, and 16 digs on Sunday and Sauer led the game in kills with 11.

## **Douse the Flames**

Both WSU and UIC are on a hot streak right now, with only one conference game lost all season between both teams.

While the Raiders led their match to a relaxed 3-0 sweep, the Flames were on the edge of elimination, with NKU leading them 2-0, before UIC was able to complete a reverse sweep and win the match 3-2.

The Norse even led the Flames 18-8 in set four, but kills over and over from Martina Delucchi helped UIC turn the match in their favor and win the set 25-23.

The players to worry about from the Flames are All-League First Team recipient Paola Santiago and Freshman of the Year Becca Oldendorf.

Santiago is the go-to hitter for UIC, totaling over 200 kills for UIC on 3.14 kills/set. Oldendorf earned All-League Second Team honors along with Freshman of the Year, posting 2.59 kills/set and ranking third in the league in hitting percentage with 0.325.

The Freshman class of UIC's team is very solid as well. Along with Oldendorf, Jaclyn Oblena and Martina Delucchi earned a spot on the All-League Freshman Team, with Delucchi leading UIC in kills against NKU.

While WSU is the favorite coming into the match, if UIC's match against NKU can show anything, it's never count out the Flames.

*Editor's note: WSU secured their second straight appearance at the NCAA tournament after defeating UIC 3-2 on Saturday afternoon.*

## WSU Will Not Require COVID Vaccine For In-Person Events

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

April 6, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) recently announced a plan to begin in-person classes and events during the summer and fall semesters. At this time, WSU will not require students to be vaccinated but highly encourages it.

### **Vaccine requirements**

As of April 2, all three authorized coronavirus vaccines in the United States (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) are still under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA).

“Under an EUA, FDA may allow the use of unapproved medical products, or unapproved uses of approved medical products in an emergency to diagnose, treat, or prevent serious or life-threatening diseases or conditions when certain statutory criteria have been met, including that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternatives,” a representative of the FDA said in an explanation of EUA vaccinations in November 2020.

Due to coronavirus vaccines being classified under EUA status, public universities cannot make them a requirement for students at this time.

“At this point, the State of Ohio has indicated that, as long as the vaccine is under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), it cannot be required by state entities such as public universities. If that changes, we will re-evaluate,” Dean of Students Conduct and Chair of the WSU COVID-19 Task Force Chris Taylor said.

Taylor also says that an anonymous survey will be sent to the WSU community in the near future to help the university gather a better idea of the vaccination rate for students.

### **WSU fall plans**

As of March 2021, WSU is aiming to offer 50-70% of available courses in person this fall.

“We are conforming to the plan laid out by the university and the college, but the plan is subject to change (i.e., switching to in-person instruction) based on the progress made on the vaccination front,” WSU English Professor and Chair Alpana Sharma said.

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In addition, WSU announced that many restrictions placed on campus housing this academic year may be lifted.

“The university is planning for a larger percentage of our students to have access to in-person classes and increased residence hall and apartment options, without many of the limitations from the current year if the current COVID trends continue to improve,” WSU Residence Life and Housing said in a recent email update to students.

WSU offers weekly vaccination clinics with limited doses through Wright State Physicians.

To schedule a coronavirus vaccine, click [here](#) or call 937.245.7200.

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Rainbow Alliance Holds Successful Drag Show Via WebEx

Alexis Wisler

April 6, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) Rainbow Alliance held their annual Drag Show on Saturday, March 27 after cancelling the show in 2020 due to the onset of the pandemic. Performers wore clear masks on stage and the show was streamed over WebEx to follow coronavirus guidelines.

## **The 2021 Drag Show**

The show opened with drag queen Blueberri Mary performing Fifth Harmony's "Work from Home," pulling out a laptop during the bridge and pretending to work from home, something that has become familiar to most of us.

Following Blueberri Mary were performances by drag queens Jareje Rashad, Landon Cherry, Chanel Cherry and drag king Oliver Dixon.

The show closed with an emotional performance by Jaraje Rashad of Demi Lovato's "Tell Me You Love Me." Wearing a white gown, Jaraje Rashad captured the audience and closed the show with something to remember her by.

## **Scholarship donations**

During the show, the audience had the opportunity to donate virtually to the LGBTQA Scholarship Fund.

This year, Rainbow Alliance's goal was to raise \$500 for the scholarship, which is less than their goal in previous years due to the pandemic.

According to President of Rainbow Alliance Drew Gillum, the group aimed to raise \$1,000 at the last show in 2019 and surpassed that amount.

It is unknown as of now if the \$500 goal for this year's show was met.

## **The tradition**

According to Gillum, the drag show has been a part of WSU for over 15 years.

"Sometimes we have people that are just getting into drag and this is their first performance, and sometimes we have people that have been doing this for years and years. So, it's a good

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opportunity for people to get into drag if they are interested in it,” Rainbow Alliance Vice President Kirsten Spires said.

Several of the performers this year were WSU alumni, according to Gillum and Spires, and in years past students have performed as well.

Rainbow Alliance cancelled the show last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, but they were determined to continue the tradition this year.

“We made it! Although we didn’t do it in 2020, we did make it happen in 2021. Thank you, Wright State,” Jareje Rasha said after her last performance.

## **The future of Rainbow Alliance drag shows**

Finding people to work the equipment and figuring out how to show the ASL interpreter and the performers made streaming over WebEx difficult, according to Gillum and Spires.

Although they were able to pull off a virtual show this year, Gillum and Spires said that they most likely won’t continue to stream shows once people can attend in-person events unless there is a demand for it.

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National Walking Day: WSU Students Share Their Favorite Warm-Weather Destinations

Kaylee Raines

April 7, 2021

As the weather continues to warm up, more people are making their way outside and exploring local parks. April 7 is National Walking Day, and there are several areas for Wright State University (WSU) students to explore and stretch their legs.

## **Eastwood Metropark**

Cari Schneider is pursuing her nursing degree with a minor in psychology. Schneider enjoys getting outside with her boyfriend and their lively dog. Her favorite park in the Dayton area is Eastwood Metropark, located at 1385 Harshman Road. Not far from campus, this park boasts beautiful trails and a riverside view that makes for a memorable walk.

“I go kayaking there and bring my dog and have picnics there. It is so beautiful and not overly busy on weekdays,” Schneider said.

## **Walks around the neighborhood**

Henry Kim is a current high school student at Beavercreek High School and taking college credit courses at WSU towards his future degree in psychology. Kim enjoys walking around in his neighborhood with his family. Rather than driving to a local park, he prefers the convenience of walking around near his home.

“I like taking walks with my family around my neighborhood since I know everyone there and my neighborhood is on a hill so walking up and down makes for a good exercise,” Kim said.

## **Ohio hikes**

Moriah Dildine is a current WSU student majoring in English with a TESOL concentration. Although she enjoys hiking in Ohio, her favorite places to hike are located in the Smoky Mountain National Park trails on the North Carolina side. While it is a six to seven-hour drive from the WSU Dayton campus, Dildine insists that students who can travel there in the future should give these trails a try.

“I love the scenery and challenges. The people that I go hiking with make everything memorable too,” Dildine said.

## **Narrows Reserve**

Kathleen Dang is a WSU alumnus, having graduated with her bachelor's in psychology in the winter of 2019. She loves going on walks with her friends and her dog at the Narrows Reserve located at 2501-2575 Indian Ripple Rd. This beautiful hiking area is less than a 20-minute drive from WSU's Dayton campus.

"I like the Narrows Reserve because you can get pretty close to the river and it's pretty in the springtime," Dang said.

Dayton: A Renter's Market for WSU Students

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

April 7, 2021

As the housing market adapts to a new normal brought on by the coronavirus, many Wright State University (WSU) students are continuing to opt to live in nearby off-campus apartments rather than on-campus housing.

### **Housing market shifts**

The U.S. economy has been struggling to recover from the damage of the coronavirus pandemic since going into lockdown in March 2020.

"It has been roughly one year when it put the housing market on hold for several months last spring. Even with rising mortgage rates and higher prices, economists say the housing market should remain strong due to very tight inventories and increasing demand as more millennials are projected to buy houses this year," Norada Real Estate Investments writer Marco Santarelli said in a recent article regarding predictions for the 2021 housing market.

The housing market is viewed as one of the first areas of the U.S. economy to have recovered and stabilized as Raider Country and the rest of the nation begin to reopen and transition towards a new normal.

"At the top of Zillow's list as of October 2020, three of America's hottest real estate markets are in Ohio: Columbus, Cincinnati, and Dayton," Forbes contributing writer Peter Lane Taylor said in his recent assessment of the pandemic's impact on the housing market.

### **Local housing options**

As the housing market in Dayton grows, local apartment complexes near WSU continue to fill with college students. One of the most common off-campus options for students is Cimarron Woods, located off of Zink Rd.

"It's just as close to campus as my dorm was, but it's cheaper in the long run," WSU student Zoe Paxhia-Poppaw said. "Plus, I wanted more of the freedom to have people over when I wanted to."

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Paxhia-Poppaw has resided in a two-bedroom townhouse in Cimarron Woods since shortly before the fall semester began. She also said that her current rent is \$525 per month but she knows prices are increasing next year in her complex.

Other nearby apartment complexes that WSU students frequent are The Arlington Village Townhomes & Flats, The Province Apartments and Peppertree Villas.

The Province Apartments and Peppertree Villas were contacted for a statement in this article but were unable to comment at this time.

Opinions: Climate Change Issues and the Solution

Tracy Evatt

April 7, 2021

Among the plethora of problems facing the world today, climate change is among the most ominous. Rising sea levels, droughts and more natural disasters will continue to happen if there is no change in the near future. The issue, however, can only be solved with cooperation among many.

### **What is the cause?**

“In a first-of-its-kind [study](#), NASA has calculated the individual driving forces of recent climate change through direct satellite observations. And consistent with what climate models have shown for decades, greenhouse gases and suspended pollution particles in the atmosphere, called aerosols, from the burning of fossil fuels are responsible for the lion’s share of modern warming. In other words, NASA has proven what is driving climate change through direct observations — a gold standard in scientific research,” Jeff Berardelli from CBS News said in a recent article.

The proof through direct observation further solidifies the role of humans in climate change.

“The greenhouse effect is the way in which heat is trapped close to the surface of the Earth by ‘greenhouse gases.’ These heat-trapping gases can be thought of as a blanket wrapped around the Earth, which keeps it toastier than it would be without them. Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxides,” according to the NASA website.

As humans continue to burn more fossil fuels, the amount of greenhouse gases increases. The easy solution seems to be ceasing the use of fossil fuels. However, fossil fuels are an integral part of industrialized society.

### **Who is to blame?**

According to USA Today, China contributes the most CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with 9,838.8 million metric tons emitted, while the United States is a close second with 5,269.5 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted.

“The United States was the world’s largest national CO<sub>2</sub> emitter until 2006, when China surpassed U.S. emissions that year of 6,019 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. And while U.S.

emissions have declined since, China's emissions have steadily increased," Thomas C. Frohlich and Liz Blossom of USA Today said in a recent article.

The third largest contributor of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, India, contributed 2,466.8 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>; this is notable as the third largest contributor on the list only produces approximately half of its superior.

## **The solution**

"Mitigation – reducing climate change – involves reducing the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, either by reducing [sources of these gases](#) (for example, the burning of fossil fuels for electricity, heat or transport) or enhancing the ["sinks" that accumulate and store these gases](#) (such as the oceans, forests and soil)," according to the NASA website.

NASA cites the other response to climate change as adaptation.

"Adaptation – adapting to life in a changing climate – involves adjusting to actual or expected future climate. The goal is to reduce our vulnerability to the harmful effects of climate change (like sea-level encroachment, more intense extreme weather events or food insecurity). It also encompasses making the most of any potential beneficial opportunities associated with climate change (for example, longer growing seasons or increased yields in some regions)," said NASA.

The shift away from fossil fuels, at least a substantial shift, must be done relatively soon. The transition to electric vehicles and alternative energy sources will help, but the changes need to be global. Without strong action from the United States and China, among other CO<sub>2</sub> emitting giants, the efforts of smaller countries may be futile. Climate change is already happening; the next step is stopping further impacts of climate change on the environment.

Wright State alumna Paige McCain is worried about the current state of the Earth and how it will be once we're gone.

"When I think about landfills or the fact that 90% of plastic isn't actually recycled, that polar bears are on their way to becoming the new dodo and that our projected grand finale isn't that far out — I am comforted by the knowledge that once the earth gets rid of us she'll do a hard reset and go on to thrive," McCain said.

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Breaking: WSU Board of Trustees Vote to Enact Voluntary Exit Packages

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

April 7, 2021

On April 7, the Wright State University (WSU) Board of Trustees held a special meeting, where a resolution was passed allowing faculty to opt for voluntary incentive exit packages during the retrenchment process.

## Background

On Nov. 12, WSU announced that they would enact the process of retrenchment among faculty in conjunction with declining enrollment numbers that are expected to persist.

Although both the Board of Trustees and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU) offered different proposals regarding how to address the issue, President Sue Edwards recommended up to 113 faculty members be cut across multiple colleges at WSU on Feb. 19.

Edwards' decision was presented to the board following a comprehensive analysis of the individual recommendations provided by the AAUP-WSU, and previous Interim Provost Douglas Leaman. Leaman's position has since been filled by Oliver Evans as of Feb 22.

"I acknowledge that change is sometimes difficult, but we will succeed by working together," said Edwards during the Feb. 19 Board of Trustees meeting. "The Dayton region needs a Wright State that they are proud of and one whose graduates are dedicated to making our local communities and the region thrive and grow stronger."

## Voluntary exit

At the Feb. 19 Board meeting, Edwards made the request for a one-time voluntary incentive package to be offered to faculty within the colleges being impacted by retrenchment. The purpose of the special meeting on April 7 was to then vote on the voluntary exit plans.

"While such a plan is not a required component of retrenchment, the request by President Edwards was seeded in her desire to potentially reduce the total number of 113 faculty positions that would otherwise be retrenched as a part of their deliberations," Board of Trustees Chair Tom Gunlock said.

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The resolution passed unanimously, allowing the university to offer two voluntary incentive exit packages to faculty at risk of being retrenched in the upcoming months. The exit packages include cash payments, temporary healthcare benefits, tuition waivers for close relatives and continued temporary access to various campus facilities.

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SGA: Scooters and Student Legal Service Fees  
Brandon Sutherland  
April 7, 2021

The Student Government Association (SGA) met on April 6 to discuss a current resolution and provide an update on the scooter service SPIN.

## **Resolution 21-10**

SGA introduced Resolution 21-10 in support of Student Legal Services at Wright State University (WSU). SGA will vote on the resolution in the upcoming week.

Due to the drop in enrollment at WSU, the current rate at which students pay for these services cannot support Student Legal Services if it continues.

Resolution 21-10 will support the renewal of the Student Legal Services Contract and raise the service fee from \$11 to \$16.

“We’re excited to keep student legal services fully functioning for as long as possible,” SGA President Adrian Williams said.

## **SPIN Scooters**

The scooter service SPIN recently started a discussion with SGA about collaborating with WSU. Williams expects this collaboration to be budget neutral.

WSU is also interested in enacting this as a potential campus engagement project.

“Hopefully we’ll be able to work on this over the summer and get it up and running by the start of the fall semester,” Williams said.

SGA is currently working with General Counsel and university lawyers to ensure that no legal liabilities arise in the case of an injury occurring due to the scooters.

The Office of Disability Services will also make sure scooters are not left near places that can hinder students who have difficulty accessing certain areas.

## **New Director of Inclusive Excellence**

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The new Director of Inclusive Excellence Dr. Matthew Chaney attended the meeting and said he is excited to fill the position.

“I am eager to meet the students so that we can move the needle in terms of inclusive excellence at Wright State University,” Chaney said.

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Red, White and Run: WSU ROTC Hosts Successful Hybrid 5k  
Maxwell Patton  
April 8, 2021

The annual Red White Run 5k hosted by the Wright State University (WSU) Air Force ROTC Detachment 643 allowed participants to run in-person this year on April 3 while allowing others to complete the race virtually.

The in-person race, which occurred at Elvin R. King Cross Country Course in Cedarville, required registration through the event's website and limited participation to 80 runners. The virtual component, which allows runners to compete wherever they desire, is taking place between April 3 and 10.

## **Raising money for a good cause**

A crucial part in planning this race, according to the 2021 race director Sarah Rovinsky, was flexibility.

"As a staff, we fielded many changes that required our immediate attention and problem solving," Rovinsky said. "Coordinating sponsorships was significantly more challenging than in previous years due to the financial strain many businesses and individuals have faced during the pandemic."

The race was originally set to be held at the WSU Dayton campus but relocated to Cedarville due to university guidelines.

Proceeds from the Red White Run 5k go to support Fisher/Nightingale Houses Inc., a local organization that provides physical and mental support to veterans and their families. Over \$3,300 has been raised for the organization during the coronavirus pandemic, according to Rovinsky.

Since Fisher/Nightingale Houses Inc. is government-owned-and-operated, it is more difficult to take certain actions to support house managers and guests such as purchasing food and gift cards, putting on special events and making certain purchases such as storage buildings.

The organization manages two houses by Wright Patterson Air Force Base and one by the Dayton VA Medical Center, which includes 37 suites.

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“If [the organizers of the 5k] donate \$2400 to us, that will take care of the equivalent of 80 nights in the three houses,” director Chris Stanley said.

Stanley estimates that the race has raised \$10,500 for Fisher/Nightingale Houses since it commenced in 2017.

One of the participants in this year’s event is 2020 race director Rachel Croyle.

“Once you leave the 5k, you always want to support the 5k,” Croyle said. “That’s why I’m running it this year.”

## **The future of hybrid 5ks**

A benefit of hybrid 5k races is that they allow more people to participate. Runners in the area can receive the in-person racing experience while others, including those who have scheduling conflicts or live in remote locations, can run virtually.

“The Air Force Marathon being hybrid would allow many officers that are all across the country to participate, without having to leave their job,” Campus Recreation logistician Eli Gerkenmeyer said.

Croyle, a University of Dayton student, sees these hybrid races benefiting military students who move away after receiving their degrees.

“It’s great for especially our alums that have come from our detachment to be able to run it wherever they go,” Croyle said. “With the military, we spread out after graduation wherever we may be, and there are a ton of people that have supported in the past that are also military-affiliated or move away for whatever reason.”

Rovinsky says there is a definite possibility that the virtual component will continue with future 5k races.

“This year’s race tested what could be possible for us and due to its success, I hope they will continue to provide this opportunity to participants,” Rovinsky said. “It’s an excellent way for runners who live out of state to be able to get involved and contribute to an awesome cause.”

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Miracle Makers Works to Raise Money Through Penny Wars and Grilled Cheese

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Despite having to overcome challenges posed by the coronavirus, Wright State University's (WSU) student-run organization Miracle Makers has successfully started two annual fundraisers: Penny Wars and Grilled Cheese Hotline.

## **The Organization**

Miracle Maker's, a charitable student organization at WSU, boasts a single goal of raising money for the Dayton Children's Hospital. This year's focus: Dayton Children's Psychiatric unit.

In a pre-covid environment, the organization additionally hosts Raiderthon; a dance fundraiser and Miracle Maker's primary fundraising event. Coronavirus restrictions continue to prevent in-person events, causing the move to a virtual platform and the cancellation of Raiderthon this year.

Despite the platform shift and an overall decrease in student population on campus, Miracle Makers anticipates receiving \$67,000 in donations from the two events running online.

## **Penny Wars**

Miracle Makers is teaming up with WSU's Residential Community Association (RCA) in hopes to bring more interest and involvement to their fundraising efforts. According to Residential Assistant Hayden Mankin, teams from the residential dorms and apartments compete to raise the most money.

WSU also competes with the University of Dayton chapter of Miracle Makers.

"It's really just a fun way to try and get people to register for Raiderthon and raise money for Dayton Children's," said President of Miracle Makers Alexis Hobbs.

The event began on March 28 and will run until April 10, ending with a drive-in movie night occurring in parking lot four on campus.

The event is open to the public and simply requires all attendees to register for the Penny Wars fundraiser.

## **Grilled Cheese Hotline**

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According to Hobbs, a collaboration between Miracle Makers, the Hanger and Chartwells has allowed Grilled Cheese Hotline to operate smoothly thus far.

The fundraising event began on March 28 and is running simultaneously alongside Penny Wars through April 10.

Students can preorder a grilled cheese meal and pick it up at The Hanger. A dollar from every meal will go to Miracle Makers' fundraising efforts for Dayton Children's Hospital.

"Even though we're not all going to be right next to each other, we're still going to be together as a community supporting the kids," the High School Outreach Chair and next President of Miracle Makers Abigail Adams said.

For a comprehensive list of student organizations at WSU and additional information on Miracle Makers, click [here](#).

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Breaking: Kevin Huang to Become Next Asian and Native American Center Intercultural Specialist  
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In a campus-wide email, Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards announced the appointment of Kevin Huang as the intercultural specialist of the Asian and Native American Center.

## **The position**

Mr. Huang's appointment, the last of many new appointments by President Edwards in the culture and identity centers, will bring leadership to the new Asian and Native American Center. The search to fill these positions began in Fall 2020.

Huang serves as the Intercultural Specialist of the Center starting May third. This Center splintered from the original Office of Latinx, Asian and Native American Affairs. Fermin Recarte leads the Latin and Hispanic sides of the original office.

"This is a great change for the Culture and Identity Center as it will serve the growing population of LANA students better with more resources." wrote Mia Honaker Interim Associate Director of LANA.

## **The new Intercultural Specialist**

Huang holds a master's degree in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University where he previously worked before gaining this position. The new leader holds experience with both college students and those in the Asian and Native American communities.

Huang will work with the other intercultural specialists as well as the new Vice President of inclusive excellence Dr. Mathew Chaney. This team of specialists works on initiatives including the retention of diverse students, recruitment of diverse students, and maintaining a safe and welcoming campus environment.

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WSU Faculty Senate to Conduct Vote of Confidence or No-Confidence in President Edwards  
News Team  
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The WSU Faculty Office has received the required number of verified signatures in an independently circulated petition calling for a vote of confidence or no-confidence in President Sue Edwards. This is per [procedures](#) approved by the Wright State University (WSU) Faculty Senate in October of 2017.

Faculty Senate President Laura Luehrmann informed Edwards of such actions on Tuesday, March 23. President Edwards had a 10-day period to prepare a rebuttal to the petition.

The 10-day rebuttal window afforded to Edwards closed at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, with the confidence or no-confidence voting ballot being distributed amongst all eligible faculty beginning Friday, April 9 and ending on Thursday, April 22 at 5 p.m.

## Petition

A list of 14 grievances is collectively cited in the [petition](#) to embark on a vote of confidence or no-confidence in Edwards.

The 14 grievances are as follows:

1. Inability to effectively lead enrollment management; accelerations of declining enrollment;
2. Greg Sample's appointment as executive vice president and chief operating officer, without external or internal competition;
3. Brian Rigling's appointment as dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, without a formal national search. According to the petition, Rigling was the sole applicant after an internal search;
4. Ignoring the College of Liberal Arts' faculty vote of no confidence in Dean Linda Caron, Associate Dean Carol Loranger and Chair Jonathan Winkler, and others not detailed in the petition;
5. A mischaracterization of the 20 percent reduction in "compensation for members of university management;"
6. Stating that the university was not required to negotiate the Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program (F-VRIP);

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7. “The uncertainty and chaos caused by these incomplete, and ultimately unnecessary [college and unit consolidation] plans, contributed to lower faculty and student morale, further injuring the university’s public image and contributing to declining enrollment;”
8. Misleading the AAUP-WSU into midterm bargaining in bad faith; setting back faculty-administration relationships;
9. Causing “enormous stress and further distrust” after invoking retrenchment.
10. Low faculty morale. The petition cites Faculty President Laura Lehurmann in a Dec. 2020 Board of Trustees meeting;
11. “[Deceiving] and [attempting] to blame faculty for the university’s problems;”
12. Failing to consider the livelihoods of 113 faculty and damage to academic programs in retrenchment recommendations.;
13. Failure to disclose current interim provost Oliver H. Evans’ vote of no confidence at Evans’ former institution; and,
14. Degrading the academic mission at Wright State by defending athletics and slashing the academic budget.

Altogether, the list of grievances alleges “... [lack] of integrity and leadership ability...” of Edwards.

## Rebuttal

In her [rebuttal](#), Edwards shared discontent with allegations and criticisms similar to those posed by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-WSU) leadership throughout recent public forums.

“I’ve made every effort to address those criticisms head on in numerous Faculty Senate meetings and my repeated WebEx sessions,” Edwards said. “Let me say again the allegations are inaccurate and while they make great theatre, the information is purposely misstated and I see no productive value in again legitimizing them any further through this Faculty Senate process.”

Edwards argued that this petition is another attempt by AAUP-WSU leadership to perpetuate a divisive and adversarial approach to university administration, which hinders the ability for a healthy and positive environment to exist between the two entities.

In her rebuttal, Edwards acknowledges and strongly denies the claim that she previously lied about a salary reduction.

“At the onset of COVID, leadership—which included myself, Mr. Sample, Ms. Mickey-Boggs, Mr. Wooley etc., volunteered to take a 20% reduction in pay,” Edwards said. “I am proud of the team

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for taking that cut. For Deans and others who are primarily employed in faculty positions the reduction was 20% of their administrative stipend due to their faculty base salaries being protected by the CBA.”

Edwards highlighted this accusation above others, as she feels it is an attack on her personal and professional integrity.

“Throughout my time here at Wright State, I have always been truthful and transparent, and I will continue to be so moving forward. I admonish those who continue to perpetuate this misrepresentation,” Edwards said.

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Scooters on Campus: Would Students Use Them?

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The Student Government Associate (SGA) passed Resolution 21-09 on March 3, endorsing a partnership between Wright State University (WSU) and scooter-sharing company 'Spin' that some students believe will be helpful for future commutes around campus.

Residential Senator and upcoming Student Body President Jonathan Ciero, who co-sponsored the resolution, sees potential with the program.

"I know a lot of students who park in Lot 4 take a 15-minute walk from their car to their classroom on the other side of campus in Millet Hall, the CAC or even White Hall," Ciero said. "Spin scooters can reduce this to just a few minutes."

The endorsement is not a binding commitment, but if the student body is interested in having Spin scooters on campus, SGA will work to make it a reality.

## Traveling in other ways

Biochemistry student Ximena Santin-Abarca does not believe that she will use the scooters if they come to campus, preferring her skateboard and bicycle. However, Santin-Abarca feels that they would be useful for other students.

"I feel like they could benefit others that don't have a way to get around like me and they could be a fun way to get where you need to go," Santin-Abarca said.

Nursing major Madison Jones sees herself using the scooters for amusing rides around campus but, due to her commuter status, she does not feel she benefits from them.

"I can see them being useful back in my early days when I had 15 minutes between classes and had to book it from one side of campus to the other," Jones said.

The nursing major does believe that the service would be viable for those who live in the dorms.

"I used to live on campus myself and I can definitely see it being very helpful to get back to housing," Jones said. "It's quite the walk from campus if you don't live in Hamilton, so the scooters would be great after a long day."

## A convenient method of travel

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Psychology student Lindsey Shaffer believes that the scooters would be useful for students who get winded easily. She would use them depending on the distance between her classes and how long it would take to get to them.

“I can’t remember which set of classes it was, but one time, I had five to seven minutes to go down three flights of stairs, bolt completely across campus, and then up another three flights,” Shaffer said. “It was awful. I would probably use them if I really had classes that were far.”

Shaffer puts her shorter college classes back-to-back due to the university’s consistent start and end class times, giving herself 10 minutes to go from building to building at times.

“Sometimes it takes more than 10 minutes to get from one side of campus to the next, especially for somebody with stubby little legs and a heavy backpack,” Shaffer said. “They would be nice for speeding across campus, helping me to get to my classes faster.”

Organizational leadership student Parker Testa feels that his use of the scooters would depend on the weather.

“I use the tunnels when it’s colder outside, but as the weather warms up, I think I would use them,” Testa said. “I enjoy walking across campus but I think the convenience of the scooters would help everyone.”

The scooters are currently in use at the University of Akron, Ohio State University, Ohio University and at least fifteen colleges outside of Ohio.

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Vaccines and The Return to Normal: Student Opinion

Brandon Sutherland

April 9, 2021

The coronavirus vaccine is now available to Ohioans ages 16 and up, giving Wright State University (WSU) the chance to prosper once again. Governor Mike DeWine stresses the importance of college students getting the vaccine to help communities return to normal.

## **Focusing on colleges**

Gov. DeWine stresses the importance of getting college students vaccinated as he emphasizes the interactions students have more often than others.

“We are going to try and vaccinate every college student in the state who wants the vaccine,” DeWine said.

Chief Medical Officer of the Ohio Department of Health Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff understands this importance and notes that Ohio still has a way to go.

“Ohioans, understandably, want to get their lives back to normal but they also want to do that responsibly. People want a mile marker, something that can be a reasonable signal that our vaccinations are having enough impact that mandatory restrictions are no longer necessary,” Vanderhoff said.

## **Student Opinion**

With plans underway to bring back students for the 2021 summer and fall semesters, WSU needs to keep its members safe. The more people that get vaccinated, the more it will play a pivotal role in these plans coming to fruition.

Junior WSU communications studies major Jacob O’connor weighs in with his opinion on the vaccine.

“I think the vaccine will give student organizations the chance to thrive again at Wright State. The university needs these organizations to retain students from a declining population. Hopefully, this will change with more and more Raiders being vaccinated,” O’connor said.

O’connor is hopeful that society will gain back some normalcy from everyone getting vaccinated.

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Anyone ages 16-years-old and older planning to register for vaccination, visit Ohio's [ODH – Check Vaccine Eligibility \(ohio.gov\)](#) website.

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WSU Soccer: Women Comeback in Last Seven Minutes, Men Look to Qualify

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April 9, 2021

With the regular season for HL soccer coming to a close, both the Men's and Women's teams are playing great games for Wright State University (WSU).

The Women's team pulled out a miracle against Youngstown State, as they were down a goal with less than 10 minutes left to play.

On the Men's side, a victory over Robert Morris keeps them in the running for HL tournament qualification coming into their final game against IPFW.

## **Playing a full 90 minutes**

WSU and Youngstown both played solid defense for the first 45 minutes, leading to a scoreless game at halftime.

Coming out of halftime, Youngstown State had a corner kick in the first minute by Sammy Salatino, which was deflected toward the goal and eventually put in by Abby Knight, scoring her first goal for Youngstown State this season.

The Raiders didn't let the goal phase them, and dominated Youngstown in shots on goal throughout the match, but as the game continued, WSU still trailed by one.

The game seemed lost until WSU set up for a corner kick in the 84th minute, as a ball from Michelle Rings came to the far side of the box, straight to Sidney Kemp for her first goal of the season.

WSU applied hard pressure on YSU, making it difficult for the Penguins to make it past the halfway line.

A steal from Rylee Clark started a fast attack for WSU, as a run to the corner from Clark sent the ball into the box, to be finished by Josie Krupp for a 2-1 WSU lead.

After those two goals, the WSU defense finished out the game, as Youngstown was only able to get one more shot-off goal for the rest of the half.

## **One more game**

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With only one game left in the regular season, the Men's team is within reach of qualification for the HL tournament.

Due to the cancellation of several games because of the season starting during the pandemic, the top four teams based on conference points per game (three points for a win, one for tie, zero for loss) qualify for the tournament.

As of March 31, the Men's team is in fifth place, with only one game left in the season against IPFW. It comes down to a WSU win with a Milwaukee Panthers loss to put them in the fourth seed.

WSU is playing IPFW, and MKE is playing Robert Morris. Both opponents are lower in the standings.

This final week of play will decide whether the Panthers or the Raiders fill the last seed in this year's Horizon League tournament.

Dayton's Not Dead: Pettibone Coffee  
Kaitlyn Chrosniak  
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On Feb. 27, the Purcey family opened the Pettibone Coffee Roastery and Cafe in Riverside, Ohio. The shop is known for its homemade coffee blends that got the company off the ground and running in 2017.

### **History of Pettibone Coffee**

Pettibone Coffee began as a coffee roastery business in 2017, run by mother and son duo Jonathan and Marci Purcey.

“Pettibone Coffee was born out of a deep passion for coffee, all of its processes, and the sometimes evasive quiet moments in life,” the Purcey’s said via the Pettibone Coffee webpage. “As coffee lovers ourselves it’s our commitment to you to make sure we never fail to deliver perfect coffee that has all of the love we have to offer in each and every bean.”

The inspiration for the business name stems from Pettibone Lake in Michigan, and after rebranding in early 2020, the logo now represents the state flower.

On Sept. 24 of 2020, the family duo announced that ground had been broken for a Pettibone Coffee cafe and roastery location, with the plan to open by the end of 2020. After a few bumps in the road, opening day was pushed back to Feb. 27.

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## The cafe

The Purcey's wanted to ensure that their storefront location got one message across to their patrons: they sell coffee.

"Coffee shops are usually smaller spaces, which is great and typically very cozy, but seating is limited, so we wanted to provide something where customers are always sure to have seating," said Jonathan Purcey in a recent Dayton Daily News article.

In the several weeks the cafe has been open, Wright State University (WSU) students have begun to take advantage of a new place to caffeinate and study.

"It has a really warm, comforting atmosphere," WSU student Julia Boyd said. "The coffee has an original flair that larger companies like Starbucks and Dunkin' lack. The prices are reasonable and it's totally worth it to keep myself caffeinated!"

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Many locals who have enjoyed the Purcey's coffee brews since the earlier days of the company are showing their appreciation for the Pettibone Coffee Roastery and Cafe via Facebook.

"We went to the grand opening and it was amazing! We will be coming in on a regular basis," said Riverside local Bianca Carbonell in a comment on a recent Facebook post from the Pettibone Coffee.

The Pettibone Coffee is located at 215 Woodman Dr. in Riverside, OH, open 6:00 a.m to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday, and 6:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m Saturday and Sunday. Customers can also order housemade coffee blends from their website.