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Weekly Horoscopes
Star Signer
April 12, 2021

What is your biggest fear? Read on to find out your deepest darkest fears based on your astrology sign.

ARIES

It's no surprise that the biggest fear for an Aries is being left in the dark. They are most definitely the life of the party and anything that they are left out of puts them in a world of hurt. They often read too far into a missed invitation.

TAURUS

The Taurus is possibly the opposite of Libra in that their biggest fear is getting stuck in an endless cycle or routine. Taurus's love to move around and change things up, but it's easy to start a routine and get lost in it. A fear of never reaching their goals is a logical one for a Taurus.

GEMINI

A Gemini is perhaps the most independent out of all of the signs. Their biggest fear is losing their freedom. Along with this comes the fear of being controlled, confined, or silenced.

CANCER

Although one of the most loving signs, a Cancer's biggest fear and concern is not being accepted for who they are. They often struggle with trying to change themselves to please others. In the end, they just want to be loved the way they give love to everyone else.

LEO

Being a leader and often succeeding in many areas, Leo's biggest fear is failure. They have high expectations for themselves and fear that they will one day disappoint themselves or those that they love.

VIRGO

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A Virgo is very precise about everything. They are a bit of a perfectionist, perhaps to the point of being a control freak. Their worst fear is losing control and having the world in so much chaos that it is beyond fixing.

LIBRA

Libra's often value things such as balance, order, and organization. They like when everything has its spot and everyone has their place. Perhaps the biggest fear of Libra is change, something that a lot of others can relate to. When big things change in a Libra's life, their biggest fear of all is the unknown that lies ahead.

SCORPIO

Although very selective with who they choose as friends, scorpio's biggest fear is being alone. They are very serious about the energy they surround themselves with, but in the end, they don't want to end up alone.

SAGITTARIUS

Spiders may be small, but size doesn't matter to a sagittarius when they see the creatures lurking in corners and spinning webs.

CAPRICORN

Above all, Capricorns fear being unsuccessful the most. They always do their best and strive to achieve in everything they do. More often than not, they do meet their goals, but their biggest fear is failing and not being successful.

AQUARIUS

An Aquarius is very creative, strong willed and ready for a challenge. Despite their drive to work hard and their self confidence, their biggest fear is not making a lasting impact on the world. They fear that they will not be bold enough for anyone to remember them when they are gone.

PISCES

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Pisces is arguably one of the most complex signs of them all, emotionally, spiritually, and mentally. Their biggest fear is being misunderstood, or even not understood at all. They yearn to be welcomed and find a place where they truly belong.

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Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Discusses Using Outside Company to Examine Impact of Sports

Noah Kindig

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In its most recent meeting, several board members of the Special Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics stated that reporting on how the coronavirus and other factors have impacted sports in one year is nearly impossible. Because of this, the idea of using an outside company to examine the impact of sports on its campus was discussed.

Getting your money's worth

Several trustees on the committee discussed bringing in an unnamed outside company to help them with their analysis of the athletics program.

According to trustee Doug Fecher, the company has done similar work for other universities and placed the estimated cost for their help at \$50,000.

While the price may seem steep, the benefits of this report could be instrumental in keeping Wright State University (WSU) sports strong through the pandemic, and Fecher claims that the price is reasonable.

Other trustee members were hesitant, but many seemed to agree that while they don't object to seeing what this company can do for them, the biggest factor in the decision would be cost.

Calming fears

While concern for the future of sports at WSU has been rising due to the creation of this committee, it seems that permanently changing Raider Athletics is the last thing the committee wants to do.

At the beginning of the meeting, the committee Chair stressed that the committee hasn't made any final decisions yet, and asked WSU fans to take a breath and relax.

With the university recently announcing plans to cut over 100 faculty positions and with many D1 athletics programs struggling, this committee could be a turning point for WSU athletics.

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2021 Student First Fund Grants Support Seven New Projects

Maxwell Patton

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The newest round of Student First Fund grants approved seven new projects benefiting Wright State University (WSU) student organizations, including new cameras and safety programs.

A total of 22 applications were submitted, according to the chair of the Students First Fund grants committee Dave Deptula, and these organizations competed for a portion of the available \$50,000 in funding.

“Every year, we are impressed with the quality of the applications that we receive. This year was no exception,” Deptula said. “With so many worthy projects, it’s never easy to decide which ones to fund. The seven projects that were selected for funding will have far-reaching impacts on both the Dayton and Lake Campuses.”

Grants ranged in value from \$3,650 to \$10,000.

New industry-standard technology

The Guardian Media Group received funding to purchase video equipment similar to what is found in a professional newsroom. This new equipment will be used to create professional-grade video content and give hands-on experience to students hoping to work in the news industry after they graduate.

The Department of Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures will be using their funding to buy an industry-standard camera that motion pictures students can use for their thesis films.

To purchase the camera, that grant will be combined with fees and donations, according to department chair Joe Deer.

“Our Motion Pictures production graduates need to enter the profession with full knowledge of the equipment they’ll be using in the top regional and national jobs that so many of them do attain,” Deer said. “This camera is probably the critical piece of educational equipment to help them do that.”

Important initiatives

The Women’s Center will be using their grant to guide the creation of three cohort-mentorship groups for women of color, women in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, math and

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medicine) and female undergraduate students looking to attend graduate school. These groups will meet monthly and hold a day-long leadership event at the end of the academic year.

The funding will form The Student Patrol program, guided by the Department of Public Safety, to keep the learning environment at WSU safe and secure and help students interested in a career in the public safety field.

Seminars for first-year students at the Lake Campus will be funded. These seminars are designed to assist freshmen in their transition to college and increase student retention.

A new Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) program focused on intercultural engagement will be funded. COIL helps connect students and professors in various countries and allows them to collaborate on projects and discussions.

The eSports club received a \$10,000 grant, which will go towards hosting new types of events and larger and more frequent tournaments along with other priorities.

“The club prioritizes its competitive teams, so any funding the club receives will primarily go towards improving the ability of those teams to practice and perform at their highest level,” eSports Club President Ryan Slater said.

This funding will be available for use during the Fall 2021 semester.

The Students First Fund started in 2019 with the mission of supporting WSU’s commitment to recruitment, retention and relationships.

WSU Foundation President Scott Rash explains that these grants would not be possible without support from university alumni who make generous gifts on an annual basis.

“We’re the very fortunate recipients of philanthropy from alumni and friends,” Rash said. “Our committee does a great job of stewarding those gifts and doing good things with it, and the Students First Fund is just another example of that.”



The Latest Coronavirus Vaccination Updates
Kaitlyn Chrosniak
April 13, 2021

Within the last week, several updates regarding coronavirus vaccinations have been announced that have an impact at the local, state and federal level.

National announcements

One of the most notable updates regarding vaccinations includes Pfizer requesting authorization to be given to persons 12 and up from the FDA. Currently, Pfizer is authorized for emergency use in people ages 16 and up in the United States.

“The FDA’s review process will probably take several weeks, provided the data look good and are consistent with what was seen in adults,” former FDA Chief Scientist Dr. Jesse Goodman said in a public statement to NBC News.

Pfizer is hoping to be able to offer the vaccine to younger teens with the goal of vaccinating students before school resumes this fall.

Statewide updates

On April 7, the Ohio House of Representatives introduced House Bill 248, which would prevent individuals who do not get vaccinated for religious or medical reasons from being penalized or discriminated against.

“The purpose of this legislation is to allow people to choose to do what they feel is best for their own body and protect individuals from any consequences or hardships for choosing one way or the other,” State Representative Jennifer Gross said when introducing the bill.

If the bill is passed, Ohioans who choose not to receive a coronavirus vaccine would not be allowed to be denied service or forced to wear a mask once mask mandates are eliminated. At the time the bill was announced, over 3.7 million Ohioans had received their first round of vaccination, and 2.2 million of those had been fully vaccinated.

Wright State vaccinations

On April 8, Wright State University (WSU) began to administer the Johnson & Johnson one-dose vaccination to WSU students.

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“The student vaccination program is part of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine’s statewide effort to provide COVID-19 vaccines to college students before the Spring Semester concludes,” WSU Physicians announced on April 6.

In addition, WSU Physicians also continues to offer the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines in limited quantities each week through weekend vaccination clinics. To schedule a vaccination appointment, call 937.245.7200 or click [here](#).

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Volleyball Beats UIC in HL Championship, Prepares for NCAA Tournament

Noah Kindig

April 13, 2021

The Horizon League volleyball season is officially over, and Wright State University (WSU) secured the Championship over the weekend, going 16-0 this year in Horizon League play while only dropping seven sets all season.

WSU took down 14-1 UIC in a five-set thriller, winning the last two sets as the Flames took sets one and three of the match for a 2-1 set lead.

After winning the first HL championship in program history, WSU volleyball is headed to the NCAA tournament for the second time in a row to take on Samford.

Tournament honors and performances

The Raiders had excellent performances from several of their players, starting with tournament MVP Nyssa Baker.

Baker totaled over 30 kills and 16 blocks in both of WSU's tournament games, securing a 12th place spot in the nation in blocks per set.

Hitters Mallory Ladd and Celia Powers were both named to the All-Tournament team, as Ladd led the Raiders against UIC with 15 kills, and Powers played well on both offense and defense, totaling 17 kills and 33 digs in both matches.

Setter of the Year Lainey Stephenson totaled 70 assists with 30 against IPFW and 40 against UIC, where UIC's assist leader only had 22.

Jenna Story led the Raiders' defense in both matches, currently sitting third in the nation in digs per set.

Four Raiders (Story, Powers, Stephenson, and Ellee Ruskaup) all had double-digit digs against UIC.

Sophomore Sam Wolf was the surprise for UIC, tallying 10 kills off of the bench for WSU to turn the game back in their favor.

Headed to Omaha

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The Raiders will take on the Samford Bulldogs in the first round of the NCAA tournament on April 14. The winner of that matchup will take on the University of Texas the next day.

The Bulldogs represent the Southern Conference after winning their third straight title and have won four of the last five conference championships under head coach Keylor Chan.

Outside Hitter Lauren Deaton is Samford's biggest threat, who was named the SoCon Tournament's Most Outstanding Player and SoCon Player of the Year. Deaton leads the Southern Conference in kills per set, and also ranks eighth nationally in the stat.

Kenya McQuirter was named the Conference's Freshman of the Year, backing up Deaton with almost 150 kills in the regular season.

This matchup will come down to if the four WSU players who totaled double-digit digs against UIC will be able to stop Deaton and McQuirter, as WSU's outside hitters work to get them an advantage.

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Breaking: WSU Physicians Suspends Johnson and Johnson Vaccine Due to FDA and CDC Concerns

Jamie Naylor

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Wright State Physicians suspended the distribution of the Johnson and Johnson coronavirus vaccine due to concerns from the [Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC)

Concerns

The one-shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine paused distribution due to recommendations by the CDC in alliance with the FDA. Concerns over blood clotting as a symptom of the vaccine caused this disruption. According to the CDC, six cases of this symptom occurred nationally.

The CDC will meet with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) on April 14 to review these incidents and the vaccine.

Wright State

Following these recommendations, Wright State Physicians suspended the Johnson and Johnson vaccines' distribution to students and staff. Wright State Physicians still offers the dual shot Moderna coronavirus Vaccine; adult students wishing to receive this vaccine through this office can make online appointments.

Once the CDC clears the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, Wright State Physicians plans on reoffering it, with availability going to those first on the waitlist.

Those not wishing to use Wright State University's (WSU) services may seek the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine at local pharmacies, health departments or other designated distribution centers.

Student opinions

This announcement caused great concern both nationally and at WSU. Students who made appointments to receive the vaccine moved to the waitlist, with some considering other vaccine options.

Students already receiving the Johnson and Johnson vaccine reported normal CDC-tracked symptoms.

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“It makes me a little concerned since I got the [Johnson and Johnson] vaccine, but, besides feeling exhausted and drained the day after I got it, I feel perfectly fine,” wrote WSU senior Nora Fullenkamp.

Those with concerns about the vaccines or appointments may contact Wright State Physicians or use the CDC information guides located on their [website](#).



Student Trustee Applications Now Available

Nicolas BenVenuto

April 14, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) is currently accepting applications for students wishing to participate in a two-year term on the Board of Trustees.

Appointed by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, student trustees serve as a voice of the student body in board meetings.

Application Requirements

Those students wishing to apply for the position of student trustee must meet the following criteria:

- Be a full-time WSU student
- Have at least two years remaining to complete degree
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Be a resident of Ohio eligible to vote

Applicants are also asked to boast these characteristics:

- Strong communication skills
- High level of professionalism
- Ability to critically think and do research
- Familiarity with WSU and commitment to serve

Students wishing to apply for a student trustee position are encouraged to reach out to the WSU Student Government Association (SGA) and Board of Trustees Secretary Shari-Mickey Boggs who both facilitate the application process.

Who is the Board of Trustees

The WSU Board of Trustees is composed of nine voting members, two student trustees and four national trustees.

All members of the board are appointed by Gov. DeWine and are entrusted to make decisions and approve policies that support the vision and mission of the university. Furthermore, the

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board ensures that WSU is accountable to its students, faculty, staff, alumni, community partners and local, state and federal government officials.

Current student trustees

Student trustee Olivia Sneary said that being a trustee has given her the opportunity to relay the feelings of the student body as well as provide valuable feedback to the board on initiatives and decisions that the board makes.

“We, as students, are the ones that are on campus every day feeling the direct impact of decisions that the board and administration makes. As a result, the board wants and needs to hear how decisions are impacting students on a day-to-day basis,” Sneary said.

In addition to relaying feedback to the board, student trustees are also entrusted with serving on several committees, attending meetings, preparing presentations and acting as a liaison between students and the board.

The responsibility of performing several duties enhances students’ resumes, acts as proof of leadership and communication skills and gives a unique opportunity for students to become involved and engage with community and university leaders.

“In the position itself, you have to be able to converse with a wide range of people, from fellow students, to CEOs, to presidents and faculty. The position also requires one to be a quick thinker and learner. Future employers want to hire people who are dedicated to their company, have a high level of professionalism, and are able to clearly communicate with their team,” Sneary said.

Student Trustee Dhishant Asarpota echoed similar feelings to Sneary and added that the professional growth opportunities associated with becoming a student trustee are vast.

“Working in an interprofessional, collaborative manner is a huge component of personal and professional growth. The competencies one will develop on the board are transferable towards any career. Actually, this is such a high-level position that the responsibilities a student faces are often not experienced amongst our peers, which give us a great deal of professional maturity,” Asarpota said.

Chair comments

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Serving as Chair to the Board of Trustees until June 30, 2026, Tom Gunlock said that student trustees are a highly valued asset to the board and help ensure clear communication to the student body.

“The student trustee position is one of the most prestigious positions a student can hold and serves in a wide-ranging capacity which demands a serious commitment of time and resources,” Gunlock said. “Our student trustees bring us the viewpoints of our customers just like in a normal business environment, and are highly encouraged to speak up during our meetings.”

A full list of the WSU Board of Trustees roster, meeting schedules and contact information may be found [here](#).

Finding Balance Between Fitness and Mental Wellness: Where is the Line?

Makenzie Hoferlin

April 14, 2021

Two broken feet and an eating disorder do not immediately come to mind when one thinks of a healthy lifestyle. This is exactly what Wright State University's Fitness and Wellness Program Manager Kara Donbrock experienced.

Intense healthfulness or unhealthy obsession?

Society often pairs physical and mental health together. Working out supposedly boosts mentality, and a positive outlook can encourage physical activity.

Physical fitness and good mental health can be mutually exclusive.

"There's a lot of research out there that supports a connection between physical and mental health, as a positive correlation," associate director for Student Advocacy and Wellness at WSU, Destinee Biesemeyer, said. "It [physical activity] can be beneficial towards mental health."

A fine line exists between intense healthfulness and an unhealthy obsession.

The female triad

Donbrock started running in high school, and it quickly motivated every thought, action and life decision. Before finding her passion, the middle schooler considered herself unathletic. She struggled with body image and self-confidence.

"I was very insecure, even when I was young. Going into high school, I started to run, and that sort of became my thing. Unfortunately, I started to become a little bit too obsessed with running," Donbrock said.

Eventually, the avid runner took drastic measures to improve her cross-country race times. She would run a minimum of three miles per day, sometimes training multiple times a day. Her lunch consisted of a can of peas. At 5-foot-7, she barely weighed 100 pounds.

To any random bystander, Donbrock exhibited peak physical condition. She lost weight and improved drastically.

"I had an issue. I definitely had an eating disorder where I had a very negative relationship with my body and food," Donbrock said.

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According to Biesemeyer, an entire classification of eating disorders called orthorexia exist to define situations like Donbrock's.

"It's like a very intense obsession with healthy foods and working out, to the point that you can't indulge in something. You can't take a rest day," Biesemeyer said.

An obsession can have the opposite effect on mental health.

The athlete fell victim to the 'female triad,' characterized by under-eating, overtraining and the loss of her menstrual cycle.

Donbrock eventually broke her left foot running a half marathon due to low bone density – a side effect of her unhealthy lifestyle habits.

Two years later, she broke her other foot.

Donbrock totaled nine stress fractures in her feet during her running career.

Although devastating, her second injury woke her up. Donbrock realized the harsh reality she was living; A reality she created herself.

Now Donbrock embraces her body and trains for strength instead of weight loss. She also helps others do the same by leading fitness classes and sharing her story.

A healthy lifestyle

Justin Boggs, a WSU alum, tells quite a different story, though he still arrives at the same destination. His main goal was weight loss, but along the way, he found the path towards a healthy lifestyle.

"Weight loss felt like a vehicle to my other goals." Boggs said.

Around the fall of 2019, Boggs weighed 420 pounds. He struggled to find comfortable fitting pants, and walking a mile became a challenge. The 33-year-old knew he needed to change his habits.

Boggs found all the intentional weight loss programs overwhelming and eventually settled on limiting calories and increasing physical activity. It worked.

He now weighs half his starting weight – 210 pounds – and currently trains for half marathons. The alum attributes his success to finding the right balance.

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“If you keep an eye on what you do, then you can be healthy, but not to the point where it’s detrimental to your relationships with people or your mental health,” Boggs said. “It would really stink to go to a nice restaurant and not be able to eat.”

Athletes may reach their goals slower, but they will be reached more sustainably.

“Are you going to necessarily want to stick with a Jenny Craig diet for the rest of your life? Probably not. But you can stick with a healthy lifestyle,” Boggs said.

Donbrock had to break both feet to realize her obsession, but others can still obtain a healthy lifestyle without such drastic measures.

The journey may not be quick, but it will be worth it.

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The Student Government Association (SGA) held a meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. where Resolution 21-11, advocating for an increase in the Student Legal Services (SLS) fee, was passed.

Resolution 21-11

Resolution 21-11 will increase SLS's fee from \$11 to \$16 a semester. This was done to help support the service, as the drop in student enrollment will not allow the service to continue operating in the future.

"Whereas, Student Legal Services is an office on campus with multiple attorneys providing services, equal to a fully functioning law firm that is available for students. Whereas, Student Legal Services has been a part of Wright State University since its inception in 2000, serving on average 85% of the student population," SGA President Adrian Williams said, quoting the resolution.

Resolution 21-12

Resolution 21-12, which highlights the Wright State University (WSU) women's volleyball team's recent success, was tabled until next week's meeting.

"Whereas, Wright State University's women's volleyball team on April 3, 2021, won the Horizon League Championship tournament over the University of Illinois Chicago," Williams said, quoting the resolution.

Constitution and Bylaw changes

SGA will soon make changes to their Constitution and Bylaws. While complete details were not released, potential budget cuts were mentioned.

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. via WebEx. All WSU students are welcome to attend.

Dayton's Not Dead: Historic Plaza Theatre
Maxwell Patton

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April 15, 2021

A spot well known for first dates and family movie nights, the Historic Plaza Theatre in downtown Miamisburg, OH has been entertaining its guests with popular motion pictures for over a century.

History

According to the website Box Office Mojo, the average price for a movie ticket in 2020 was \$9.37. When the Weaver brothers opened the Plaza Theatre on Christmas Day 1919, each ticket cost a moviegoer just 22 cents.

At the time, the theatre featured a Wurlitzer organ and almost 700 seats. It was converted into the western retail store Sor-rell's and remained in business until 2002, staying open until 1968 due to competition from the television.

After an extensive restoration, the theatre reopened Christmas Day 2015 with almost 300 seats, screening movies for guests from across the region ever since.

Challenges in the movie industry

According to executive director Emily von Stuckrad-Smolinski, a challenge for the business is caring for the century-old building it is housed in. The non-profit Plaza Theatre Association, which helped raise funds for the theatre's restoration, is responsible for that care.

"We have faced floods, both in the basement and the roof along with multiple HVAC leaks," Stuckrad-Smolinski said. "These repairs have been very costly, always unexpected and unavoidable, but we have always found a way to raise donations to fund the repairs."

Closing on March 13, 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, the business reopened three months later on June 11 with a showing of the 1940 film "The Philadelphia Story" and a slashed seating capacity of 100 people.

Donors who contributed to the theatre while it was closed received recognition on its 34-foot screen when the doors opened once again.

Due to the pandemic, the motion picture industry slowed to a standstill and left the Plaza Theatre with few options. They were only able to show classic films, but this obstacle gave them an advantage.

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“Originally, in 2015, the theatre opened solely showing classics, so I was able to pull our records to see what historically had good numbers,” Stuckrad-Smolinski said.

From October to December, the Plaza Theatre shows holiday staples, and this line-up switches to Oscar-nominated flicks from January to March.

“There wasn’t much to choose from this year as it was already on VOD or the film didn’t draw a great crowd anyway,” Stuckrad-Smolinski said. “Still, life is getting back to normal slowly in our industry.”

A community business

According to Stuckrad-Smolinski, the staff at the theatre consists of one full-time employee, five part-time workers and around 75 volunteers.

“We are very much community-owned and community-run,” Stuckrad-Smolinski said. “When you come to the Plaza Theatre, it’s a place to meet friends, see neighbors and have a great time.”

One of those managers is Wright State University (WSU) student Shelby Prenger, who finds pleasure in her experiences working there.

“It’s definitely a darling of the community,” Prenger said. “Everyone from the volunteers to the patrons are super passionate about how it’s doing.”

The Plaza Theatre offers monthly live performances, which will resume when those productions can be booked, in addition to their film screenings. Currently, they sell tickets for normal screenings at \$5 each and offer a \$99 private rental special for any customer wishing to rent out the theatre.

WSU’s Delta Zeta Supports Professors Amid Retrenchment Concerns

Alexis Wisler

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Following the faculty retrenchment announcement and a year of remote learning, the Wright State University (WSU) Delta Zeta chapter has put together a photo collage showing support for their professors and other faculty members.

Showing support

Delta Zeta wanted to show their support for the professors who have kept the community's spirits up. Many Delta Zeta members are continuing to self-quarantine, so they wanted to find a remote way to give their thanks to the faculty.

Delta Zeta Vice President of Membership Danielle Vitale came up with a photo collage that they can send to professors. Vitale says that she wanted the photos to be taken on campus, yet socially distanced, to show support to the Raider community.

Although most professors have not shared their feelings about the retrenchment, Vitale says she knows that the photo collage has been meaningful.

"I've never had a professor come straight out and tell me 'I'm scared about this,' but once we started sending this collage out to our professors, they kind of opened up to us," Vitale said.

Another member of Delta Zeta, Maci Krites, says that she hopes the photo collage will show faculty how much they mean to students.

"It is important to show them that even through all the budget cuts and hardships of virtual learning that they are the biggest reason that we can continue our education," Krites said.

Sharing the love

Vitale encourages professors who receive the photo collage to share it with other faculty members. So far, the sorority has emailed the photo collage to their professors, but they want all faculty members on campus to know that they support them even if they don't directly send them the photo collage.

Vitale says one professor even shared it on their Facebook.

Another way Delta Zeta shared the love with this photo collage was by inviting Savanna Stewart, a long-time friend of Vitale and Sinclair student, to photograph the pictures.

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Stewart says that she has been a photographer for a while now and was honored when Vitale asked her to be a part of this project.

“It felt really cool to be able to help Delta Zeta work on this project in support of Wright State’s professors and faculty,” Stewart said.

No Raider left behind

Delta Zeta not only wants to show their support for faculty during these hard times but to bring the Raider community together as well. Both Vitale and Krites want students to keep their heads held high, keep moving forward and know that they will all get through this together.

“Lean on others when you need them and be the support for others when you are needed,” Krites said.

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The Student Government Association (SGA) is working on painting squares in the tunnels between Med Sci & Fawcett. Contrary to past years, any active organization can sign up to leave its mark on the tunnel walls.

Tunnel painting

The SGA Speaker of the House, Lacey Loges, organized the events on April 13 and April 16 from 2–5 p.m.

Three organizations per day can sign up to paint with two representatives. If other representatives want to come, they must clear it with Loges.

Even if the representatives lack in the artistic field, Loges has a plan for it all. Organizations submit a logo or image to Loges three to four days before they paint to be projected and traced onto the wall.

If any organizations are interested in signing up or knowing more about the tunnel paintings, contact Loges at lacey.loges@wsusg.com.

SOAR

Before the coronavirus pandemic hit, organizations were required to go through SOAR, a five-tiered challenge program that motivates student organizations to achieve their goals.

According to Loges, if organizations did tier one, they had one title square, and if they went up to tier five, they would get four title squares.

President of the Association of Black Business Students Dai'Shanae Moore is looking forward to more organizations taking advantage of the tunnel painting event.

“I think it's way easier and less difficult now to just paint a square [than go through] SOAR. I know that particular thing was the reason why a lot of our clubs and organizations could not paint a square in the tunnel, and that's why it only has like 1/3 of everything Wright State offers,” Moore said.

Leaving a legacy

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CEO of ReyRey Café and president of Club Bowling Jessica Pitt has a time lined up to add Club Bowling's mark to the tunnel walls. When Pitt heard that all organizations were able to paint sections, she was excited to see if ReyRey Café could be included.

"I think it would be a great idea for them to continue this next year when people are back on campus," Pitt said. "ReyRey Café just became registered the last couple of years and I'm wondering if we could paint our own square too."

Leaving a legacy at WSU is something that organizations strive to do. By providing a space for members to literally make their mark, the tunnel paintings give way to creating lasting legacies.

"I think it's so important because it's not just showing that this organization is here but it is allowing family, students and alumni in the public to see that our school has a community for everyone," Moore said.

Roxanne Roessner
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Dr. Christine Junker has taught at Wright State University (WSU) for over 15 years. Junker teaches English courses at the Lake Campus and spends her time hiking and teaching yoga when she is not in the classroom.

Early life and education

Junker grew up in northern Michigan and attended Farris State for her undergrad. After taking one semester as a finance major, Junker changed her college course by studying English and went on to get her Ph.D. at Michigan State.

After she received her degree, Junker was an adjunct in 2006 and later became an instructor in 2008-2009 at WSU. In 2013, Junker received a tenure track position at the Lake Campus and has taught almost all of the English courses that are offered.

While Junker does not have one course that she enjoys the most, there is a specific aspect that makes her classes enjoyable.

“I love teaching literature classes for the discussions. When the chemistry really works and students get along with each other and feed off each other, that makes an awesome class. I could be teaching the best content in the world, but if I had a group of people that just didn’t click with me or each other, it wouldn’t be fun,” Junker said.

Junker outside of the classroom

Junker is motivated by learning new things and expanding her horizons through communication with others.

“I think I’m motivated a lot by collaborating with people and working with people. Having that exchange of ideas and conversations makes it all worthwhile. I try to create a space where people feel comfortable so that they can come up with creative ideas and try them out,” Junker said.

When Junker is not teaching in the classroom or from home, she can be found doing home improvement projects, gardening, painting and furniture refinishing.

Junker has two daughters that have helped shape the world around her. One of the main lessons she has learned is letting things take their course in life and being okay with change.

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“I want to be with the people I love and see the things that I love. When I teach about love, I see this Hallmark version of it and it’s way more complicated than that. It drives us to do all sorts of crazy things, but we also have to have space for it, which a lot of people don’t necessarily have,” Junker said.

Ohio Seeking to Block Transgender Participation in Sports
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With the introduction of Senate Bill 132, Ohio is looking to join more than 20 states halting transgender participation in sports throughout K-12 and collegiate settings.

Introduced by Ohio state Sen. Kristina Roegner, R-Hudson, the bill seeks to halt transgender athletes from participating in sports teams associated with their gender identity.

Currently, the Ohio High School Athletics Association (OHSAA) requires transgender women to complete at least one year of hormone treatment before participating in a women's sport or seek special permission from the executive director's office after demonstrating she doesn't possess any physical or physiological advantages over those athletes born as women.

Wright State involvement

Wright State University's (WSU) intercultural specialist of the LGBTQA Center, Emily Yantis-Houser, said that The LGBTQA+ community across Ohio is working to oppose this legislation.

Citizens from Cleveland to Columbus to Dayton (and beyond) are all a part of this coalition. They collect testimonies and stories of others to bring to the table to support trans-athletes and oppose this bill.

"I am a member of a statewide LGBTQ Youth Advocacy Coalition with Equality Ohio, and I have been working with that group, along with some WSU students, to strategize in opposition of the bill. The group is focused on meeting with legislators, providing education to the public regarding the issue, and collecting stories in support of trans-athletes across the state," Yantis-Houser said.

While Roegner and supporters of Senate Bill 132 cite inclusivity for women as a driving point behind Senate Bill 132, Yantis-Houser said that it's typical for trans-exclusion to be hidden behind an "inclusivity for women" agenda.

"We as a society hold the belief that there are certain characteristics, especially bodily ones, that distinguish men and women, but that is not true. Language like this perpetuates the incredibly harmful message that trans women are just 'men in dresses,' and it reduces human beings to body parts," Yantis-Houser said.

Supporters of legislation blocking trans participation in athletics often argue that trans women, because they were born male, are stronger and faster than their peers who were born female.

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Yantis-Houser disagrees with this assessment and said that there are diminishing amounts of evidence supporting such claims as time passes.

“These bills perpetuate the belief that women are less than men, physically and otherwise, and that they need to be protected. Again, harmful or hateful language or action is typically hidden behind the ideas of safety and protection when it has more to do with power and the discomfort of the privileged,” Yantis-Houser said.

Student Opinion

WSU president of Beta Phi Omega and director of diversity and inclusion for the Fraternity and Sorority Council Nat Williams said that this bill acts as further proof that legislators are misinformed about trans athletes.

“They [legislators] believe that trans women are just trying to infiltrate women’s sports to win competitions, and this is simply not true,” Williams said.

Regarding the bill’s premise of inclusivity for women, Williams argues that the bill acts on the contrary.

“It’s completely ridiculous that ‘inclusivity’ is being used to back this bill,” Williams said. “There are similarities between this bill and things that legislators have been perpetuating against the LGBTQA community for years. From our rights in bathrooms to sports ... to say this is anything other than bigotry is absolutely wrong.”

While Yantis-Houser and Williams believe that Ohio Senate Bill 132 opposes inclusivity, the two said that WSU goes above and beyond to create an inclusive environment for all students.

“We provide a plethora of resources and support to our trans students, including gender-inclusive housing, all-gender restrooms across campus, legal name change services with Student Legal Services, name and pronoun change with RaiderConnect that also translates to classroom technologies (Pilot, etc.),” Yantis-Houser said.

Williams noted the difficulty of coming out to those in the public and the feeling of being seen as a target.

“Emily was one of the first people I came out to as non-binary, and it wasn’t easy. You look at the news, and you’re at the center of a national conversation against your own will,” Williams said. “I’ve known who I am my whole life; I’m just me.”

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A second student at WSU who opposes Senate Bill 132 but wishes to remain anonymous said that legislators should spend more time researching the facts between men's and women's athletics before banning people from participating.

"I haven't seen much research that says that trans women are out here dominating women's sports, so it's kind of crazy to think that they are just banned from competing altogether. If I was trans and wanted to compete, I couldn't imagine how frustrating it would be to see people working against me. It's not very fair at all, considering these people are just trying to do what makes them happy," the student said.

This is Why You Should Be Careful Posting Your Vaccine Card

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As more people become vaccinated for the coronavirus, sharing a picture of vaccine cards on social media has become a form of celebrating this transition to normal life. However, there is a newfound issue of people posting their vaccine cards online and risking identity theft.

What information is considered sensitive?

There is sensitive information on vaccine cards that patients should be wary of sharing online. According to the Healthline website, sensitive information consists of your name, birthday and date of vaccination. This is all information that can put people at risk of identity theft.

“The vaccination card not only has your name and date of birth, but it also shows when and where you were vaccinated. By posting images of this document on social media, you’re sharing sensitive data that may fall in bad hands,” the Healthline website said.

Is it really that risky?

While it may not appear that easy to use this information to commit identity theft, it is hazardous to share the information because criminals can use that piece of information to access other personal details.

“Think of it this way — identity theft works like a puzzle, made up of pieces of personal information. You don’t want to give identity thieves the pieces they need to finish the picture. One of those pieces is your date of birth,” the Federal Trade Commission said.

Like many occurrences, posting pictures of vaccine cards originates with social media and online trends. Because the coronavirus pandemic has been traumatic and strenuous for many, people are sharing their vaccine cards as a means of moving forward to normalcy. However, it is important to consider the risks before sharing online.

One student’s loophole to sharing their vaccine card

WSU Biology student Kameron Flanders is looking forward to getting vaccinated in the near future. As a future medical professional, Flanders considers getting vaccinated as crucial to the handling of the pandemic.

Flanders has an idea that might help students and others who want to share their vaccine cards but do not want their information exposed.

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“I would post it but block out any identifying details so people couldn’t use the information to look me up,” Flanders said.

The WSU community is reminded to be careful with what personal information is posted online. Blocking out information is a safer way for students to get around the risks but still share their vaccine journey.

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It has been almost nine months since I came to the U.S. and started pursuing my Master's in Marketing Analytics and Insights at Wright State University (WSU). During such a long time, I have noticed differences that have made this time positively different from my undergraduate studies in Ukraine.

Course flexibility

I didn't have a chance to choose the courses I wanted to take when I was getting my Bachelor's degree. In addition, it was a complicated process if I wanted to change my major.

In contrast, here at WSU, I can build my own schedule with the required courses and electives I want. It gave me an opportunity to meet different students and work with them, while I had the same group I was studying within Ukraine for three years with the courses that were chosen for me.

Lectures and Pilot platform

I was amazed how professors strive to prepare every lecture material and presentation for the class. They want to make students engaged in discussions, asking questions and conducting polls, making everyone solve cases like you are facing the situation in real life.

After the lectures, you can simply find these materials and your grades on the online platform Pilot. It helps you to stay organized and follow all deadlines without worrying that you will forget something that was said during the class.

Soft skills development

Although I was confident that I could stay motivated and responsible during studying, I was able to better develop my time-management and attention to detail skills through the busy class schedule. I had to complete all the assignments before deadlines in order to gain good results in my class performance. These are skills I will be able to use in my future career.

Belonging to the WSU community

Despite the coronavirus situation, I was impressed by how easily I could contribute to the WSU community and communicate with other students. Joining the team of The Wright State Guardian was one of the best decisions that I made even before the start of the classes back in

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August 2020. I started to be in the center of news and events that were happening at WSU without being actually present on campus.

In addition, online group projects gave me an opportunity to get acquainted with many interesting domestic and international students. Online campus events helped me stay connected as well.

I am thankful to the Wright State Center for International Education (UCIE) and my professors who created such a welcoming environment for my personal and professional development as an international student during the last two semesters.

I was impressed with how hard work paid off in my grades and the knowledge that I gained at WSU, and I can't wait to see how much more I will be impressed when we all will be studying in person on campus.

Sidewalk Soldiers: Who They Are and How to Get Involved
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Human trafficking exists as one of the most dangerous threats against women around the world. Locally, an organization called Sidewalk Soldiers has been inspiring the Dayton community to help make a difference for human trafficking victims.

Sidewalk Soldiers

Sidewalk Soldiers is a Dayton 501c3 non-profit organization that seeks to provide hope, help and healing to women who have experienced human trafficking or drug addiction.

Originally founded by a small group of sex trafficking survivors, the organization now operates with a team of advocates from many walks of life. To date, they have helped over 200 women and have seen countless success stories.

What they do

The original group of survivors formed an outreach team to go into high trafficking/drug-ridden areas to share their story in hopes of inspiring or helping other victims to escape and seek a better life. In addition, the latest efforts are hosting virtual events to raise awareness and looking for more people to volunteer and/or donate.

“My most memorable moment was at a street outreach that we encountered 17 ladies in a short amount of time. We had two folks call for help from that outreach. One has been off the streets for three years now,” one member of Sidewalk Soldiers who wished to remain anonymous said.

WSU Human Trafficking Panel Update

At one point, there was a Human Trafficking Awareness panel at WSU that was started by a Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies alum. However, WSU Intercultural Specialist Emily Yantis-Houser indicated that this was a student-led panel and has died out since those students graduated.

How WSU students can help

WSU students can help by volunteering to help this organization, fundraising and/or raising awareness by talking about the issue of trafficking and spreading information to help people who are at risk.

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Sidewalk Soldiers Board member Amy Cornelius provided several events and opportunities that WSU students may participate in to make a difference in the Dayton community.

“There are many ways your talents can be used to impact others. You can sponsor an outreach, or host a collection or drive at your work, small groups, or church. You can also help by knowing the signs of human trafficking and spreading the word about Sidewalk Soldiers,” Cornelius said.

Additionally, the following are upcoming events that WSU students are invited to participate in if they are interested in getting involved:

- April 14: Human Trafficking 101 and Survivor’s Story at Dayton Engineers Club
- May 20 at 7 p.m.: Human Trafficking Zoom Presentation (sign up at <https://go.oncehub.com/AdultEducation>)
- May: Safe House Outreaches (dates and times vary; please reach out to Sidewalk Soldiers to confirm schedule as it becomes available at sidewalksoldiers4christ@gmail.com).