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Weekly Horoscopes

Star Signer

April 19, 2021

Ever think about what movie you would star in if your life were a movie? Wonder no more. Read here to learn what movie you would star in based on your zodiac sign.

## **ARIES**

Aries, you are adventurous and rise to any challenge. If you starred in any movie, it would no doubt be "Avengers: Infinity War." The hero is up to your choosing.

## **TAURUS**

Taurus, you often are calm and collected and enjoy the beautiful and serene moments in life. If you starred in any movie, it would definitely be "The Sound of Music." It's a long one but it's a good one.

## **GEMINI**

You are a busy bee and often don't get as much done as you would like. If you were to star in any movie it would be "Ferris Bueller's Day off." You may find yourself in an unlucky situation sometimes, but hang in there, it will give you a good laugh later.

## **CANCER**

Cancer, you are highly intuitive and sometimes even a bit magical in your own sort of way. If you were to star in a movie, it would be "Frozen." Don't hide from your abilities this season Cancer.

## **LEO**

With a draw to be in the spotlight and a very passionate future, perhaps the best movie for a Leo to star in is "Mary Queen of Scots." A 2018 movie that focuses on royalty.

## **VIRGO**

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Virgo, you are a perfectionist at heart but always ready to improve your skills. If you were to star in any movie, it would be “The Incredibles.” An action filled movie with impressive character development.

## **LIBRA**

Libra, you often strive for harmony, peace, and balance. It may seem that ironically, the movie you would star in is “Karate Kid.” Ultimately, even if it takes learning how to fight, you will find peace.

## **SCORPIO**

Scorpio, with your amount of power and passion for anything you set your mind to, there is only one movie you could truly star in. That movie is “Iron Man.”

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Always on the chase for knowledge, one movie character comes in mind for you Sagittarius. If you were to star in a movie, it would be “Harry Potter.”

## **CAPRICORN**

Capricorn, hardworking and dedicated, you often find yourself having difficulty stepping away from your work. You also show strong leadership skills and an inability to take no for an answer. Perhaps the movie you would star in would be “Elizabeth.”

## **AQUARIUS**

Extremely intellectual and complex, Aquarius will definitely be starring in a movie that throws the audience through a loop. “Inception” is the perfect movie for Aquarius’s to find themselves at home.

## **PISCES**

A struggle between fantasy and reality often finds its way to Pisces. If you were to star in any movie, it would absolutely be “Jumanji.” With a number of main characters to choose from, Pisces has some options for the role they play.

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Exploring a Vote of Confidence/No Confidence in Edwards: Voting Ends Thursday

Nicolas BenVenuto

April 19, 2021

651 faculty members are eligible to vote for confidence/no-confidence in Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards, with the voting period ending at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 22.

## Background

Established as a WSU Faculty Senate procedure in October 2017, the WSU Faculty Senate [Constitution](#) affords faculty members the right to initiate a vote of confidence/no-confidence in any administrator holding the rank of dean or above.

Requirements for voting eligibility include holding the title of instructor or above and holding a 75% appointment at the university.

This procedure is incumbent, and while the WSU Faculty Senate facilitates and processes each vote of confidence/no-confidence, enacting the vote is not an action of the Faculty Senate, nor has the Faculty Senate debated a vote of confidence/no-confidence in any Faculty Senate meeting.

The vote is non-binding, meaning the procedure is merely an expression of sentiment amongst those partaking in the vote. Much like citizens throughout the United States have the right to petition against those in public office for a redress of grievances, WSU faculty have expressed a desire to articulate concerns with President Edwards.

Collectively, the [petition](#) to enact this vote of confidence/no-confidence in Edwards expresses a list of 14 grievances and alleges a lack of integrity and leadership ability in the university's eighth president.

Upon receiving the notification by Faculty Senate President Laura Luehrmann on March 23 that the Faculty Office had received the required number of signatures on the petition against her, Edwards was afforded the opportunity to prepare and distribute a [rebuttal](#) over a 10-day period.

"I've made every effort to address those criticisms head on in numerous Faculty Senate meetings and my repeated WebEx sessions," Edwards said in her rebuttal. "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."

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Edwards additionally noted that the allegations against her presented in the petition are an attack on her personal and professional integrity and that she will continue to be truthful and transparent.

## **What's next**

Voting ends at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, April 22, and shortly thereafter Faculty Senate President Dr. Laura Luehrmann, Faculty Vice President Brian Boyd and Faculty Parliamentarian Dr. Michael Raymer will download the vote results from Qualtrics.

Qualtrics is a web-based survey tool used to conduct survey research, evaluations, and other data collection activities. This is the same tool used in WSU's Faculty Senate elections.

According to Luehrmann, the session will be recorded to remain transparent in all procedures related to the vote.

A report on the total number of votes for either confidence/no-confidence will be completed and made public within five business days of April 22.

"The Faculty Senate shall provide a written report to the administrator [Dr. Edwards], their immediate supervisors [Board of Trustees], the appropriate governance body [Faculty Senate], and other interested parties as deemed appropriate," Luehrmann said. "All of this is very transparent, and we do that extremely purposefully."

## **Prior votes of confidence/no-confidence**

The last time the WSU Faculty Office facilitated a university-wide faculty vote of confidence/no-confidence was in February 2019.

This occurrence sought a vote of confidence/no-confidence in WSU's Board of Trustees and included participation from 440 faculty members out of a pool of 735 eligible faculty members.

At that time, the petition to initiate the vote of confidence/no-confidence in the WSU Board of Trustees included a list of eight grievances against the board.

The petition spoke to a five-year pattern of behavior by the board that caused significant harm to the university.

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In the Board of Trustees rebuttal to allegations presented against them, the board stated that “the board kept their primary goal in mind: to ensure the financial sustainability of the university and the promise of a high quality, affordable education to our current and future students.”

The vote was a landslide, with results showing 87% of faculty voting no-confidence in the board and just 13% of voters expressing confidence.

For the complete notice, petition and rebuttal of this vote of confidence/no-confidence, click [here](#).

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WSU Volleyball Makes History Again at NCAA Tournament

Noah Kindig

April 19, 2021

After winning the Horizon League Championship against UIC 3-0, Wright State University (WSU) Volleyball headed to the NCAA Tournament for their first-round match against Samford.

WSU shocked the tournament and Samford with a dominant 3-0 sweep, moving on to face Texas the next day. The Longhorns got the better of the Raiders in their matchup, ending their season in the second round.

While the season is over, this year was the program's first Horizon League Championship and the Horizon League's first win in the NCAA.

## **Smashing serves and balancing offense**

Head coach Allie Matters and assistant Dan O'Keefe did their homework for Samford, as the Bulldogs' star player Lauren Deaton had nine kills, but needed 37 total attempts to do it.

"We scouted really well," Matters said. "We were able to go after the hitter we knew they would be giving the majority of their sets to."

WSU totaled 14 service aces in their sweep over Samford, with the Bulldogs only able to manage three. Callie Martin led the Raiders with five aces, as Teddie Sauer with Lainey Stephenson had four and three respectively.

Aces at the beginning of sets helped the Raiders jump on the Bulldogs early every set, as three of Martin's aces at the start of set two gave WSU a 9-0 lead, and four quick aces in the final set gave WSU a 9-2 lead.

"We did really well behind the service line," Matters said. "It made a big difference for us. We were able to get 14 aces, which we're not really used to doing in our own league."

Where Samford relied only on Deaton to give them an edge, WSU's usage of all their hitters made them much more of an offensive threat.

Celia Powers, Megan Alders, and Nyssa Baker all totaled eight or more kills for WSU, and none of them reached 20 attempts to Deaton's almost 40.

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“The passing was on, and our connections were just on point tonight,” Alders said.

On getting the Horizon League’s first NCAA win, Matters said that the team only focuses on themselves.

“We try not to make it about anyone but us. We’re really proud to do something like that for the Horizon League... but everything has kind of happened by accident. We just do what we do, and the accolades come,” Matters said.

## **Blocked by the Longhorns**

While the Raiders fought hard against Texas, the height difference and blocking at the net gave the Longhorns the edge over the Raiders.

Texas totaled 15 blocks to WSU’s two, turning their own ideas of shutting down their opponent’s offense against them.

“In the end, it just came down to a physicality thing. Getting past their block was tough,” Matters said.

They backed up that blocking with excellent offense, as Logan Eggleston led the game in kills with 11.

While Texas beat WSU 3-0 in sets, it was a much closer match than the score seemed to say.

“The score doesn’t represent how it felt out there,” Mallory Ladd said. “I feel like we played better than what the scores represent.”

This historic season for the Raiders with a Horizon League Championship and an NCAA win will only further the team’s confidence heading into next season.

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Exceptional Student Leaders Recognized at Annual Awards Ceremony  
Maxwell Patton  
April 20, 2021 Wright Life

Students with exceptional leadership skills were recognized at the virtual Student Leadership Awards on April 8.

This is the 36 year that the event was held, and the second year that it was done virtually. Program Manager for Leadership in the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Jeremy Keller hosted it through WebEx.

## **Virtual celebrations**

The Student Leadership Awards serves as an end-of-year celebration where all of the work that student leaders, advisors and organizations put in over the school year is recognized.

According to Keller, one of the most prestigious awards given is the Senior Leader Award.

“It gives them a chance to be highlighted of all the things they’ve done over their entire undergraduate career at Wright State,” Keller said. “Their [award] doesn’t just focus on one school year, but rather their entire leadership experience while they’ve been here.”

Each award category has a committee assigned to it that consists of two faculty or staff and one student. These committees decide which nominees for a category receive that award.

“In years past, it’s been harder to find that three or four-person committee who can all meet at the same time and all sit down together for a half-hour and fully go through everybody,” Keller said. “This has helped to expedite that, and I think that’s something we may be keeping as we move back to it in person.”

Keller says that there are two important qualities, ingenuity and passion, that each recipient of their respective awards has.

“[They have] a passion and drive to leave their organization in a better spot than it was when they started, not necessarily when they took on this position but when they first joined the organization,” Keller said.

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## Award recipients

Student Body President Adrian Williams received the Distinguished Senior Leader Award, with the other recipients of Senior Leader awards being Nicole Oller, Chiemeka Okafor, Alexandria Applin, Lacey Loges, Reilly Corbett, Eli Smith, Brooke Neal, Taylor Ronnebaum and Tina Hohman.

The Distinguished Established Student Leader Award went to Makenzie Hoeflerlin. Recipients of Established Student Leader Awards were Roxanne Roessner, Nick BenVenuto, Destiny Ellars, Dylan Hall, Sydney McGilton, Garrett Regan, Shanice White, Shea Neal, and Alexis Wisler.

Neal, the upcoming general manager of WWSU, was surprised to receive this award but is excited to get to know some of the other nominees and recipients.

“I didn’t really think that I would be in that conversation with some of those amazing leaders and talented individuals on campus just because I’d never really thought of myself as one of the leaders of this organization, but it’s an honor and I’m very humbled,” Neal said.

The Distinguished Emerging Student Leader Award went to Kaci Lovejoy, and Jake Wells received the Distinguished Graduate Student Leader Award.

The Advisor of the Year award went to Dr. Joy Gockel, who is the faculty advisor for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Faculty Senate President Dr. Laura Luerhmann received Student Supporter of the Year.

Student Organization of the Year went to the Collegiate eSports Club and the club’s president, Ryan Slater, received an Advanced Student Leader award.

“If you are trying to be a good leader, surround yourself with people that are smarter than you,” Slater said. “If you can, as a leader, succeed in bringing people in who will be able to run the club without you there, that’s all I think you really need to do.”

Ohio Block on Telemedicine Abortions Reconsidered on April 19  
Kaitlyn Chrosniak  
April 20, 2021

On April 6, Hamilton County Judge Alison Hatheway put a temporary block on Ohio Senate Bill 260 as part of an ongoing movement in the state to overturn the bill.

The bill was put into effect at the end of 2020 to stop women from having access to medicinal abortions through telehealth services.

### **Ohio Senate Bill 260**

On Dec. 17, 2020, the Ohio Senate passed Ohio Senate Bill 260 with a 54-30 vote, which would institute felony charges for any medical provider found issuing medication abortions via telemedicine.

“Telemedicine medication abortion (TMAB) allows patients to take a series of two pills from home to complete the abortion, under the care of a medical professional from a distance,” University of Pittsburgh School of Law writer Amelia Rude said in a brief breakdown of the ruling.

The primary medication prescribed for medication abortions is called RU-486, more commonly known as mifepristone. Mifepristone is meant to be prescribed within 70 days of a woman’s last menstrual cycle, and the patient is meant to follow up with their healthcare provider in one to two weeks to make sure there were no complications.

“It appears that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires mifepristone to be dispensed in clinics, medical offices, and hospitals by or under the supervision of a certified healthcare provider,” Ohio Senator Matt Huffman said in an Ohio Senate Final Analysis on April 12.

Women in Ohio prior to the bill would have an in-person visit at the Cincinnati, Cleveland or Columbus Planned Parenthood locations before they have a second virtual visit with a local doctor at least 24 hours later to be prescribed mifepristone.

### **Fight for overturning**

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Before Judge Hatheway granted the block on April 6, Planned Parenthood of America, as well as affiliate locations throughout Ohio, began filing lawsuits against the Ohio Department of Health earlier this month.

“Ohio is one of the most medically underserved states in the country, a problem particularly felt by black communities, people of color, as well as the LGBTQ+ community in our state,” President and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio Iris Harvey said in a recent statement.

On April 19, both the Ohio Health Department and Planned Parenthood will be able to present their sides in court.

Perception Does Not Equal Reality: Sexual Assault Awareness

Alexis Wisler

April 21, 2021

On Thursday, April 15, speaker Bonny Shade talked about what it means to support sexual assault survivors.

The College Panhellenic Council hosted the virtual Sexual Assault Awareness event along with the Victims Advocate Office, the Fraternity and Sorority Alumni Association and the Greene County Prosecutor's Office.

### **Sexual assault awareness**

"Sexual violence can be experienced as a wide range of unwanted sexual behavior which occurs without consent. Victims may be manipulated, coerced, threatened and/or forced," Greene County Prosecutor's Office Victim/ Witness Director Teri LaJeunesse said.

According to Shade, one in five college-aged women and one in 16 college-aged men will experience sexual assault. These numbers may seem high to some, but the reality is that 90% of cases of sexual assault go unreported.

"It's not because it's not happening, it's because people aren't talking about it," Shade said.

According to College Panhellenic Council President Brittany Zazueta, the goal of the event was to show students what it means to be a sexual assault advocate and supporter.

"We wanted to bring this knowledge of what sexual assault violence is, how to be a good advocate for people even if that means just letting them tell you their story, and how to give the power back to the individual who had the control taken from them in that situation," Zazueta said.

### **"Just Another Assault"**

During the event, Shade gave her presentation titled "Just Another Assault" where she shared her sexual assault story.

Before beginning her presentation, Shade asked the audience to care about themselves by taking the time to step away from their computers if they needed to but to also care about becoming better.

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“My job tonight is not to make you comfortable, it’s to make you better,” Shade said.

During the presentation, Shade encouraged the audience to participate by using the chat feature to answer questions, share their opinions and give any general reactions. Shade made her audience feel included and gave them a chance to use their voices.

According to Shade, the biggest way to advocate for sexual assault survivors and to be aware of the reality of sexual assault is to challenge your thoughts and understand that perception does not equal reality. Shade also told the audience to not only challenge themselves but the people around them as well.

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WSU Student Playing His Way to The Fifa World Cup in 2022

Brandon Sutherland

April 21, 2021

The U.S. Virgin Islands' senior men's national soccer team is competing in the Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022 Qualifiers, and Wright State University's (WSU) Jake Iller is among its elite company

## **Humble beginnings**

From a young age, Iller has had several influences that set him on the path he is currently on today. Iller comes from a family of student-athletes at WSU with both his parents being former athletes in baseball and swimming.

"The first sport I was old enough to try was at the age of four. As I got older, club soccer was so fun with traveling around for games and tournaments, and getting to be exposed to coaches from Brazil, England and South Africa opened my eyes up to different cultures," Iller said.

## **Playing on the next level**

While participating with the U.S. Virgin Islands' men's national team, Iller is in company with elite talent.

Iller has teammates from notable leagues like the China Super League, Australian Premier League, MLS, USL, along with many Division one, Division two and Division three players are on the team.

USVI head coach Gilberto Damiano Jr believes he has a very young team with a bright future.

"I felt really part of the team and Head Coach Damiano has been creating a development plan for me to play professionally after I graduate WSU," Iller said.

## **Semester goals**

Playing for a team like WSU Men's soccer has given Iller the realization of setting his future goals into motion.

"I think it's every player's dream to play professionally and I feel blessed that Coach Slemker believes in my talent and has high expectations for me not only for next season but also supporting me with the National Team and my goals professionally," Iller said.

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In Head Coach Slemker's announcement of Iller's signing, along with his class, Slemker said he would look forward to seeing Iller grow and develop over the next few years.

## **Helpful advice**

Iller hopes to see future players like himself strive on and off the field.

"My advice to younger players would be to get good grades first. Good grades open the doors everywhere for you, but you also have to practice all the time. It's a grind and you have to be willing to put in the time," Iller said.

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WSU Alumni Renika Williams Stars in New HBO Max Series

Roxanne Roessner

April 21, 2021

Renika Williams graduated from Wright State University (WSU) in 2015 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in acting. Williams is currently filming for HBO Max's new series, "The Sex Lives of College Girls," where she plays Willow.

## **Background at WSU**

Williams is from Dayton, Ohio, and grew up doing theatre from age 11. Her father would often take her to classes at the Victoria Theatre in downtown Dayton. Once she got into WSU, Williams participated in plays and interned at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.

"The acting foundation that I got from my training at Wright State is solid. There are things that are different when you're on screen versus on stage, but the foundation is there and it was a great experience that prepared me for this moment," Williams said.

Since Williams has been out of college, she has been in two television roles. The first was a character in Amazon's "Modern Love" and now she is filming for "The Sex Lives of College Girls."

Williams plays Willow, a student-athlete who is a team player that brings everyone together.

"I just love playing characters that are really strong-willed. They know who they are and she is really proud to be Black and to be queer and I love that," Williams said.

One person that helped Williams achieve her dreams was Marya Spring Cordes, an adjunct professor. Williams met Cordes when she was 12 years old and it all came full circle when Cordes took her under her wing at WSU.

According to Williams, her college career at WSU was a full-time job and she appreciated Cordes always guiding her.

## **Advice for WSU students**

According to Williams, students at WSU should try and do as much of their own work as possible.

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“It’s important to take advantage of putting up your own plays, writing them yourself or doing a cabaret with your friends because when you graduate, you don’t have control over getting a job. Actors are at the mercy of someone else. You’re always auditioning and it’s important that you can create your own work,” Williams said.

When the actor was growing up, she wanted to be a doctor because she wanted to fix peoples’ hearts. She later found out that you can do that without actually treating them physically, but by creating art and playing characters that fix them all the same.

“You should appreciate every day and every moment because life truly is short and it makes you love people equally. I have such great people in my life who love me and have always supported me in doing what I love and I couldn’t imagine living life any other way,” Williams said.

## **Outside of work**

When Williams is not on set or working, she finds time to practice yoga, cycle, color adult coloring books, hike, watch television and journal.

“I used to journal all the time and one day I just stopped,” Williams said. “But this is a chapter that I really want to journal and remember later on.”

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SGA: Awards and Recognizing Confidence in President Edwards

Alexis Wisler

April 21, 2021

On Tuesday, April 20, the Student Government Association (SGA) held its last meeting of the academic year, where four resolutions were passed, and several members were awarded for their hard work and dedication over the year.

## **Resolution 21-08 and 21-12**

Resolution 21-08, which commends the women's basketball team for their successful season, was passed unanimously. In addition to this, Resolution 21-12, which commends the women's volleyball team for their successful season, was also passed unanimously.

## **Resolution 21-13**

Resolution 21-13, a resolution of confidence in President Sue Edwards, was introduced and passed unanimously. With passing this resolution, SGA formally recognized confidence in President Edwards. More information about the vote for confidence/no confidence in Edwards can be found [here](#).

"Student government is officially recognizing its confidence in Wright State University's eighth president, Sue Edwards," SGA President Adrian Williams said.

## **Resolution 21-14**

The last resolution to pass was Resolution 21-14 which recognized four members of SGA for their commitment and dedication to SGA throughout all four years during their time as an undergraduate.

This resolution recognized Adrian Williams, Joe York, Eli Smith and Fatima Boumahchad.

"We've had a lot of good times and experienced a lot together. It's been awesome seeing the organization grow and change throughout the years that we have been here," Williams said.

## **Awards**

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To conclude the meeting, nine organization awards were given out to members of SGA and faculty and staff who contributed to SGA throughout the year.

- Staff Member of the Year Award: Gina Keucher
- Faculty Member(s) of the Year Award: Brain Boyd and Laura Luehrmann
- Fall SGA Member of the Term Award: Jonathan Ciero
- Spring SGA Member of the Term Award: Brendan Draper
- SGA Dependability Award: Ty Callahan
- College Advocate of the Year Award: Victoria Solomon
- New SGA Member of the Year Award: Tiphani Moss
- SGA Member of the Year Award: Eli Smith
- Four Year SGA Awards: Adrian Williams, Joe York, Eli Smith, Fatima Boumahchad

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Dayton's Not Dead: Kokopelli Gift House  
Nicolas BenVenuto  
April 22, 2021

Hosting a wide variety of Native American crafts, crystal jewelry and a vast selection of individual crystals, Kokopelli Gift House located at 4125 Little York Rd. in Dayton is the perfect place to find a gift for a loved one.

## Background

With the sound of Native American hymns playing as you enter, Kokopelli Gift House greets all customers with a warm welcoming amongst the lingering scent of burning sage and incense.

Established in 2006, Kokopelli Gift House has been serving the Dayton community and its regular customer base for over 15 years.

Specializing in crystals, jewelry, dreamcatchers and Native American drums and weaponry amongst other various gifts, Kokopelli truly is a dream store for someone looking to either explore their spirituality or to find a gift for someone special.

With prices on individual crystals ranging from \$1 to a few hundred dollars, there are gifts at Kokopelli fitting the budget of all customers.

"We get items from all over the place, some local and others sourced in. It's hard to keep track of sometimes. We are getting new items for customers to purchase almost daily," Kokopelli staff said.

## Customer Experiences

Certified Reiki Master and returning patron of Kokopelli Gift House for over eight years Coral Michelle of Troy said that the atmosphere and knowledge of the staff is what keeps her coming back time after time.

"I love how lit up everything is from the second you walk through the door," Michelle said. "When you visit other crystal shops, it can be sort of dark and almost witch-like. Kokopelli has such an inviting atmosphere and such a wide variety of things to look at and purchase."

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Reiki, a Japanese form of alternative medicine healing called energy healing, sees practitioners using a hands-on healing method, in which the practitioner uses his or her hands to transfer energy to their patient and encourages emotional or physical healing.

Michelle said that oftentimes, crystals are used in holistic healing methods such as those practiced in Reiki.

“I started shopping at Kokopelli for material reasons, like getting gifts for loved ones and things of that nature. After beginning my Reiki practices and learning the holistic healing methods taught in the practice, I began to understand how these crystals work and how to use them to heal my clients,” Michelle said. “Kokopelli has allowed me to continue my practice and use these precious crystals along the way.”

Kokopelli’s off-the-highway location is an additional leading factor amongst the regular customer base.

Derrick Brownlee, also of Troy, said that having a location in between Yellow Springs and Troy keeps him coming back to purchase gifts for his beloved fiancé.

“When you do a Google Search for crystal shops near the Dayton area, most of them are closer to Yellow Springs and areas south of Dayton,” Brownlee said. “Being from Troy, I realized that Kokopelli is the closest place for me to get gifts for my Fiancé, so the choice was a no-brainer.”

Whether you’re looking to explore your spirituality through crystals and Tarot card decks, or looking to purchase a gorgeous piece of Native American Jewelry for a loved one, Kokopelli Gift House in Dayton is a one-stop-shop for all desires.

419 Alive: Casa Rodriguez  
Roxanne Roessner  
April 22, 2021

Casa Rodriguez, located at 202 W Logan St. Celina, Ohio, started in February of 1981 under the care of Ignacia and Tolentino Rodriguez. The restaurant has served the Celina community for over 40 years by providing authentic Mexican dishes and a welcoming environment.

### **Casa's history**

Casa's founders, Ignacia and Tolentino, are not as involved as they once were as their daughters Margaret and Sophia have stepped up to help the restaurant business.

The restaurant started after the Rodriguez couple had a taco stand at the Mercer County Fair. It was there when Ignacia fine-tuned her cooking skills in bulk cooking.

"I remember being at home and my mom was making all of this food, all these different types of food, and inviting people over. Little did I know at the time, they were testing some of the items that they wanted to sell at the restaurant," Sophia Rodriguez said.

According to Casa's website, all of the recipes and special seasonings you enjoy at Casa Rodriguez began in a one-room, self-standing kitchen located in China, Nuevo León, Mexico. It had a dirt floor, no running water or electricity and the smells of food cooking from the chiminea filled the air along with the warm coals that made the magic happen.

Casa provides the community with a wide variety of authentic Mexican dishes that are sure to hit the spot.

### **Community support**

According to Sophia Rodriguez, the coronavirus pandemic helped the business grow over the past year.

"What it did was force us to create new ways in which we engage with our customers. We developed a social media frenzy with customers by doing Facebook Lives and including the customers that came through after we shut down," Rodriguez said.

Casa prides itself on being a safe and friendly place for the community to gather.

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Coldwater native Jake Meyer visits the restaurant when he is home from college.

“I always like the authentic food that they have there. I don’t know what it is, but their rice and beans are my absolute favorite around,” Meyer said.

According to Shannon Woeste, another Coldwater local, she and her family visit from time to time and enjoys the comfortable atmosphere that Casa provides.

Casa Rodriguez can be found on their website <https://casarodriguezcelina.com/> and on Facebook.

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WSU eSports Club Gains Popularity During Pandemic

Maxwell Patton

April 22, 2021

Over the 2020-2021 school year, the Collegiate eSports Club at Wright State University (WSU) faced several challenges as a new student organization but persevered to offer a quality gaming experience for its members.

## **Goals for the semester**

Leading the organization is President Ryan Slater. When Slater was elected in February 2020, the club was primarily based around the game League of Legends. Slater was tasked to generalize the club while having them focused on specific games.

“You’ll have that casual aspect of people who’ll come together and play Minecraft or whatnot, but if you have a Rainbow Six Siege team, they’re not going and playing League of Legends every day for practices,” Slater said. “A lot of the challenge over the summer was how do we build an organization that’s so fractured but yet needs to be unified as an eSports club.”

Another one of Slater’s goals was to foster engagement within the club and to continue to bring in enthusiastic members.

One way they accomplished this was by holding weekly game nights every Saturday night through their Twitch channel and Discord server, playing games such as Among Us, Rocket League and Team Fortress 2. These events have become a favorite of League of Legends team captain Connor McDowell.

“It was fun to play video games I do not usually play and talk to the members of the club who play them,” McDowell said. “It is always a great time and with the pandemic ongoing, it provided much-needed social interaction that was hard to find in person.”

## **Competing with enthusiasm**

Teams throughout the club played strong competitive matches in games like Rocket League and Rainbow Six Siege over the school year. The teams are enthusiastic and proud to compete for WSU.

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“We did not win as many as we would like, but that’s just how competition goes,” McDowell said. “We competed at a high level and took games off a lot of teams that were far better than us on paper.”

On the weekend of Valentine’s Day 2021, many of the eSports Club members took part in the charity stream Spread the Love with universities across the nation to benefit the organization A Kid Again. The event took place over 72 hours and raised more than \$3,000 for the charity, according to Slater.

## **Accomplishments**

The club recently received a \$10,000 grant through the Students First Fund for upcoming projects. As a newer organization on campus, this brought Slater and the members great delight.

“I was in class when I saw the email, and as soon as I got out of class, I immediately called the vice president like ‘dude, we’re in business,’” Slater said.

The club plans to use this funding for hosting bigger and more frequent events along with other projects that Slater announced through the organization’s Twitter account.

For the eSports Club, their semester culminated in them winning the Student Organization of the Year at the Student Leadership Awards, an honor that many of the members were proud of due to the club being relatively new.

One of those members was Rainbow Six Siege player Abner Conyers, who thought of the other clubs when this award was given and how the eSports Club was at the same level as them.

“Just being here is helping the club grow and succeed, and that’s pretty much the spoils of war right there,” Conyers said.

New Interim Provost Evans Addresses Retrenchment and His Goals For Year Ahead

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On Feb. 22, Dr. Oliver Evans began his duties as the new interim Provost for Wright State University (WSU).

### **Dr. Evans' background**

Evans holds a both a doctoral and master's degree from Purdue University in English and began his career teaching business communication at Western Michigan University alongside his wife. He then was offered the opportunity to become the director of Academic Advising and Graduate Studies at a nearby university.

"From there, I went as a chief academic officer to a College of Art and Design, and was with them for actually 18 years and became president of that college while I was there, and took that college through a merger with a state institution, Ferris State University," Evans said.

After retiring as president, Dr. Evans joined the Registry for College and University Presidents, which helps universities such as WSU find qualified professionals to fulfill interim positions while in search of a long-term candidate. The organization selects several potential candidates to interview before offering the position to the candidate who appears the best fit.

"There were several things about Wright State that I thought were very interesting," Evans said. "One is, it has, and it [continues to go] through, obviously a difficult time, but it also has a very well defined mission. Unlike many schools, it has a very good area that it serves [with a] population area that depend upon it."

### **Retrenchment and goals**

Dr. Evans took on the role of interim provost days after President Sue Edwards announced that up to 113 faculty members would be cut during the retrenchment process. This plan was created based upon research performed by the previous interim provost, Dr. Douglas Leaman.

"Generally speaking, I would say that I regard the retrenchment process as being as well designed as such a process can be, and as humanely and thoughtfully carried out such a process can be," Evans said.

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The interim provost will work closely alongside President Edwards during his time at WSU. Evans and Edwards both come from different academic backgrounds, with Evans having a liberal arts history and Edwards, who is a biologist.

“I think we are on the same page we have not had any disagreements,” Evans said. “One of the things that I’ve found professionally over time is that you form relationships with people you’re working with, and you would rather make sure the relationship gets sustained rather than you win or get involved in conflicts.”

Evans also said that one of the main goals he wants to accomplish during his time at WSU is to connect with people on campus and work to improve aspects of the university that students are unhappy with.

“I’m very impressed with the president because she’s very student-driven, and I have been described that way myself in my career, and so I think it’s a good opportunity to find ways to get to know the students, usually through student groups, student organizations, etc.,” said Evans.

The search for a permanent provost is expected to begin in the fall. Evans anticipates that he will be with WSU for 12-18 months.

Housing Move-Out: Policies and What to Know

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Wright State University (WSU) housing planned an easy, centralized spring semester move-out process despite the ongoing pandemic.

## **Logistics**

The second spring move-out in the pandemic brings a mix of pre-pandemic policies, and improved policies from last spring.

In pre-pandemic times, students signed up for a time slot and coordinated with their RAs to move out. This year, according to pamphlets distributed by the WSU housing office, students may move out on any day during finals week, April 26- April 30, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Final move-out for students not in the Wright Path or summer programs will be April 30 at 8 p.m.

WSU Associate Director of Residence Life Jennifer Attenweiler expressed that there will be no pre-move-out room inspections and that instead of leaving keys with RA's, they will need to be dropped off at the housing office.

"This year we are moving to a centralized model... I think it's going to be a little bit easier because students don't have to guess when they'll be ready to go," Attenweiler said.

Policies enforcing masking and the allowance for up to two moving helpers remain in place.

Attenweiler also encourages students to find building-specific cleaning policies on WSU's housing website.

## **Student opinions**

Those living on campus three years or more experienced different versions of arrival and departure during their time as residential students. The pandemic complicates these processes. While WSU aims for a seamless transition this semester, student concerns remain.

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“I think it’s going to be a little bit more stressful than what it would be before we had the pandemic,” Brianna Fedak, a junior living on campus for three years, said.

Fedak expresses the university shut down in March 2020 due to the pandemic caused move-out to be abrupt and frustrating. Hoping for a smoother process than last year, Fedak still recognizes the unique challenges of the global situation.

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Breaking: 137 WSU Faculty Vote 'No Confidence' in President Edwards  
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A total of 137 faculty voted “no confidence” in Wright State University (WSU) President Sue Edwards in a non-binding procedure initiated by a petition.

Out of 651 full-time faculty eligible to vote, only 39.6% voted. While 137 voted no confidence, 121 also voted for confidence in Edwards.

This vote is non-binding, merely an expression of sentiment among the faculty that voted.

“I’m aware the process is underway but, to be clear, the outcome of the faculty vote has absolutely no bearing on the Board’s view of President Edwards,” Board of Trustees Chair Tom Gunlock said. “Sue is doing a remarkable job leading Wright State University through a very difficult period and we are blessed to have her.”

The Student Government Association (SGA) also passed a resolution Tuesday stating its confidence in Edwards.

“I’ve been at Wright State for four years. In my short time here, I’ve experienced faculty pursuing votes of no confidence on three separate occasions. They seem to happen so often I’m not sure of their effectiveness,” Student Body President Adrian Williams said. “Our resolution of confidence in Dr. Edwards is intended to let everyone know we support her because she is a president who has student’s best interest at heart.”

The board reinforced its support of Edwards and her actions as President.

“Our students are the reason we’re here and Sue has been 100% committed to student success since she walked onto campus,” Gunlock said. “This Board has been and remains 100% committed to supporting her and, given the number of people reaching out to me to voice their support for Sue, it is clear that others at Wright State and our broader community do as well.”

Women's Basketball: Merriweather, Baker and Frierson Leave the Roster  
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This year's women's basketball season was full of surprises, but the biggest surprises came after the season was over.

Head Coach Katrina Merriweather and star players Angel Baker and Tyler Frierson have left the team to look for new opportunities.

### **Merriweather to Memphis**

Through her years at Wright State University (WSU), Merriweather has brought the team to several successes. She led the team to multiple Horizon League Championships, WNIT and NCAA Appearances.

"I will miss the people at Wright State. So many people supported and cheered for us," she said.

She was first signed as a head coach in a 2016 contract that was meant to last until 2020, but her successes got her a contract extension until 2022. There was no penalty for ending that contract early after summer 2020.

No news has been announced yet about Merriweather's coaching staff from WSU.

"It's been a bit of a whirlwind the last couple weeks," Merriweather said. "Ultimately, it's about making sure that everyone who is on this roster and a part of my staff is one hundred percent committed to the University of Memphis and being a part of this program."

### **Baker to battle the SEC**

As the star player for WSU, Baker put up great performances since her freshman year and has been a huge part of the team's successes this year.

"Thank you the most for building my confidence, for believing in me, for challenging me to be the best version of myself on and off the court," Baker said. "You have helped me become a better player but most importantly a better person."

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Baker was first team-all conference and Tournament MVP for WSU's HL Championship and totaled 26 points with 11 rebounds in their win over #4 Arkansas.

It seems that Baker's success against the SEC Razorbacks caught the attention of SEC coaches, as Ole Miss quickly signed the transfer to bolster their roster.

"Angel is a winner. She is a competitor and she immediately makes us better," Ole Miss Head Coach Yolett McCuin said.

## **Frierson enters the transfer portal**

While Frierson took a backseat to Baker in the spotlight, the center from California was a perfect fit for how WSU liked to play.

"Wright State has provided me with opportunities to grow in ways I can't even imagine," Frierson said. "Thank you for believing in me."

The Raiders struggled with shooting percentage for much of the regular season, but Frierson's play in the paint helped them reliably close out games.

She plans to pursue her master's degree in Ohio as a graduate transfer, and play in her last year of eligibility.

"Onto the next chapter in my life, I am more than excited to see what God has in store for me," she said.

Frierson has not committed to a team as of yet.

WSU Students Reflect on the Return to Normal

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As people continue to get vaccinated, Wright State University (WSU) is gradually opening campus back up to in-person classes and activities with fall 2021 expected to be the turning point for this transition.

WSU students reflect on what they miss the most from before the coronavirus and what they look forward to once things return to normal.

### **What do WSU students miss the most?**

Going into fall 2021, WSU senior and Social Work major Ashlyn Tate is eager for when she can say goodbye to her mask and begin spending time with more of her friends.

While Tate is excited to go back to normalcy, she is nervous about her peers not taking the proper steps to ensure a healthy and safe environment once in-person activities resume.

“I don’t mind classes staying online and I hope they stay that way. I know the hygiene of myself and that I am trying to protect others, but you never know about others. I could go to campus and sit next to someone who has been bar crawling all weekend with twenty of their friends, and that is not at all okay,” Tate said.

Tate got vaccinated so that she could visit her grandma again. This concern for her family and friends’ health is connected to her concern about what safety precautions her peers may or may not be taking.

WSU student Moriah Dildine is an English major with a concentration in TESOL and wants classes to start back in person for the fall 2021 semester. She misses the human element that is lost as facial expressions and interactions are limited because of mask-wearing and social distancing requirements.

“I really miss being able to smile at people on the street or in a store and help them have a better day,” Dildine said.

According to Dildine, she misses gathering for events and looks forward to when more people can safely gather without masks.

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“I’m looking forward to having large group gatherings at restaurants and burning these damn masks,” Dildine said.

## **WSU plans for the fall 2021 semester**

WSU President Sue Edwards announced plans for students and staff to return to campus this fall as vaccines are being issued and coronavirus cases in the Dayton area continue to decrease. In an official university message, Edwards discussed the plan for how WSU is approaching this transition.

“The university is basing this decision on current public health projections that the majority of the population will be vaccinated, and the case counts will be low,” Edwards said.

It is important to note that this situation is ever-changing and that plans could be adjusted. President Edwards insists that the plan for fall 2021 is currently still on target and expected to become a reality.

“While the ever-changing nature of the COVID situation requires us to be prepared to shift operations in the event of a change in circumstances, I remain very optimistic and enthused to continue planning toward the return of our campus community,” Edwards said.