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Weekly Horoscopes

Kaylee Raines

August 23, 2021

Have you ever struggled to find the perfect order at Starbucks? Worry no more. Find your zodiac sign below to discover what drink is ideal based on the stars.

## **ARIES**

The Nitro Cold Brew is perfect for you because Aries are known for their initiation and tenacity in all that they do. The caffeine kick from this drink will act as a kickstart to your energy to help as you jump headfirst into your tasks.

## **TAURUS**

Taurus are calm, comforting, and classic so Hot Chocolate is the perfect choice. This classic beverage embodies the down-to-Earth nature of Taurus energy. It also brings forth peace and nostalgia that is commonplace for people with Taurus placements.

## **GEMINI**

Everyone knows that Geminis are considered to be the sign with multiple personalities. This makes the Americano the perfect choice because it can be served iced or hot depending on what mood you're in that day. This drink can help you adjust to your ever-changing nature.

## **CANCER**

Cancers typically embody a soft, passive energy. The Very Berry Hibiscus Refresher would be an excellent drink choice for you because it embodies the elegance of your energy.

## **LEO**

Leos are known for being dramatic and warm-hearted. The Iced Passion Mango Tea embodies those characteristics and makes for the perfect beverage for people with Leo placements. It will help you to embody the bold ubiquity that you naturally aim to achieve.

## **VIRGO**

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Virgos are drawn to things that are familiar and comfortable. This makes the Chai Tea Latte the perfect choice for Virgos that are seeking an earthy, flavorful drink.

## **LIBRA**

Libras have an eye for aesthetics and all things beautiful. This draws them to the Pink Drink with its Instagrammable color scheme and trendiness. Not only are these drinks beautiful, they're also delicious and have a romantic vibe similar to that of Libras.

## **SCORPIO**

Scorpios are often misunderstood for their intense, dark energy that can sometimes be present in their personalities. However, Scorpios are the opposite of cold. They are loyal and supportive, making a Java Chip Frappuccino the perfect choice. These drinks are an indulgence that embodies the energy of Scorpios.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittariuses are known for being spontaneous and adventurous. This makes the Violet Drink an excellent choice. It is an innovative spin on the classic Very Berry Hibiscus Refresher that is comparable to the creative, positive energy brought forth by people with Sagittarius placements.

## **CAPRICORN**

Known for being serious and work-oriented, Capricorns are inclined to a drink that has an earthy, delicate flavor. The London Fog Tea Latte is perfect for Capricorns because it is a warm, sophisticated drink that is consistent and delicious. It provides a boost of caffeine to help Capricorns push through their never-ending workload.

## **AQUARIUS**

No other sign is more unique and eccentric than Aquarius. People with Aquarius placements don't play it safe and are naturally inclined to defy the status-quo. Ordering an Iced Matcha Latte is the perfect way to stand out and order something different than most of the other people in line. This daring, green drink matches the vivid energy of Aquarius.

## **PISCES**

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With their dreamy vibes and natural intuition, Pisces are known for being creative and emotional. Ordering a Dragon Drink is an outstanding choice for Pisces looking to embrace their inner mystic and find a drink that matches their unique, otherworldly energy.

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Events on Campus Week of August 23

Alexis Wisler

August 23, 2021

Here is a list of events happening on campus this week.

## **Monday, Aug. 23**

College Panhellenic Council Tabling for Recruitment. 11 a.m. at the Student Union.

Lake Campus faculty/ staff Ice cream social. 3 p.m. at Dicke Hall.

## **Tuesday, Aug. 24**

Welcome Week Library Tours. Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Dunbar Library.

Phi Sigma Rho Sorority Coffee Recruitment Event. 10 a.m. at the Main Campus

UAB Carnival Land. 11 a.m. at the North Lawn and Hamilton Plaza

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling. 12 p.m. at The Hanger

Campus Recreation Group Running. 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni Tower

H2O Church Night Life Group. 7 p.m. at Oelman 109

Catholic Campus Ministry Chic-fil-a Knights of Columbus Recruitment dinner. 7:30 p.m. at St. John Bosco Chapel

## **Wednesday, Aug. 25**

Welcome Week Library Tours. Beginning at 10 a.m. at the Dunbar Library

College Panhellenic Council Tabling for Recruitment. 11 a.m. at the Student Union Market

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling. 12 p.m. at the Student Union Market

Phi Sigma Rho Sorority Recruitment Game Night. 4 p.m. at Russ Engineering 146

Catholic Campus Ministry Bosco Night. 5 p.m. at St. John Bosco Chapel

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Christians on Campus Welcome Dinner. 5:30 p.m. at the Endeavour Room

Campus Recreation Group Hiking. 6 p.m. at the Alumni Tower

## **Thursday, Aug. 26**

Student Legal Services Open House. 11 a.m. at 022 Student Union

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling. 12 p.m. at The Hanger

Campus Recreation Group Running. 5:30 p.m. at the Alumni Tower

National Pan-Hellenic Council Forum. 6 p.m. at 009 Student Success Center

Students for a National Health Program Intro Event. 6:30 p.m. at 101 White Hall

H2O Church Night Life Group. 7 p.m. at Allyn 124

Catholic Campus Ministry Glow in the Dark Ultimate Frisbee. 8 p.m. at Student Union Field

## **Friday, Aug. 27**

Fall Fest. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Main Campus

Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling. 12 p.m. at Student Union Market

Collegiate eSports Club Rocket League Tryouts. 6 p.m. Online

Club Cheerleading Tryout Clinic. 6 p.m. at Student Union Studio Room C

Phi Sigma Rho Sorority Colors of the Wind Event. 7 p.m. at Russ Engineering 145

Board Game Night. 7 p.m. at the Dunbar Library

Catholic Campus Ministry Unlimited Pancakes. 10 p.m. at St. John Bosco Chapel

## **Saturday, Aug. 28**

Club Softball Tryouts. 9 a.m. at WSU Varsity Softball Field

Club Cheer Tryouts. 11:30 a.m. at Student Union Student Room C

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Campus Recreation Group Hiking. 1 p.m. at Beaver Creek Wetlands

Collegiate eSports Club Rainbow Six: Siege Tryouts. 8 p.m. Online

Catholic Campus Ministry Movie (K)night. 8 p.m. at St. John Bosco Chapel

**Sunday, Aug. 29**

H2O Church Sunday Service. 8 a.m. at Student Success Center 009

Collegiate eSports Club CS:GO tryouts. 8 p.m. online

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Women's Soccer Opens the Regular Season

Noah Kindig

August 23, 2021

Women's soccer played their first regular season game of the year against Marshall, the first match for a new head coach and a returning Wright State University (WSU) team.

After a shortened previous season where the Raiders went 4-5, WSU was looking to start off the season on a better foot.

A team that was 1-4 on the road last season now starts 1-0 on the road.

"It's exciting," Head Coach Travis Sobers said. "I'm excited and happy for that."

## **The buildup**

On top of head coach Sobers, the Raiders added four freshmen, Erin Baker, Olivia Mace, Ainsley Terada and Annika Samborski, to their roster in the off-season, as well as a transfer from Marshall, Gabbi Gordon.

Sobers has been with the program for a long time, but was named as head coach less than a month ago, on Aug. 4th.

"We had an interesting time with me getting here and getting the job just a couple of weeks before the season starts," Sobers said.

With how recently their new head coach was named, their exhibition matches before Marshall had surprising results. They held Morehead State to a 0-0 finish after 90 minutes, and lost to Miami by only one goal 2-3.

"The kids came into the preseason hitting the ground running," Sobers said. "It's more of a testament to their hard work."

Those two goals were scored by Josie Krupp, the lead goal scorer for the Raiders last season, and defender Suzy Hayes, who has started to make a big impact for WSU in her sophomore year.

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The biggest players to keep an eye on are Destiny Johnson, who was unable to play last season, Olivia Mace, the freshman starting for the defense and Olga Massombo, whose runs from the midfield were a big part of WSU's attack.

All three of those players stepped up to get WSU the win, as Johnson scored her first goal back to put WSU up 1-0, Massombo had the assist to Johnson and slotted away a penalty in 2OT to secure the win and Mace stopped attacks from Marshall before they could start.

## Game time

The Raiders ran an aggressive 3-4-3 formation in their first exhibition matches and they did the same here.

A weakness of the 3-4-3 formation seemed to show early into the game, as only two minutes in Marshall had a break-away ball from the midfield and put it into the back of the net only to be called offside.

However, that second minute scare seemed to wake the team up as they would dominate play for most of the half.

They took the lead in the 24th minute off of a run from Massombo passed to Johnson, who turned with a defender on her back and slotted it into the net.

The Raiders smelled blood after that shot, hitting another shot off of the post less than a minute later.

“The resiliency of this team is the one thing I really liked,” Sobers said. “We always talk about being relentless in everything we do.”

In the second half Marshall's forwards and midfield started pressuring harder, forcing turnovers and giving themselves more corner kicks.

One of these corners gave Marshall a goal off of a set piece, evening the score 1-1.

The game was scoreless at 90 minutes and through the first overtime as both teams began to run out of steam.

A trip in the box off of a good attack gave WSU a penalty kick. Massombo seemed entirely unfazed by the pressure and slammed the ball into the upper right corner for a Raider win.

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“It’s really about small steps, and us trying to get better every time we set foot on the field. And I think we did that today,” Sobers said.

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FDA Fully Approves Pfizer Vaccine; Ohio Universities Legally Allowed to Mandate

Alexis Wisler

August 23, 2021

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully approved the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19, allowing public schools and universities such as Wright State University (WSU) to require vaccination from students, staff and faculty.

## House Bill 244

House Bill 244, passed on July 14 and taking effect on Oct. 13, states that public schools and universities cannot require students, staff and faculty to receive any vaccine, including vaccines for COVID-19, not fully approved by the FDA.

Previously, the Johnson and Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were all approved for emergency use by the FDA. Public schools and universities were not allowed to mandate coronavirus vaccinations because of this in Ohio.

The FDA fully approved the Pfizer vaccine Monday morning.

## House Bill 248

House Bill 248, the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, is currently in the House Committee. It was introduced by state Rep. Jennifer Gross, R-West Chester.

“No person, public official or employee, public agency, state agency, political subdivision, school, child day-care center, nursing home, residential care facility, health care provider, insurer, institution, or employer shall mandate, require, or otherwise request an individual to receive a vaccine,” except under previously existing exemptions,” according to the bill.

The Bill, if passed, would keep public universities such as WSU from mandating any vaccine, including the coronavirus vaccine.

## WSU responds

Currently, WSU mandates face coverings inside all buildings and asks students to practice social distancing when outside if not wearing a mask.

At this time, the university does not plan to mandate vaccinations, according to numerous press releases and statements from university officials.

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According to WSU spokesperson Seth Bauguess, WSU's vaccination policy will not change at this time.

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Over 1,000 new students Join WSU during Operation Move-in

Katie Jones

August 24, 2021

On Aug. 18 and 19, new and returning students arrived at Wright State University (WSU) for Move-In day. The golf cart brigade used in previous years was not there, but students were greeted by volunteers who assisted them with moving in.

Approximately 1,000 students moved in, with another 350 expected to move into the apartments the following Saturday.

## **Changes to Move-In Day**

Students made an appointment to move-in to avoid the usual crowds. Upon arrival, students who did not take a COVID test prior to moving in were asked to take a rapid test on-site.

“They had me take a test at the Student Union. I was kind of surprised by it,” student Justin Hughes said.

According to Dan Bertso, Director of Residence Life and Housing, the Health Department implemented this requirement for all Ohio public universities.

“We were likely the least affected by COVID last year, as a result of residents complying with masks and other safety measures, and the hard work of the staff,” Bertso said.

To continue ensuring student safety, other COVID regulations include wearing masks indoors, limiting the number of people in gatherings and touchless check-ins were implemented.

Although free vaccines are provided to WSU faculty, staff and students through Greene County Public Health, it is not required for students to be vaccinated.

Other changes to the residence halls include guest rules. Last year students were not allowed to have guests, but this year they can have one guest in their room at a time. Small groups can also gather inside the lounges.

## **Student opinions on move-in**

Freshman Jacob Reid is excited to see what the year brings. While Reid is new to campus, he has already explored some of WSU, including the Student Union.

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“I think it’s very nice. I liked playing ping pong,” Reid said.

Graduate student Rebekah Wyse is also excited for the upcoming year.

“I am looking forward to in-person classes, attending events on campus and feeling connected to the Wright State community,” Wyse said.

She is also excited for the new upgrades to the Honors Hall.

The front desk of the Honors Hall has been renovated and TVs have been added to all the lounges. There are new rooms including a dance studio, a gaming room and a movie theatre room.

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**BREAKING:** Electrical Fire Causes WSU Power Outage; Student Union Remains Closed

Jamie Naylor

August 24, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) experienced campus-wide power outages causing closures and class cancellations Tuesday. The outage is caused by an electrical fire in the main electrical room located in the Student Union.

## Electrical Fire

“We had some sort of short or fire—we are trying to figure it out—that caused smoke in that [main electrical room] and that smoke triggered the water sprinklers and when that happens it messed with the equipment. There was a cascading effect out to the power substation on campus,” Seth Bauguess, WSU director of communications, said.

In addition to smoke damage, the Student Union sustained water damage due to the sprinkler system staying on until the damage was recognized.

Maintenance crews are working to resolve the issue yet; there is no timeframe to reopen the Student Union because the extent of damage is unknown.

“No, there is no timeline. I don’t think [maintenance crews] know enough to speculate,” Bauguess said.

It is unknown the total cost of damages or resources lost inside the building. No injuries have been reported, according to Bauguess.

## The Outage

The outage, originally occurring in the late hours of Aug. 23, continued into Tuesday morning. Buildings affected by the outage included Hamilton Hall, a residence hall, and most on-campus buildings.

Buildings not impacted include Mini U, the Nutter Center, Wright State Physicians, Campus Services and Residence Life and Housing buildings other than Hamilton Hall, according to the university.

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According to a campus-wide alert, power has been restored to all affected buildings except the Student Union, Joshi Research and the Student Success Centers. These buildings are effectively closed until noon Tuesday.

In-person classes and activities in Joshi and the Student Success Center are set to resume Tuesday afternoon.

According to the campus alert and Campus Recreation email, all in-person classes, activities, and fitness programs in the Student Union are canceled due to the closure of the building.

Remote operations are not affected by the building closures and continue as normal.

WSU Continues In-Person Despite Coronavirus Delta Variant

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

August 24, 2021

New coronavirus variants, including the easily spreadable Delta variant, have caused a spike in case numbers. Despite this, Wright State University (WSU) is continuing with current plans for the fall semester.

### **Delta variant**

The delta variant of the coronavirus was discovered in December 2020. The last several months of research on the coronavirus variants have led scientists to determine that the Delta variant is highly transmittable and the only variant to date that is transmittable by vaccinated persons.

“By the end of July, Delta was the cause of more than 80% of new U.S. COVID-19 cases,” Yale Medicine writer Kathy Katella wrote in a recent [article](#).

According to USAFacts, the state of Ohio has been averaging over 2,700 cases a day for over a week. In addition, Greene and Montgomery counties combined are averaging over 200 cases per week.

“In the United States, there were 119,714 newly reported COVID-19 cases and 803 newly reported COVID-19 deaths on Aug. 19, 2021,” a representative of USAFacts wrote in a daily [coronavirus case tracker](#) update on Aug. 20.

The rise of cases has led many to question how businesses and schools should move forward with operations.

### **WSU’s Plan for Fall**

On Aug. 4, WSU announced masks would be required for all individuals when indoors on campus beginning the following day, regardless of vaccination status.

“Wright State strongly encourages all faculty, staff and students to get a COVID-19 vaccine,” WSU Communications said in the email update. “When combined with masking, the vaccine remains the most effective tool to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

More recently, the WSU Faculty Union requested that the university move more classes from face-to-face to online. The Union also requested that the university mandate vaccines for

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students and faculty to be on campus, something that state legislation forbids with the current coronavirus vaccines as they are approved on an emergency basis.

“The Ohio Senate had already passed a bill that said Ohioans could not be forced by employers or schools to take COVID-19 vaccinations,” Statehouse News Bureau writer Jo Ingles wrote in an [analysis](#) of current coronavirus vaccine legislation in Ohio.

At the time of writing, the university has not made any changes to the plans for fall semester.

The university was contacted for comment, but no response has been provided at this time.

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WSU NPHC Plot Unveiling Delayed

Jamie Naylor

August 24, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) delays opening of memorial plot due to construction setbacks. Members of the Council reflect on the project.

## **Constructing the plot**

The National Pan-Hellenic Council represents nine historically black fraternities and sororities. The plot serves as a memorial to these organizations and will consist of a concrete area, flag poles symbolizing the organizations and a nine by nine engraved brick walkway.

Members of the Council in alliance with Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) oversaw the design and construction of the project.

Construction on the plot began in May 2021, with a groundbreaking ceremony on May 20.

The project, originally set to be completed by move-in weekend, encountered supply issues, contractor issues and overall setbacks according to Gina Keucher, Program Director for SIL.

Keucher described part of the supply issue, saying she had to take bricks to Akron because the engraver was unable to get any in her area.

Concrete pouring for the main structure began Aug. 18. Flag poles have yet to be installed.

## **Funding the plot**

Funding for the project came from WSU grants, donations from Wright Patt Credit Union, the Alumni Association and engraved brick sales.

According to Keucher, the Council raised around \$60,000 for the project, but the total cost is unknown.

"The final number has yet to be determined," Adrian Williams, WSU graduate and NPHC member, said.

Any excess funds will be put into scholarships for black and brown students.

## **State projects**

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NPHC plots and memorial gardens are rising in popularity on college campuses across the U.S. Other Ohio universities in the process of building plots include the University of Toledo and Ohio State University.

WSU hopes to be the first predominantly white public Ohio university to unveil an NPHC space. Despite delays in construction, those involved with the project believe that this goal can be achieved.

## **Plot origins**

WSU's plot has been in progress for over 10 years, with the idea finally coming to fruition in Spring 2021.

The plot serves to highlight the university's diversity and inclusion initiative and create a safe learning space for campus community members.

"Not only will this create a safe space but it will allow the WSU campus community to be educated and learn more about NPHC history and traditions," Dai'Shanae Morre, President of NPHC, said.

While there is no set finish date for the memorial, Keucher expressed hope that the project will be complete by early to late September.

Student Union Closure: What We Know

Makenzie Hoferlin

August 24, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) experienced campus-wide power outages, building closures and class cancellations Tuesday. After a full day of classes, many questions are still circulating about the extent of the damage and when students can expect the Student Union to reopen.

### **Why is the Student Union Closed?**

The Student Union is closed due to an electrical fire that occurred in the main electrical room resulting in water and smoke damage.

According to Seth Bauguess, WSU director of communications, there was some electrical short or fire that caused substantial smoke. The smoke then triggered sprinklers inside the union.

### **How substantial is the damage to the student union?**

At this point in time, the extent of the damage is unknown. The sprinklers went off for a substantial amount of time, causing water damage.

According to Bauguess, sprinklers only went off in the main electrical room and water damage was confined to that space.

The duration and timeline of the fire and sprinklers are unknown. However, the power outage affecting most buildings on campus occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m. on August 23, according to a campus-wide email.

The electrical issues are believed to be the cause of the power outages that affected the campus.

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At 9:47 a.m., another email was sent to the campus community that the Student Union, Joshi Research Center and Student Success Center were the only buildings still affected by the power outage and related damage.

## **When will the Student Union reopen?**

Maintenance crews are working to resolve the issue. Officials have not released a timeframe to reopen the Student Union nor the damage's extent.

It is also unknown the total cost of damages or resources lost inside the building. No injuries have been reported, according to Bauguess.

## **What contingency plans are being made?**

Offices that usually operate out of the Student Union are making plans to continue operations.

Other events taking place in the union such as student organization meetings, tabling events and more are in the process of being moved to different locations.

## **Where can students pick up their books?**

Students who ordered textbooks from the Wright State Bookstore can pick them up beginning August 25 at 9 a.m. at 116 Allyn Hall.

Those needing a Wright1 Card can visit the CaTS Help Desk in the basement of Dunbar Library, 025 Library Annex.

## **What if a student's class is in the Student Success Center or Joshi?**

Classes in the Student Success Center or Joshi Research Center are being moved to different locations due to a lack of air conditioning.

"The outage resulted in significant damage to the cooling towers supplying conditioned air to both buildings," according to a campus-wide email.

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These classes will be moved to other campus buildings on Wednesday, Aug. 25. At this time the only day classes are confirmed to be moving locations is Wednesday.

Students are advised to contact their professor about alternate class locations.

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Dean of Students Clarifies Union Incident, Starts Vaccine Mandate Discussion

Alexis Wisler

August 24, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Dean Chris Taylor gave an update on the Student Union closure incident and discussed the possibility of a vaccine mandate at the latest Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

## **The Student Union**

The Student Union is currently closed due to an electrical fire that occurred late Monday night into Tuesday morning.

According to Dean of Students Chris Taylor, during the early morning on Tuesday, August 24, a power surge in the Student Union caused an electrical fire, which was contained to the electrical room in the Union.

The fire then activated the sprinklers in the electrical room only. According to Taylor, there was at one point four inches of water in the electrical room, which made it difficult for crews to move forward.

Power to campus was shut down for a brief period and eventually restored to most areas. Power has been partially restored to parts of the Student Union, according to Taylor.

“One of the other things that occurred, if you know anything about electrical fires, they produce a kind of smoke and soot that is very oily,” Taylor said. “The place is by no means inundated, but some things do have a little bit of a film on it, so we are going to have to clean those.

In addition to the oily film, a smell still remains in the air from the smoke throughout parts of the building. Wright State hired an outside company that is working on restoring the building for it to reopen.

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More information on when the Student Union will reopen will be available on Wednesday, Aug. 25, according to Taylor.

## **Hamilton Hall and other buildings**

The power outage is still affecting the Joshi Research Center and the Student Success Center. Hamilton Hall currently does not have air conditioning because of the power outage.

The university is working on repairing the air conditioning in Hamilton Hall with the hopes of it being fixed by Wednesday, according to Taylor.

Students residing in Hamilton Hall have been given the option to move until the issue is resolved.

## **Student resources**

For the time being, the bookstore has been moved to 116 Allyn Hall. UCIE will be moving to the Russ Engineering Center and RaiderConnect will move to the Student Success Center in the near future, according to Taylor.

The Raider Food Pantry was unaffected by the fire and power outage and is making plans to move to a satellite location until the Student Union reopens. More information will be available later this week.

## **Coronavirus vaccine mandate discussion**

The Ohio State University announced Aug. 24 that it will require students to receive the Pfizer vaccine in response to the FDA fully approving the vaccine on Monday.

Because of this, a discussion will be held to determine if WSU will mandate the vaccine as well.

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According to Taylor, a survey will be sent to students to understand what percentage of the student population is willing to get vaccinated.

Taylor opened the floor to SGA members for opinions on a vaccine mandate. The main takeaway from the discussion between SGA and Taylor is that WSU needs to consider the safety of students as well as what a vaccine mandate would mean for retention rates.

“The debate at hand becomes the balance between finding the correct amount of safety needed for students as well as how many students are at the potential of simply not coming to classes anymore,” SGA President Jonathan Ciero said.

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Basketball Coach Scott Nagy paid more than University President  
Noah Kindig  
August 25, 2021

Men's Basketball Head Coach Scott Nagy was the highest-paid Wright State University (WSU) employee this past fiscal year, making over \$30,000 more than the University President.

WSU paid its coaches \$1,114,631.57 in Fiscal Year 2021, with over \$750,000 of that going to Men's and Women's Basketball coaches.

As of this time, the university has not commented on these figures.

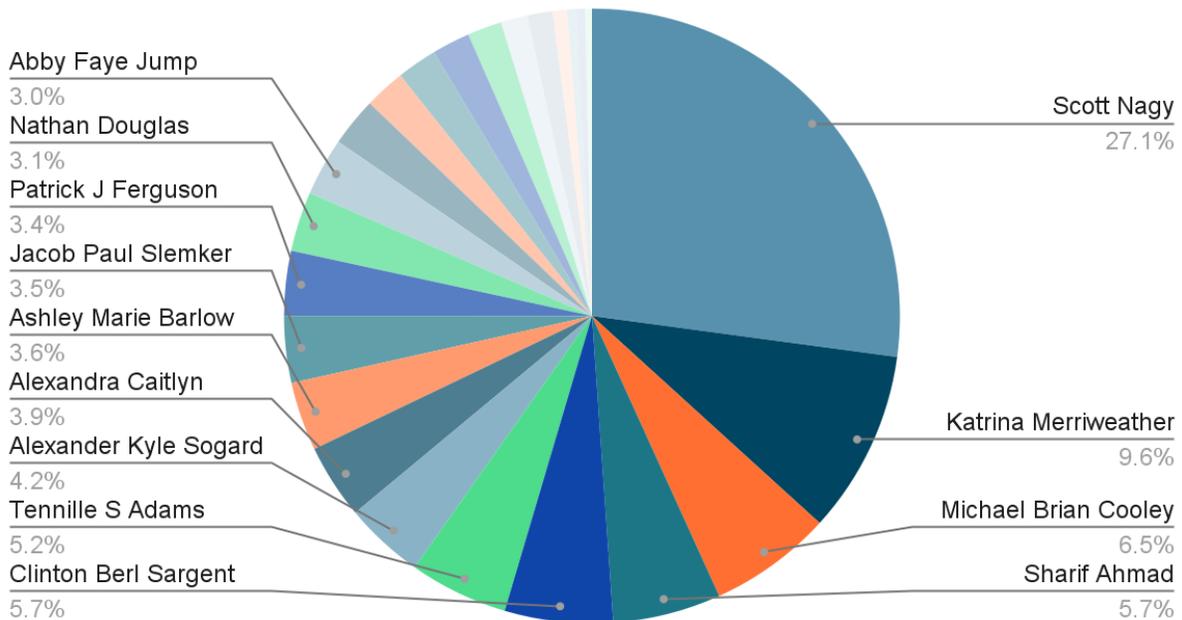
## **In a league of his own**

Of the over \$1.1 million in the gross salary paid to 24 WSU coaches this past fiscal year, over 27% of that went straight to the highest-paid coach.

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## Individual Salaries Fiscal Year 2021



Men’s Basketball Head Coach Scott Nagy was paid the most by far, earning \$302,395.88 this past academic year, making over two and a half times more than any other coach in the athletics program.

“When we hired Scott back in 2016, we wanted to upgrade our basketball program, so we decided to pay him at the top of the league,” Athletics Director Bob Grant said. “We try to stay in the average of the Horizon League, but if we want to focus on winning, we’ll pay at the top of the league.”

Not only was Nagy the highest-paid Coach, but he was also the highest-paid employee at WSU, making over \$30,000 more than President Sue Edwards and doubling the salary of Athletics Director Bob Grant.

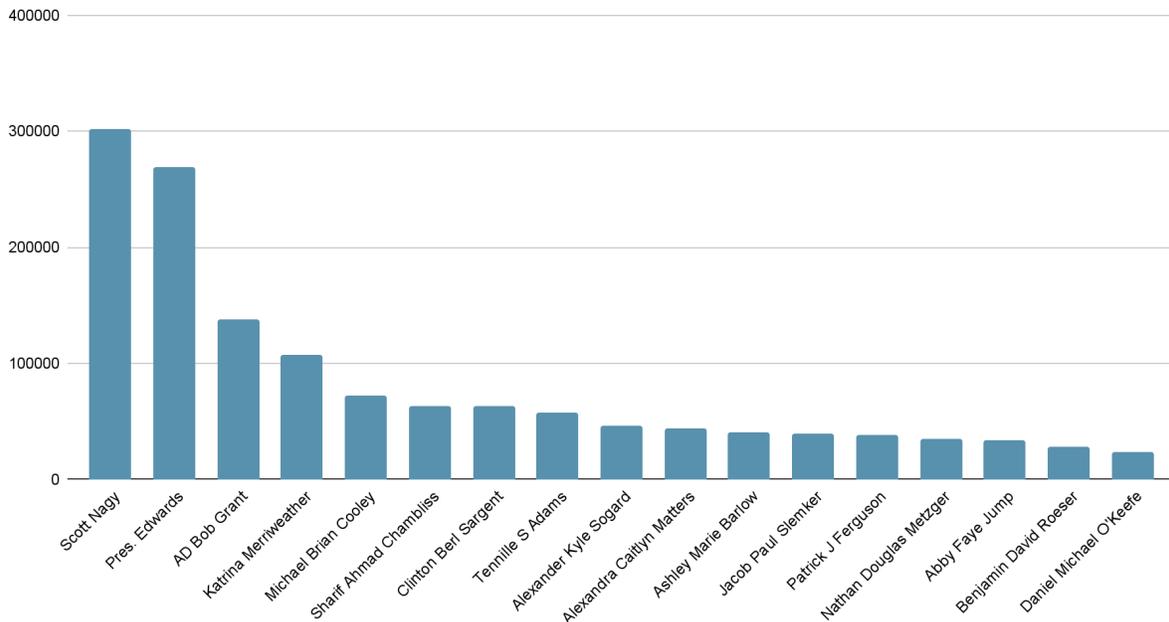
With last season’s 18-6 record, Nagy’s salary comes down to \$12,599.83 per game and \$16,799.77 per win. Merriweather is paid the most per game after

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Nagy, but only has a third of his numbers at \$3,974 per game and \$5,647 per win.

Individual Salaries Fiscal Year 2021



As of now, we have not yet received a copy of Scott Nagy's contract with WSU in order to present bonuses or other factors of pay.

## A big focus on basketball

A majority of the total salaries went to the basketball program, with the eight coaches from both Men's and Women's Basketball making up over 68% of the total salaries.

Men's and Women's Basketball coaches were paid \$762,766.22 in total gross salary, with Men's coaches taking over \$523,000 of that, about 46% of the entire pot, and Women's coaches paid \$239,533.31.

Not only are the two programs the only ones with six-digit individual salaries, but they are also the only programs with six-digit total salaries. Baseball is third in

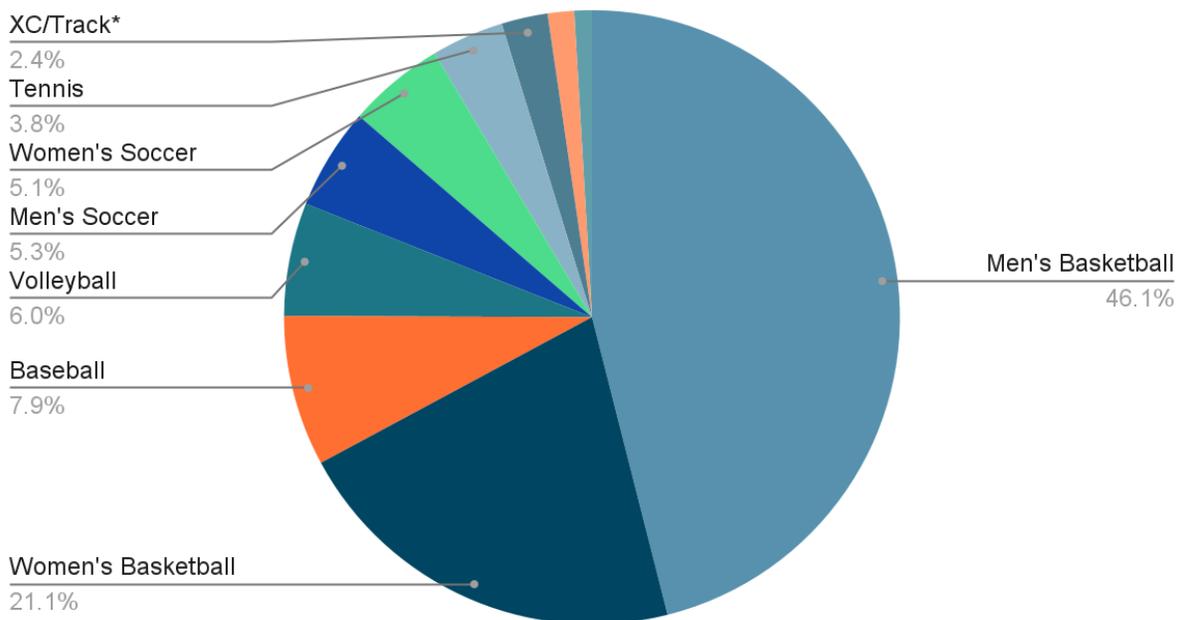
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line with \$90,121.23 for all of its coaches, and Volleyball after that with \$67,666.69.

“Only about 15 to 20 schools in the entire NCAA actually make money on Athletics.” Grant said, “For most schools, their football coaches are paid the highest salaries, followed by basketball coaches since those programs make the most money through ticket sales. Because we don’t have football, basketball becomes the key sport.”

## Coaching Salaries For Each Program Fiscal Year 2021



\*The same two coaches work for Cross Country and Women’s Track

### Discrimination between sports and between genders

It’s important to look at the differences between not just men’s and women’s sports, but male and female coaches too.

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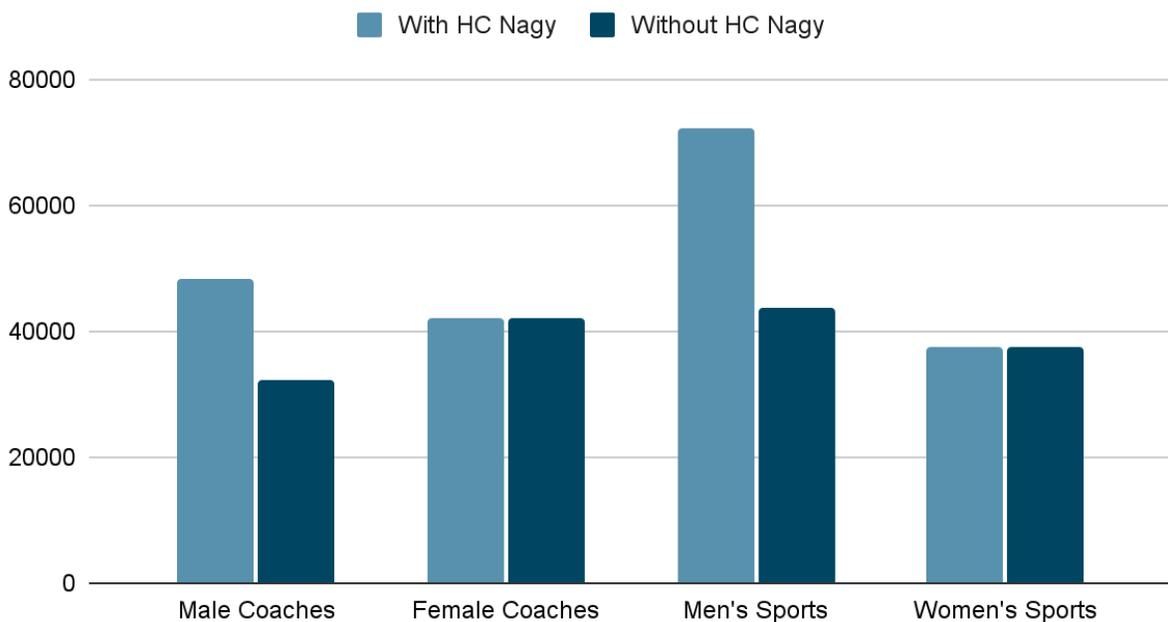
While the average male coach's salary was \$48,287 and the average female coach's salary was \$41,935, taking out Nagy from the male average makes it \$32,404.

For men's sports versus women's sports, there is still quite a large disparity. The average Men's sports coach earned \$72,093.45, where the average women's sports coach earned \$37,561.35\*. Taking out Nagy from this average makes it \$43,755.20 for men's sports.

"When we first hire coaches, we try to benchmark their salaries at the average for the Horizon League," Grant said. "Because of that benchmarking, the salaries tend to be steady across the board."

\*This only calculates the salaries of coaches that work *solely* for one gender of teams, eliminating Cross Country/Women's Track Coaches, and Tennis Coaches.

## Male vs Female and Men's vs Women's Sports Average



Air Force Marathon Moved Virtual for Second Year in a Row

Peter Murphy

August 25, 2021

The annual Air Force Marathon usually hosts thousands of participants to run its nationally renowned course but no longer can due in part to the coronavirus.

Athletes from around the country have waited with anticipation for the 25th annual Air Force Marathon held at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) after a year-long absence in response to national coronavirus lockdown guidelines.

Since the start of summer, many public events eased their coronavirus restrictions and were eager to be open to the public again. While it seemed like The Air Force Marathon would be no different, the sharp rise in cases across the nation has forced the organizers to move to a virtual setting in order to protect over 20,000 participants and volunteers.

### **Where it started, why it matters**

Since 1997, the Air Force Marathon has operated continuously and had a close relationship with Wright State University (WSU). Each year, the marathon holds its free Health and Fitness Expo in Wright State's Nutter Center, hosts portions of its marathon on WSU campus and draws volunteers from WSU's student body.

"We love doing this event and getting out into the public to help," Caleb Matos, Cadet Battalion Commander for WSU Army ROTC, said. "Everyone has been chomping at the bit to get out there again, this is one of our biggest volunteer events each year."

On a typical race day, crowds are expected to be in the thousands and in order to keep race stops, parking and traffic running smoothly, the marathon relies on its army of volunteers for help.

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“Our job was going to be supplying detail and supplying water to various locations,” Matos said.

Without help from local volunteers the race simply could not happen.

## **The ultimate decision**

“Our team feels the same disappointment everyone is feeling now,” Brandon Hough, Air Force Marathon Race Director, said in a statement emailed directly to all participants on Aug. 19.

Both U.S. Air Force and Air Force Marathon leadership came to the ultimate decision to suspend the race due to the uptick in local cases.

With the decision to move to a virtual environment, many student volunteers are disappointed that they will no longer be needed, yet they completely understand this hard decision.

“For us, it’s a big deal because volunteering for the marathon is one of the oldest memories we have as a [cadet] class,” Cadet Philip Bertsch, WSU Army ROTC, said. “Saying I’m disappointed doesn’t even cover it.”

While volunteers like Matos and Bertsch are disappointed in this decision, many of them completely agree with it.

“It [the decision] was made with the best intentions for all,” the WPAFB Base Commander said in the same statement released to participants.

## The Best Streaming Services for Students

Ellee Rogers

August 26, 2021

Streaming services are becoming more and more popular as the ongoing pandemic influences many to stay home, giving viewers competing pricing and competitive entertainment.

For any student looking for the best deal on streaming services, look no further! These three platforms offer exciting deals that will make students happy to stay home.

### **Hulu**

One of the original streaming services, Hulu is currently offering a great deal for students at just \$1.99 per month, which is a \$4 discount off of their standard plan. Yes, there will still be a few commercials mixed into the service, but this plan includes access to fantastic entertainment such as “Atlanta,” “Brooklyn Nine-Nine” and “Keeping Up with the Kardashians.” Hulu also has great films such as “Parasite” and “Booksmart.” Click [here](#) to find out more about the Hulu student plan.

### **Amazon Prime Video**

This deal, called Amazon Prime Student, includes a lot of high-quality perks. Along with access to incredible films and tv shows on Prime Video, this plan also comes with an Amazon Prime membership in which you can choose from countless items on Amazon and receive free shipping.

This plan starts out as a six-month free trial and later costs \$6.49 per month. The regular price for Amazon Prime is \$13 per month. Learn more about this exciting deal [here](#).



## **Apple TV Plus**

While this deal is technically through Apple Music, it still includes Apple TV Plus. This limited time plan offers Apple Music for \$5 per month (usually \$10 per month) and includes Apple TV Plus for free.

This streaming service is originally \$5 per month on its own, allowing students to truly capitalize on this deal. This streaming service includes series originals such as "Ted Lasso" and "The Morning Show" as well as riveting films like "Cherry," "Greyhound" and "On The Rocks." This deal also includes the ability to stream over 75 million songs. Click [here](#) to find out more about this student deal.

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Students Excited to be Back on Campus Despite COVID Concerns

Brendan Blankenship

August 26, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) students head back to campus this fall as the Delta variant causes major outbreaks across the United States and in Ohio.

## **Reinstated Mask Mandate**

As cases surge and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines change, WSU reinstated restrictions at its Dayton and Lake campuses which include wearing a mask indoors.

On Aug. 4, all students received an email from WSU Communications that reinstated an indoor mask mandate on campus.

“Effective tomorrow, August 5, all students, faculty, staff, and visitors are required to wear a face mask when inside all buildings on WSU campuses, regardless of vaccination status,” the email read.

As of now, an outdoor mask mandate has not been reinstated but outdoor social distancing is required.

## **Student Opinions**

Despite the reinstated restrictions on campus, both new and returning students are excited to be back in the classroom learning in a more traditional setting.

Shay Roth, a freshman acting major, said she is excited to be able to have her freshman year back on campus even with restrictions like the indoor mask mandate.

Another freshman acting major, Joe Gongaware, is glad that he can have in-person classes because of the mandate.

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“Masks are scientifically proven to work,” Gongaware said.

Both students believe that campus restrictions are necessary, and that they go together with what public officials, including the CDC, are recommending.

Returning students are also excited about coming back to a more pre-pandemic way of learning. However with the rising cases, there is still concern.

Victor, a first-year graduate student majoring in psychology, says despite being nervous, he is excited to return to campus. He still feels that the vaccine provides protection for students against the delta variant.

“I have a little bit of anxiety,” Victor said.

Even with the concern, Victor believes that WSU has good precautions set in place and the campus would be okay to remove these guidelines if 70% of WSU students are fully vaccinated.

While plenty of students are excited and grateful to be back on campus, WSU still offers remote delivery and flexible delivery approaches for students who may not feel comfortable returning to in-person classes. As of now, 70% of classes will be held face-to-face with the remaining 30% being either flexible or delivery courses.

Dayton's Not Dead: Coffee Hub

Katie Jones

August 26, 2021

Xenia's and Beavercreek's Coffee Hub is not only a hub for coffee, but for hope and second chances as well.

Coffee Hub Xenia is located at 81 E Main Street and the Beavercreek location is on 3375 Dayton Xenia Road.

### **The origins of Coffee Hub**

Cynthia Stemple, previously a missionary in Ukraine before moving to Xenia, wanted to start her own business. At the same time, One Bistro was looking to add a coffee component to their restaurant. After a phone call and talks with the city planner, Stemple founded Coffee Hub Xenia in 2017. It is located in the same space as Toward Independence, an agency for disabled adults.

Stemple's business flourished and she opened three more Coffee Hub locations. Since 2017, she's opened a Coffee Hub in Beavercreek, the Dayton Metro Library and Waynesville.

Each new location has its own partner. Purely Sweet, Waynesville's pharmacy and the Dayton Metro Library are each partnered with their local Coffee Hub.

"I didn't ever dream of having coffee shops. I dreamt of having a small business. And coffee is a business God gave me," Stemple said.

### **Staying open during the pandemic**

When the pandemic hit, Stemple was quick to keep Coffee Hub alive. She started offering free delivery and adding new menu items such as a cinnamon roll pie.

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“One of the great things I think that came out of the pandemic was people were ever aware of supporting local [businesses], and people rallied,” Stemple said.

According to Stemple, her business grew during the pandemic. Customers could order through Doordash from Coffee Hub Beavercreek.

Out of the many items available, Stemple says the cold brew is exceptional, as is the chai tea made with their own chai concentrate.

Katrina Kay wrote a Facebook review about her experience at Coffee Hub.

“Coffee is superb. Gluten free donuts, cookies, bread. I personally tried the buckeye donut. Delicious. Service is kind and genuine.”

Another review by Darlene L. recommended one of their lattes.

“I ended up going with an iced almond milk latte with raspberry flavoring. It was fantastic. It tasted like coffee but had a sweet raspberry surprise at the end. Wonderful.”

Out of the variety of pastries and drinks to choose from at Coffee Hub Beavercreek, all are gluten free, something the coffee shop prides itself on. The coffee shop’s gluten free options come from being partnered with Purely Sweet, a gluten free bakery.

Coffee Hub Beavercreek is a dedicated gluten free space. To ensure this, not only is everything made to be gluten free but employees can’t eat anything with gluten inside the store.

## **Coffee Hub is a second chance employer**

Another unique aspect of Coffee Hub is the people. Stemple is an advocate for second chances, and her businesses are second chance employers for those who have trouble finding jobs.

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Melissa “Missy” Adams is one such employee. A recovering addict, she is now Coffee Hub Xenia’s manager.

“If I had to pick one word [to describe Coffee Hub], I would pick hope. Because we want to be hope to people... whether it’s just from a smile every morning, or [from being] a second chance employer,” Stemple said.

Raider Nights in the City: Get Involved and Explore Ohio at a Discount

Kaylee Raines

August 27, 2021

Raider Nights in the City, developed by Student Government Association (SGA) President Jonathan Ciero, gives students the opportunity to explore what Dayton and surrounding areas have to offer.

### **What is Raider Nights in the City?**

Raider Nights in the City is a series of off-campus excursions for Wright State University (WSU) students that are interested in socializing and exploring Ohio.

Ciero founded this group because he recognized that he had not explored much of Dayton or other local towns. Additionally, Ciero hopes to increase campus engagement and involvement for students.

“For each event that we are doing, there are 10 or more events happening just on campus alone that students can also get involved in. Being involved with a student organization is an amazing experience and I hope we can inspire more students to join,” Ciero said.

With the funding Ciero received, participating students will have access to premier experiences for a minimal cost. The first two events are a Dayton Dragons game on Sept. 3 and a Cincinnati Reds game on Sept. 24. As of Aug. 16, these are the only two events planned for the fall semester.

There will be approximately fifty spots available for each event. Interested students can fill out an inquiry form on Raider Nights in the City’s Engage page or reach out to Ciero for additional information.

### **Students weigh-in on Raider Nights in the City**

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For University Writing Center coach Megan Henry, finding time to engage on campus can be difficult when dealing with classes, duties at the writing center and a full-time job. However, the concept of Raider Nights in the City may open the door for further involvement.

“I love baseball, so I would definitely attend a Reds game if I can,” Henry said.

Member of WSU’s Habitat for Humanity Emily Malek explained that she often has trouble finding out about events on campus, which has been detrimental to her engagement and participation at WSU.

“On Wings, events like this could be posted so that we [students] can see them whenever we login. I check Wings every day, but if events are announced in other places I am not likely to see them,” Malek said.

Changes Students Wish to see at WSU

Alexis Wisler

August 27, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) students are eager to see positive change on campus ranging from classroom renovations to inclusivity and safety trainings.

### **Cosmetic changes**

College of Science and Math student Jeremy Penick wants to see cosmetic changes to campus both inside and outside.

Some of the changes Penick suggested include filling cracks in the pavement, refilling the pond outside of The Hanger and planting more trees around campus.

Penick also suggested changes that invite students to study and lounge on campus.

“Continue renovations and modernization of seating and study spaces throughout campus,” Penick said.

In addition to common areas on campus, Penick wants to see classrooms, mainly science labs, renovated and updated with new equipment.

### **Student involvement**

One change Student Government Association (SGA) President Jonathan Ciero wants to see as students return to campus this year is more student involvement.

“I want to see students get back involved on campus. Being a senior that has been here for four years and seeing what it [WSU] was like before the pandemic and through the pandemic, I just know the hit that a lot of student organizations have taken. I’m really hoping students are able to get involved and find organizations that fit their desires,” Ciero said.

Ciero hopes that the return of in-person events such as Do the U and Fall Fest help students find the right organizations for them.

## **Trainings**

Fraternity and Sorority Council President Sydney Wyatt wants to see the university work towards supporting its diverse student population.

“Something I would like to see change at WSU is more staff, faculty and even student leaders being educated on how to support all students from all walks of life. Whether they are international students, students of color, students with disabilities, LGBT students or students going through hard times it’s important for us to know how to support all WSU students in general,” Wyatt said.

Wyatt suggests different trainings such as racial bias trainings and LGBTQ alliance trainings as well as mental health check ups to reach and understand the student body better.

“Maybe a triggering words event would be a great addition to add to new hire training and be a yearly requirement for everyone to refresh themselves on. Education is the leading force in making WSU a safe space for all of its students, staff and faculty,” Wyatt said.

Rainbow Alliance President Kirsten Spires would also like to see additional training for the WSU community.

Spires believes that training should be held for the WSU community to make the university a proactive safe space for all students.

“I think focus should be on how to prevent bad things from happening instead of being retroactive,” Spires said.

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Organizations Raising Awareness for Sexual Assault, 'Red zone'

Kaylee Raines

August 27, 2021

Several campus organizations at Wright State University (WSU) consistently strive to raise awareness for the Red Zone by empowering victims and breaking the stigmas associated with assault.

The Red Zone is the period at the beginning of the fall semester through fall break where sexual assault and power-based violence occur more frequently on college campuses.

### **Organizations raising awareness**

The Student Advocacy and Wellness Center (SAWC) works with the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) each October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, for the Red Flags event.

However, coordinators for the event, including President Sue Edwards, are opting to initiate this event earlier in order to account for the Red Zone.

"It allows students to write down red flag behaviors down onto literal red flags, and we plant them in the yard of the university so that people can walk by them and get some education and resources, as well as to spark some more dialogue around the issue," SAWC Assistant Director Destinee Biesmeyer said.

In addition, this approach helps to redirect the blame onto the abusers and their actions rather than perpetuating the cycle of victim-blaming that is often observed in sexual assault awareness.

"Don't leave a drink unattended. Don't go out alone. Don't wear certain things. Don't do this, don't do that..." This is putting the responsibility on the potential victim. It makes them feel responsible for what happened and leaves them wondering what they could have done to prevent their attack when the responsibility is absolutely not with the person who experienced the assault," Biesmeyer said.

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NPHC President Dai'Shanae Moore works closely with SAWC and other campus organizations to raise awareness for this issue and hopes to see WSU continue the conversation throughout the entire year and not just during peak times and awareness months.

“At WSU, we want to be known for giving our community a safe environment and that we have taken the right steps to offer helpful programs and resources and have staff and faculty who are trained to deal with these situations and advocate for you,” Moore said.

## **Effectiveness of current awareness methods**

SAWC and other organizations focus on bystander awareness in order to help people close to victims of assault provide resources and support necessary to assist in that process. This approach is effective by empowering students to support one another.

“People can start to recognize what they can do for their friends and their family who may experience power-based violence. These skills are super transferable and can help students at any point in their lives,” Biesmeyer said.

On the contrary, WSU student Mars Hutcheson thinks that the red flags project and other campus initiatives to raise awareness for the Red Zone are not as effective as they could be with further explanation.

“If they just see red flags from a distance they might not even know what that means. But I think it is definitely useful if people are able to read them and see other peoples' stories,” Hutcheson said.

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Student Union Will Remain Closed Next Week University Says

Jamie Naylor

August 27, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) Student Union closure continues into the second week of class as cleaning and maintenance crews work to clean and repair the building and electrical equipment.

## **The outage**

The outage, originally occurring in the late hours of Aug. 23, continuing into Tuesday morning was caused by an electrical fire in the main breaker room in the Student Union. Buildings originally affected by the outage included Hamilton Hall, most on-campus buildings, the Student Union and CaTs help desk.

Power for Joshi Research center, Hamilton Hall and the Student Success was restored Tuesday afternoon. However, the buildings remained closed for the rest of the week due to the fire's effect on cooling systems. According to a later campus-wide communication, all systems in the mentioned buildings are restored, including power and air conditioning.

All classes and activities in these locations are set to resume on Aug. 27.

## **Student Union**

According to a campus-wide communication, the Student Union remains closed for the second week of classes as maintenance and cleaning crews work to restore the building and its power systems.

Campus recreation services, classes and events are included in this closure.

Student organizations looking to temporarily relocate may contact WSU event services. Student services have also been temporarily relocated, a directory of where the new services relocate may be found on WSU's website.

Employees needing to retrieve personal items from the building must contact Eric Corbitt, Director of the Student Union, to arrange a safe entrance into the Student Union according to the communication.

Remote operations were not affected during this time.

## **Electrical Fire**

These outages and closures were caused by an electrical fire in the main electrical room located in the Student Union.

“We had some sort of short or fire—we are trying to figure it out—that caused smoke in that [main electrical room] and that smoke triggered the water sprinklers and when that happened it messed with the equipment. There was a cascading effect out to the power substation on campus,” Seth Bauguess, WSU director of communications, said.

In addition to smoke damage, the Student Union sustained water damage due to the sprinkler system staying on until the issue was recognized. The water damage only occurred in the main electrical room.

Maintenance crews are working to resolve the issue; there is no timeframe to reopen the Student Union due to the extent of the damage.

“No, there is no timeline. I don’t think [maintenance crews] know enough to speculate,” Bauguess said.

It is unknown the total cost of damages or resources lost inside the building.

FDA Fully Approves Pfizer Vaccine; Ohio Universities Legally Allowed to Mandate

Alexis Wisler

August 23, 2021

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully approved the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19, allowing public schools and universities such as Wright State University (WSU) to require vaccination from students, staff and faculty.

### **House Bill 244**

House Bill 244, passed on July 14 and taking effect on Oct. 13, states that public schools and universities cannot require students, staff and faculty to receive any vaccine, including vaccines for COVID-19, not fully approved by the FDA.

Previously, the Johnson and Johnson, Moderna and Pfizer vaccines were all approved for emergency use by the FDA. Public schools and universities were not allowed to mandate coronavirus vaccinations because of this in Ohio.

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The FDA fully approved the Pfizer vaccine Monday morning.

## House Bill 248

House Bill 248, the Vaccine Choice and Anti-Discrimination Act, is currently in the House Committee. It was introduced by state Rep. Jennifer Gross, R-West Chester.

“No person, public official or employee, public agency, state agency, political subdivision, school, child day-care center, nursing home, residential care facility, health care provider, insurer, institution, or employer shall mandate, require, or otherwise request an individual to receive a vaccine,” except under previously existing exemptions,” according to the bill.

The Bill, if passed, would keep public universities such as WSU from mandating any vaccine, including the coronavirus vaccine.

## WSU responds

Currently, WSU mandates face coverings inside all buildings and asks students to practice social distancing when outside if not wearing a mask.

At this time, the university does not plan to mandate vaccinations, according to numerous press releases and statements from university officials.

According to WSU spokesperson Seth Bauguess, WSU’s vaccination policy will not change at this time.

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