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Weekly Horoscopes

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August 30, 2021

Celebrities are fascinating and captivate people around the world. Their energies vary depending on their astrology just like anyone else; which celebrity shares the same Sun sign as you?

ARIES

Lady Gaga, Hayley Kiyoko and Robert Downey Jr. are three examples of famous Aries. You might find that if you share the same Sun sign as these celebrities that you are driven, positive and 100% authentic to yourself. All three people- Gaga, Kiyoko and Downey- are known for being outspoken on their beliefs and for their trend-setting attitudes.

TAURUS

Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson and Lizzo are known for being down-to-Earth, authentic and charming. This is definitely related to the fact that they all have a Taurus Sun sign. If you share this Sun sign then you have natural charisma, relaxed vibes and inspire the people around you. You are able to maintain your composure when facing criticism and stay true to yourself regardless of what haters may say- just like Johnson and Lizzo!

GEMINI

Steve-O and Angelina Jolie are two examples of celebrities that truly embody their Sun sign of Gemini. Both Steve-O and Jolie are adventurous and embody the chameleon-like vibe often portrayed by Geminis. Gemini Suns are always down for an adventure and Steve-O was wild on MTV’s “Jackass” series where he participated in reckless, hilarious stunts and Jolie is known for her worldwide volunteering and wide-range of characters she is able to portray as an actress.

CANCER

Post Malone and Ariana Grande embody what it means to be a Cancer. They are both outspoken about their romantic relationships and are hands-on with the lyrical process that goes into their music. Cancers are all about stability, relationships, love and communication. The fact

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that both Malone and Grande are both known for writing songs about their exes is a total Cancer move!

LEO

Barack Obama and Kylie Jenner are prime examples of Leo energy. Leos are all about leadership, style and charm. Obama is known as one of the most fashion-forward American presidents and Jenner focused her eye for aesthetics on starting her own makeup line. In addition, both Obama and Jenner are social and always taking pictures with friends or attending events. This energy is 100% Leo!

VIRGO

Zendaya and Beyonce exist as two of the most glamorous, dreamy celebrities. Virgos are known for their meticulous minds, practical sensibility and connection to healthy lifestyles and exercise. Their style is subtle yet impactful. This is why Beyonce and Zendaya look beautiful with and without makeup- just like other Virgos!

LIBRA

Will Smith, Cardi B and Halsey are three prominent Libra celebrities. Libras are all about balance, relationships and socializing. There is a natural charm to Libras and they have a bravado that is appealing and draws people to them. As an air sign, Libras are witty, clever and intelligent. If you have ever seen Smith, Cardi B or Halsey during an interview you will know that they are outspoken about their beliefs and are known to stand up for social issues. As a Libra Sun, you value fairness and are well-spoken just like Smith, Cardi B and Halsey!

SCORPIO

Drake and Katy Perry are two examples of celebrities with a Scorpio Sun sign. Scorpios are loyal and have a zero tolerance policy for people who are “all talk”. Relationships and friendships are important to them and they crave connections that are genuine and intimate. They do not vibe with people that are surface-level or known for being serial liars, as they value loyalty and legitimate people. This is why Drake name-dropped his frienemy Kanye West in his song “Wants and Needs” and Perry used her album “Prism” to express her emotions following her divorce from Russel Brand. Scorpios are highly expressive and emotional; this can definitely be observed with these two celebrity examples.

SAGITTARIUS

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Bill Nye and Miley Cyrus shed some light on the true nature of a Sagittarius Sun. They are both extremely outspoken about the things they are passionate about and have a natural charisma. Sagittarius have an eye for marketing and creating a brand around their personality and positive energy. Other Sagittarius celebrities to mention that fit this description are Taylor Swift, Billie Eilish and Nicki Minaj. Sagittarius are authentic, verbal and fun. They ignore people who try to drag them down and are strong-willed and determined.

CAPRICORN

John Legend and Dolly Parton embody what it means to be a Capricorn Sun. Legend and Parton are career-oriented but are also convicted and donate heavily to causes that mean a lot to them. Capricorns believe that words should be backed up with action which is why Legend and Parton are renowned for their involvement in various charities and volunteer efforts to truly make a difference. Capricorns often get a bad reputation for being stingy and/or cold, but they are simply focused and controlled in order to achieve their goals.

AQUARIUS

If you look up “Aquarius” in the dictionary, you will find a picture of Megan Thee Stallion and Guy Fieri. They are bold, unique/eccentric and friendly. They speak their minds and do not feel restricted to societal restraints. Aquarius Sun signs are all about helping others, embracing one’s true self and rejecting what does not serve their purpose/happiness. Megan’s song “Savage” highlights her rejection of stereotypes of what a woman should be and how a woman should behave. Fieri is known for his whimsical hairstyle and the various cooking shows he hosts that also donate money to different charitable causes. Their sense of humor and friendly vibe is 100% Aquarius.

PISCES

Rihanna and Matthew Gray Gubler are two examples of celebrities with Pisces Sun. Both Rihanna and Gubler are known for their bold style, fierce features and dreamy personalities. Rihanna has a natural elegance and fierceness that has enabled her to become a fashion icon and beauty entrepreneur in addition to her music career. Gubler began as a model and moved his way to acting. His most prominent role on “Criminal Minds” has earned him international recognition and millions of fans that admire his quirky appearance and music vibes. This energy is what Pisces are all about: dreaminess, wisdom and understated elegance.

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Events on Campus week of Aug. 30

Alexis Wisler

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Monday, Aug. 30

12 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Tabling | The Hanger

12 p.m. | Interfraternity Council Tabling | The Quad

6 p.m. | Alpha Phi Omega WSU “What’s APO?” Event | Dunbar Library Starbucks

6 p.m. | Back to 2000’s Cookout | “The Woods” Basketball Court

7 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Kickball | Student Union Field

9:30 p.m. | Bowling Club Tryouts | Beaver Vu Bowl

Tuesday, Aug. 31

11 a.m | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries | Student Union Upper Atrium

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

12 p..m | Alpha Phi Omega WSU Campus Scavenger Hunt | between Rike and University Hall

4 p.m. | Phi Sigma Rho Sorority Sister Speed Dating Recruitment Event | Russ Engineering 146

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

6 p.m. | Black Women Striving Forward Field Day | The Woods

6:30 p.m. | Competitive Cheer Team Recruiting Clinics | McLin Gym 4 Nutter Center

7 p.m. | H2O Church Tuesday Night Life Group | Oelman 109

7:15 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Board Game Night | St. John Bosco Chapel

Wednesday, Sept. 1

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11 a.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

12 p.m. | Interfraternity Council Tabling | The Quad

12 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Tabling | The Hanger

4 p.m. | Phi Sigma Rho Sorority Character Craft Recruitment Event | Russ Engineering 146

6 p.m. | Campus Recreation Group Hiking | Alumni Tower

6 p.m. | Interfraternity Council Meet the Fraternities | Student Union

6:30 p.m. | Competitive Cheer Team Recruiting Clinics | McLin Gym 4 Nutter Center

7 p.m. | Game Night | Honors Community Plaza

9:30 p.m. | Bowling Club Tryouts | Poelking Woodman Lanes

Thursday, Sept. 2

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

6 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Connexion | Student Success Center 009

7 p.m. | H2O Church Thursday Night Life Group | Allyn 124

7:30 p.m. | Alpha Phi Omega WSU Trivia Night | Rike Hall 157

Friday, Sept. 3

12 p.m. | College Panhellenic Council Tabling | The Hanger

12 p.m. | Interfraternity Council Tabling | The Quad

3 p.m. | Interfraternity Council Tailgate Games | North Lawn and Hamilton Plaza

5 p.m. | University Activities Board TV Show Trivia | Online

6 p.m. | Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity Game Night | Med Sci 127

6:30 p.m. | SGA Raider Nights in the City: Dayton Dragons Game | Day Air Park

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Saturday, Sept. 4

9 a.m. | Club Fastpitch Softball Team Tryouts | Wright State Varsity Softball Field

9 a.m. | Campus Recreation White Water Rafting | Lower New River Gorge

8 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club League of Legends Tryout | Online

Sunday, Sept. 5

8 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Call of Duty Tryouts | Online

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Breaking: WSU Reports 22 New COVID Cases

Alexis Wisler

August 30, 2021

The Wright State University (WSU) [coronavirus dashboard](#) was updated on Monday, Aug. 30, indicating a total of 40 active cases on campus.

The current numbers

According to the WSU dashboard, there are currently 6 asymptomatic cases, 26 student cases and eight faculty cases.

However, asymptomatic cases may be reported from both students and outside agencies.

“Asymptomatic individuals who test positive are encouraged to self-report their case, so some cases may be counted in both asymptomatic and external reports,” the dashboard says.

Because of this, the exact number of cases is unknown.

The current cases reflect testing results and external reports from Aug. 3 to Aug. 30, the majority of which coming from Aug. 24- Aug. 30. There is one student report from the Lake Campus.

Dashboard history

Over the summer, there was a dip in numbers from May 11 to July 19 with zero active cases reported.

The last time numbers were higher than 10 cases a week was from Jan. 5 to Jan. 18 with 59 total cases reported for those two weeks.

Students who test positive are encouraged to self-report through the dashboard in order for the university to conduct contact tracing.

The dashboard will update every Monday, or when the Wright State Office of Environmental Health and Safety is able to verify reports.

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Students can win prizes with 'passport to involvement' during Raider Weeks

Katie Jones

August 30, 2021

Wright State University's (WSU) Raider Weeks have various events to help students get involved on campus. They range from game nights to open houses and organization introductions.

All events are listed on Engage and the Corq app. Some events to look forward to include a Dayton Dragons game, trivia nights and movie nights.

Passport to Involvement

One way students can get involved is the Passport to Involvement. Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) created an event passport for students to visit different events.

Each card has event categories like club meetings, residential or commuter and student services. Students then complete the passport by attending Raider Week events where organizations stamp their card.

Once all categories are stamped they can turn in the card to be entered in a prize drawing.

"It's a great way for people to get involved and potentially win prizes. Hopefully it's a way for people to expand their horizons," Debbie Lamp, Associate Director for SIL, said.

Passports are due Sept. 3 at 5 p.m. and winners will be announced Sept. 10.

Fall Fest

One of the most popular Raider Weeks events is Fall Fest. This year it was on Aug. 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"Fall Fest is the alpha of the alpha and omega to the school year," Lamp said.

Similar to Raider Weeks, Fall Fest also had a stamp card for students to fill out for a free t-shirt. To get the t-shirt, students needed stamps from Fall Fest's five sponsors and seven organizations out of the 18 listed on the back.

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Fall Fest had 166 organizations, clubs and departments registered. It also had seven food trucks, the highest number in WSU's history.

Some favorites included Billie Gold Bubble Tea, Hunger Paynes and Mama Bearista.

Many organizations had small games or candy to hand out along with information about their organization.

One popular table was WSU's fencing team, who had set up a small table for students to stab balloons. The Latinx, Asian, and Native American (LANA) Center gave students henna tattoos and ASA played slapjack. Students were able to meet new people and experience campus life.

"I feel like I'm an actual student again now," sophomore Elizabeth Hale said.

However, for University Activities Board (UAB) President Jeffrey Shehee, Fall Fest is not just about joining orgs.

"The biggest thing that we want to get out of Fall Fest is pushing students to want to become leaders. That doesn't mean you have to be a leader within UAB or a leader within a certain organization on campus. We just want to see that you're doing something either in the classroom or out of the classroom," Shehee said.

Top Five Stories You Missed Last Week

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

August 30, 2021

Several major news stories were released during the first week of classes. Here are the top five students do not want to miss.

Stricter coronavirus policy requests

On Aug. 19, the Wright State University (WSU) American Association for Union Professors (AAUP) released a letter to university President Sue Edwards requesting stricter coronavirus policies as cases continue to rise.

“The Delta variant is significantly more contagious than the original variant and is highly likely to have a greater impact on younger people and those working in enclosed environments such as classrooms,” the letter from the executive committee of the AAUP-WSU said.

The WSU-AAUP made several requests in this letter, including a mandatory vaccine mandate and the option to teach online as opposed to in person.

READ MORE: [“WSU Faculty Union Asking for Remote Classes and Vaccine Requirements”](#)

Student Union closure

On Aug. 23, an electrical fire broke out in the main electrical room of the Student Union, causing a portion of campus to lose power for several hours.

“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 Baugess, WSU director of communications, said.

The electricity in all buildings impacted except the Student Union was restored Tuesday afternoon; however, the Student Union will remain closed through next week to allow proper repair and clean-up to occur.

READ MORE: [“Student Union Will Remain Closed Next Week University Says”](#)

NPHC plot delay

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WSU's National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC)'s memorial plot construction has been delayed due to construction setbacks.

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

The plots are intended to honor the nine historically black sororities and fraternities the NPHC represents.

READ MORE: ["WSU NPHC Plot Unveiling Delayed"](#)

Scott Nagy's pay

Contracts and an evaluation of university salaries revealed that WSU Basketball Coach Scott Nagy makes over \$30,000 more than WSU President Sue Edwards.

"Men's Basketball Head Coach Scott Nagy was paid the most [highest salary of WSU athletic coaches] 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," WSU Sports Reporter Noah Kindig wrote.

The Guardian is currently awaiting a copy of Scott Nagy's contract to determine what factors are considered for Nagy's pay.

READ MORE: ["Basketball Coach Scott Nagy paid more than University President"](#)

In-person classes during Delta

WSU announced that current plans for the fall semester would remain despite rising cases of the coronavirus Delta variant.

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.

At this time, the university has yet to indicate any changes in the plans for fall semester.

READ MORE: ["WSU Continues In-Person Despite Coronavirus Delta Variant"](#)

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Men's Soccer Opens the Season Against Akron

Noah Kindig

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Wright State University (WSU) Men's Soccer started off the regular season on Thursday against the Akron Zips after their preseason exhibition matches against Xavier, Indiana and Western Michigan.

WSU finished the shortened spring season on a 5-3-1 mark, with the Zips finishing 4-4-2 but beating Marshall, the eventual NCAA Champions, in the regular season.

WSU tied against Xavier and Western Michigan in the preseason and lost to Indiana, last season's NCAA runner-up, 2-4. The Zips also tied against Xavier after beating Niagra 3-2 and later tied VCU.

The Raider goals in the preseason came from Harvey Slade (1), John Lynam (2) and Presten Manthey (1) with excellent saves from goalkeeper Bryson Najarian across all three games.

Before Thursday's game, the Zips led the overall series against the Raiders 10-1, with their last meeting being an 8-0 win for Akron back in 2008.

The game

Akron proved they were a top-tier team all night, beating the Raiders with constant aggression.

Akron eventually won the dominant game 7-1, beating the Raiders in every statistic except for corner kicks.

Six zips placed a ball into the back of the net, with Ryan Kingsford leading the pack with two.

Both teams tried to focus their attack to the corner and cross the ball into the middle, but Akron was more successful in the second part where Raider attacks ended up crossing the end line.

Akron scored four goals off of attacks from the corner, whereas the single bright spot for the Raiders, a 60th-minute goal from Joe Kouadio, came from a give-and-go straight down the middle.

Future matches

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The Raiders were back in action on Monday, Aug. 30 against Northern Kentucky in a game streamed on ESPN+.

Northern Kentucky drew their season opener against #25 Coastal Carolina, in a match that went 110 minutes with no goals from either side.

Bradley won their first season-opening match against Omaha 1-0, off of a free kick taken by Jack Douglas 30 yards out bounced off the crossbar to be scored by freshman Jake Schoffstall.

The Raiders will look to work on their possession from the back and their defense during these matches in order to perform in Horizon League play.

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Student Leaders reflect on First Weekend and Upcoming Semester

Kaylee Raines

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First Weekend kicked off the 2021-2022 school year with games, events and opportunities for students to learn about the resources and clubs available on campus.

Student organization leaders are eager to continue promoting campus engagement.

Attending leaders weigh-in

WWSU 106.9 FM President Shea Neal worked as a group leader for incoming commuter students. He spent most of First Weekend showing students around campus and helping them feel more prepared for the transition to college.

“My favorite part of First Weekend was definitely seeing campus so lively and active again. As a student leader, I’ve been around for a few months when it was just us and a few faculty/staff members. To see hundreds and thousands of students back on campus enjoying the WSU community was a feeling I’ve needed to have for a long time now,” Neal said.

University Activities Board (UAB) President Jeffrey Shehee showed students around campus and attended the Joseph Tran magic comedy show. His biggest hope for the 2021-2022 school year is that student organization leaders will collaborate more frequently and that a sense of unity will be restored. In addition, he hopes that future Wright State University (WSU) events will be as inclusive and welcoming as this year’s event.

“I think one thing WSU already does that they should keep sticking to is finding more ways to incorporate inclusive excellence; just making sure that instead of holding your typical college panels, you’re aiming for something that truly concerns all students. A good way to do this is by considering things like, ‘what is life like on campus if I fall under a specific demographic?’,” Shehee said.

Unlike Neal and Shehee, College Panhellenic Council President Brittany Zazueta did not attend the entirety of First Weekend. However, her experiences prepping on campus for the events and looking at pictures and videos of the excitement from them have her eager to see what this school year has in store.

“My biggest hope is seeing students get super involved on campus and just putting themselves out there,” Zazueta said.



Information for those who could not attend

Students that were not able to attend First Weekend or Fall Fest but are interested in learning about the events and clubs available can visit Engage. Engage can be accessed through Wings and allows students to view or join active clubs and see upcoming events.

Link to Engage: <https://wright.campuslabs.com/engage/>

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New Tuition Insurance Program Offered to WSU Students

Jamie Naylor

September 1, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) contracts with outside insurance company to provide students with optional tuition insurance. Here are some key details to know about the new program.

What is tuition insurance?

GradGuard is a national tuition insurance company that works with any accredited four-year institution.

Tuition insurance insures student's tuition, housing fees and university fees. The program enables students to receive a 100% refund even after the university's full refund date if they withdraw mid-semester due to covered reasons.

According to GradGuard representative Natalie Tarangioli, covered incidents include serious medical illness, injury, mental health situations and covid-19 illnesses. This insurance does not cover students who withdraw due to campus closures.

The program is optional for all students and will cost an additional \$106 per semester. All payments are conducted through TouchNet, the universities billing site, with payments going directly to GradGuard.

The university does not benefit monetarily from the relationship nor are they responsible for marketing for the program.

GradGuard's responsibility

According to the participation agreement between GradGuard and WSU, the insurance company facilitates the program, oversees student payments and creates personalized insurance plans.

The firm is also responsible for paying out student balances when a student with the insurance withdraws from the university.

"If the unexpected happens and you have a policy with GradGuard your investment is going to be covered. We're going to be reimbursing you as a family or we're going to be paying Wright

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State on your behalf to make sure those balances are covered,” Derrick Shy, GradGuard’s Vice President of Business Development, said.

WSU’s involvement

Also according to the contract, WSU is responsible for notifying students of the program along with appointing a liaison.

Becky Sparks, director of Bursar Services and current liaison for the program, expressed her prolonged desire to contract with the company to bring the tuition insurance program to WSU.

“I had been to multiple virtual conferences over the past year and their presentations had sparked my interest in the GradGuard product for our students,” Sparks wrote. “When a student has to leave school for a medical problem we do not want an account balance or registration hold to prevent the student from coming back to Wright State,”

It is unclear what exact advantage the university gains in their relationship with GradGuard.

Contract details

According to Shy, there are no restrictions on how many students have to participate in the program in order for the company to offer it. GradGuard estimates 6% of the WSU community will enroll in the program, the average number in enrollment for universities similar in size to WSU.

The company’s contract with WSU began in July 2021 and will continue until July 2022, with the contract automatically renewing each fiscal year unless either party chooses to terminate the relationship.

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WSU Volleyball Predicted Number one in League

Noah Kindig

September 1, 2021

After a record-breaking previous season for Wright State University (WSU) Volleyball, the team looks better than ever coming into the 2021 Fall Season.

Their last exhibition match against Miami at home ended up being a 3-0 sweep and brought in quite the crowd.

Fans have been allowed back into C. J. McLin gymnasium so far this season, giving parents and supporters alike a chance to see the action in person once again.

Last year's and this year's best

After winning the Horizon League Tournament last season and sweeping Samford in the first round of the NCAA tournament, there were no doubts that it was a historic season for the program.

Their 17-2 record was a dominant run all the way through, only losing in out-of-league play to the Dayton Flyers and to Texas in the NCAA tournament.

The team was honored for their accomplishments before the exhibition against Miami, with the Athletics Department unveiling two banners celebrating the team's successes.

While the team was incredibly successful in the past, they are likely to be just as successful in the future.

The HL preseason poll has the Raiders ranked at the top once again, followed by the UIC flames.

The team earned nine first-place votes from teams across the League, with UIC and Northern Kentucky taking one apiece.

Fifth-year raiders

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With the NCAA's one-year extension rule for athletes affected by the coronavirus pandemic, three Raiders are back for their fifth season.

Nyssa Baker, Celia Powers and Teddie Sauer all were big parts of the team's success in the spring and will look to repeat their success this season. All three hitters totaled over 120 kills each for WSU, with Powers leading the team at 172.

WSU also has a large group of seniors back in action as well, with Jenna Story, Lainey Stephenson, Elle Ruskaup and Grace Hauck all performing well against the Redhawks.

Fans in the stands

McLin gym was full of energy as fans were allowed to come and support the game in person.

"I was surprised at how many people showed up." Bob Grant, Athletics Director at WSU, said. "I guess a lot of people missed Wright State Sports."

It was easy to see that the players enjoyed it too, as they swept the Redhawks in a close set one 28-26, then dominated the next two 25-16 and 25-16.

"There was a big smile on my face," Grant said. "We still have to wear masks inside and be sure we're keeping our players safe, but just having parents and fans back brings so much energy in the room."

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SGA: Plans to Increase Student Involvement

Peter Murphy

September 1, 2021

Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) are in the process of developing or implementing plans to increase student involvement on campus.

Upcoming engagement events

Notable events planned for this fall are the College of Science and Math's Festival of Research, The College of Engineering and Computer Science baseball game against Hamilton on Oct. 8, and The Speaker of the House's, Dai'Shanae Moore, SGA meet and greet at Scene 75 for Labor Day Weekend.

Education initiatives

Moore also proposed the creation of more workshops focused on gender and pronoun education on campus. This proposal has the support of faculty member Dr. Nicole Carter, Director of Wright State University Women's Center.

Commuter involvement programs

The Commuter Senator, Alaina Collins, announced a sharp increase in participation in WSU's Commuter Student Association (CSA). Collins attributed both fall fest and in-person classes to the increase.

Collins expects this week's CSA meeting, Friday, Sept. 3, to also help increase commuter campus involvement.

SGA meetings are currently held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in University Hall and are open to the public.

Students React to Electrical Fire in the Student Union

Brendan Blankenship

September 1, 2021

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, Wright State University (WSU) students awoke to a message about an electrical fire and power outage that completely shut down the Student Union (SU). The building will remain closed through the week of Aug. 30.

What This Means for Student Organizations

Many student organizations operate within the SU and have needed to either shut down or move to a virtual format again after a year of running virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Debbie Lamp, Associate Director for Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), the office is currently running remotely. Any student organizations that have offices in the Student Union are affected by this power outage.

According to Lamp, the office is operating with the same services used when the university shut down due to the pandemic. WebEx is the main medium for communication.

“We are hoping for the best and planning for the worst,” Lamp said.

Some organizations have had to cancel or reschedule events during this time. WWSU 106.9 FM, the on-campus, student-led radio station has had to go completely off-air due to not having access to the Student Union.

The general manager of WWSU 106.9 FM, Shea Neal, says that 106.9 will not be able to operate until they are back in the building safely and have access to their equipment.

“Wright State is doing what they can to keep students safe,” Neal said.

Neal is currently working with DJs to promote their work and share pre-recorded music.

Student Opinions

With the Student Union closed, students are having trouble accessing areas including the bookstore, dining areas, mental health services and banking services.

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Class cancellations, trouble with getting textbooks, and not being able to socialize in the Student Union are among a few issues students ran into with the power outage.

Brooke Shade, a junior majoring in accounting, and Bailee Cloud, a junior majoring in finance, were both unable to have lunch with their friends in the Student Union and could not use the bookstore. Both students also had class cancellations.

Banking services were another part of the Student Union that students could not use. Mya Davis, a freshman majoring in computer science, was unable to use the credit union.

WSU's Counseling and Wellness Services (CWS) was also forced to close. All services are remote as of this time.

Donovyn Stevens, another freshman majoring in computer science, was unable to use the CWS.

"I was supposed to go get a tour of their new place in their area," Stevens said.

It is uncertain when the Student Union will reopen at this time. According to university officials, the union will stay closed at least through the week of Aug. 30.

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Dayton's Not Dead: Food for the Journey Project

Kaylee Raines

September 2, 2021

Food for the Journey Project (FJP) is a local 501(c)(3) organization that provides free meals and emotional support to people in need within the Dayton community.

FJP's mission

FJP founder Charles Wourms is passionate about serving others and views hunger as one of the most prominent issues in Dayton. After working with House of Bread for several years, Wourms founded FJP.

It has been seven years since FJP's inception, but Wourms has no plans of slowing down in his effort to make a difference for local families.

Although FJP volunteers and guests originally ate together, they have pivoted to serving meals in to-go containers to follow coronavirus protocols. However, FJP continues to adapt their methods as the situation evolves.

"Hunger is everywhere and it is neighborhood-centric. Some people can't get out of their neighborhoods to eat because they don't have the means. Our response to that is for us to go out into the neighborhoods to meet our guests where they live and provide them a hot, fresh meal," Wourms said.

In addition, FJP focuses on providing ready-to-eat meals rather than canned food items and non-perishables directly to families.

"There are a lot of barriers for people who are trying to eat. Some of them are psychological, some of them are emotional, some are physical and some are circumstantial. You could give them the components of the meal, but many people do not have the means to put together a meal," Wourms said.

FJP is always looking for more volunteers, as they serve between 700-1,000 meals each week. Despite the large number of meals being served, FJP strives to make each interaction genuine and positive rather than rushing guests through the experience.

"The most important meal is the meal we are serving to each individual in that specific moment. Everyone has a story. Our guests have lives that are meaningful and interesting and it's our

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[FJP's] privilege to be a part of their lives and to have those individuals share with us," Wourms said.

FJP also donates socks, blankets, school supplies and more. To see the current donational needs for FJP, please visit: <https://www.foodforthejourneyproject.org/current-needs.html>

Volunteers share their experiences

Nancy Frank began as a volunteer with House of Bread, where she initially met Wourms. Once Wourms left to start FJP, Frank joined alongside several of their mutual associates.

Frank initially planned on only helping Wourms until he found a steady staff, but her experience was so positive that she continues to volunteer seven years later.

"I have many fond memories of people coming in that were in need of simply talking to someone. I also enjoy getting to meet people from every face of life," Frank said.

Similar to Frank, Sister Jean Rene Hoying also met Wourms through House of Bread. She had also planned to help temporarily but still volunteers today.

"I just want to spend the rest of my life helping others, putting others first and assisting them where they need help," Hoying said.

In addition to making a difference in others' lives, FJP volunteers feel a sense of community and belonging within each other.

"We have such a great support system within the volunteers. I have a really close bond with the other volunteers and it's been such a nice experience," Frank said.

Wright State University (WSU) students looking to get involved with FJP are encouraged to reach out to Charles Wourms via email (cwourms@foodforthejourneyproject.org) or phone (937-545-9959).

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WSU Veteran center offering services for combat veterans

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With the recent events in Afghanistan, the Veteran and Military Center (VMC) is offering its services to all veterans enrolled in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Wright State University (WSU) has one of the largest veteran and active duty service member student bodies in the state of Ohio. The VMC is doing everything in its power to help military-connected students, faculty and staff process this tragic event.

What is the VMC

The VMC, located in Allyn Hall, is a dedicated space for any veteran or active-duty service member. The VMC offers facilities for students who need a quiet place to study, the opportunity to inquire about earned benefits or ways to connect with other student veterans on campus.

“The ideal day for us is sitting down talking and working with students one on one,” Seth Gordon, Director of the VMC, said.

Serving around 700 veterans and active duty each year, the VMC finds itself routinely busy during the academic year.

According to Joe Young, Certifying Official for the VMC and Army combat veteran who spent time in both Iraq and Afghanistan, the office sees about 100 veterans a week.

After hearing the news about Afghanistan, Gordon sent an email to all military-connected students on Saturday, Aug. 21 highlighting several services on and off campus that veterans can attend.

VMC outreach

“Check on your buddies, that’s [the] essential thing,” Amber Meyer, Army combat veteran and current WSU student, said. “Just that thought to check on people that you know might be affected can cause a trickle-down effect.”

The VMC sent an email to all enrolled veterans and active duty service members informing them about a fireside chat. Scheduled for Sept. 1, guests from the Veteran Readjustment Center, located in Kettering, will offer assistance.

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“It would be inaccurate to say vets are angry, the feelings cycle up and down,” Meyer said, “I do think this is a good idea.”

In addition to the fireside chat, the VMC is hosting several events throughout the year. These include a weekly continental breakfast and a friendly game of cornhole every Friday in front of Allyn Hall so vets can socially engage.

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WSU Greek Life Proud of Their Diversity and Inclusion Efforts

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In early August the University of Alabama's sorority recruitment went viral on TikTok and sparked conversations about Greek Life's diversity and inclusivity.

Newspapers published articles debating this topic, including a Time Magazine article titled "RushTok Is a Mesmerizing Viral Trend. It Also Amplifies Sororities' Problems With Racism."

Diversity in WSU's sororities

In recent years, there has been a push for more diversity and inclusion among Greek life at Wright State University (WSU).

"I think we have very high potential and people who want to see diversity and inclusiveness," National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. (NPHC) President Dai'Shanae Moore said.

In 2019, students founded WSU's first Asian-interest group, Advocates for Cultural-diversity and Excellence (ACE). The following year the College Panhellenic Council (CPH) added a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Chair to their council.

"We have the potential and I think we have great people working towards making Greek life as a whole as inclusive and diverse as possible," Faith Thompson, CPH's vice president, said.

Recruitment at WSU

Sorority recruitment differs at each university and WSU's is values-based.

"We don't expect you to be a carbon copy of anyone. We don't expect you to look or act a certain way other than to have strong values and present the best version of yourself," Gina Keucher, Program Director for Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), said.

This sentiment was echoed by College Panhellenic Council (CPH) President Brittany Zazueta and Moore.

CPH and NPHC have different processes while specialty sororities like ACE and Phi Sigma Rho (PSR) have their own recruitment. However, each organization looks for girls whose values align with their organization's.

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CPH's recruitment week is Sept. 9-13 and ACE's is Sept. 7-17. NPHC had their open forum night on Aug. 26 and PSR has recruitment events Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

NPHC recruitment

NPHC sororities have private recruitment specific to each chapter. PNMs will go through an intake process selection before an induction ceremony, which is open to the public.

"My favorite memory of recruitment would have to be my induction ceremony. My aunt, who I am a legacy through, showed up for my induction ceremony so I actually got the first embrace from my aunt," Moore said.

CPH recruitment

CPH sorority recruitment is similar in structure to the Alabama rush TikToks. Recruitment is four days, with an orientation and then three themed rounds: philanthropy, sisterhood and preference.

PNMs are guided by recruitment counselors who are 'in silence' and do not reveal their letters until bid day.

"We always say we lose our letters to help you find yours," Thompson said.

Following the preference round is bid day, where girls will "run home," introducing themselves and what chapter they will be joining.

For sisters in silence, like Zazueta and Thompson, they will also get to run home.

"I will be ending my college career the way I started it by running back home to my chapter," Zazueta said.

Lake Campus Housing Numbers on its Tenth Anniversary

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The Wright State Lake Campus housing community celebrated its tenth anniversary on Aug. 20 with fall semester move-in, welcoming a total of 76 students. Of the 76 students moving in this year, only 11 were returning residents.

Coronavirus impact on housing choices

Coronavirus concerns the past two years reduced the housing population, but with this fall's cohort, the numbers are swinging back towards pre-pandemic averages.

According to Lake Campus Community Coordinator Tiffany Hamilton, the maximum occupancy in Lake Campus villas is 96 residents. The average number of residents hovers between 80 and 90 students.

"In August 2019, we had 86, which is about our average," Hamilton said.

Lake campus had 36 residents for fall 2020, according to Hamilton, 12 of which were returners. Prior to that, at the onset of the coronavirus in 2019, only three of 86 total residents remained on campus after it was suggested that students living on campus return home to complete the semester online.

Proximity major factor in housing applications

Despite coronavirus concerns and restrictions, proximity to campus still appears to be the driving factor for on-campus housing decisions.

Fully vaccinated freshman Erin Suder traveled from Cincinnati to pursue her education degree at the Lake Campus, over 100 miles from her hometown.

Freshman agriculture student Sierah Geldbaugh is not vaccinated and is from Beavercreek, approximately 90 miles from Celina.

Both freshmen said they were not concerned about the coronavirus and any risk associated with living on campus was not a factor in their decision.

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“Since COVID is a factor, I’m trying not to make it the center of my college experience. Basically, I’m trying to do all the things other college students have experienced while staying safe,” Geldbaugh said.

Returning resident and sophomore graphic design major Emily Weigandt, who is fully vaccinated but immunocompromised, decided to return to campus. Weigandt requested a single room to keep potential exposure to any kind of illness to a minimum.

Ohio Universities Began Mandating Covid-19 Vaccines; WSU Students Give Their Opinions
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Wright State University (WSU) students and alumni weigh in on vaccine mandates as Ohio universities begin to institute Covid-19 vaccine requirements.

FDA's Approval

On Aug. 23, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) fully approved Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine for use as protection against coronavirus including the Delta variant. Moderna and Johnson and Johnson, the other two vaccines on the market, have been approved by the FDA for emergency use but have not received full approval.

READ MORE: [FDA Fully Approves Pfizer Vaccine; Ohio Universities Legally Allowed to Mandate](#)

Since the approval, many Ohio universities, including Ohio State, have issued vaccine mandates for their staff and students. These mandates require students to get vaccinated against Covid-19 to attend classes.

WSU Covid-19 policy

WSU currently does not require the campus community to receive a Covid-19 vaccine, however, it is strongly encouraged for students and faculty. Recently the university reinstated its indoor mask mandate.

Additionally, the Covid-19 task force sent out a voluntary survey to gather information on student vaccination status and gauge public opinion on a vaccine mandate.

Student opinions

Wright State students and alumni have mixed opinions on whether or not the university should institute a vaccine mandate for the campus community.

Students like Mya Davis believe that WSU should require Covid-19 vaccination.

"I think it would be good to have a vaccine mandate," Davis said.

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Others like Donovan Stevens think that WSU should continue to strongly suggest vaccination and keep the mask mandate on campus.

Some students like recent graduate Anthony Mitchell and junior Benjamin Bowers are against a WSU vaccine mandate.

“I’m vaccinated but I respect other people’s choices on whether or not they want to be. I think they (WSU) should figure out who is vaccinated and those people don’t have to wear masks and those who are not, can just come at their own risk,” Bowers said.

Alumni like Mackenzie Strang advocate for a vaccine mandate only if a large percentage of the campus population does not receive one.

WSU has yet to announce plans to instate a vaccine mandate.

BREAKING: Wright State Not Planning to Mandate COVID-19 Vaccinations

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Wright State University (WSU) says that it has no plans to issue a COVID-19 vaccine mandate in the near future, citing complexities in enforcing the mandate.

No Mandate Anytime Soon

Recently, universities across Ohio, including The Ohio State University, Miami University, the University of Cincinnati, Kent State University, Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, Ohio University, Cleveland State University, Central State University and the University of Akron, have announced COVID-19 vaccine mandates due to the full approval of the Pfizer vaccine by the Food and Drug Administration and the rise in Delta variant cases.

[Read more: Ohio Universities Began Mandating Covid-19 Vaccines; WSU Students Give Their Opinions](#)

WSU does not plan to follow this pattern, according to Dean of Students Chris Taylor.

“We don’t currently have [a COVID-19 vaccine mandate], and we don’t have any plans to roll one out anytime soon.”

Chris Taylor, dean of students at Wright State

Currently, Youngstown State University, Shawnee State University, the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and Wright State are the only Inter-University Council of Ohio universities without a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. NEOMED currently has a student vaccination rate of 97%.

Taylor cited complexities in enforcing a mandate as the reason for this decision. He explained that students could claim exemption from receiving the vaccine for three reasons: medical, religious and conscientiously—or firmly—held beliefs.

“For strongly held personal beliefs, there is no way to challenge that,” Taylor explained.

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) affirmed that it plans to leave vaccine mandates to the discretion of universities and local health departments, according to Jeff Robinson, director of communications for ODHE.

Vaccine Survey Results

The COVID-19 Task Force, headed by Dean Taylor, sent out a vaccine survey on Aug. 25 to gain insight on vaccination status among campus community members. The survey was anonymous and may not have definite, or entirely accurate, data.

Survey results for the Dayton Campus show that of the 3,836 participants, 78.24% of students, staff and faculty are vaccinated or plan to become vaccinated against COVID-19, with 21.76% against receiving the shot.

These numbers are reflective of the surrounding area. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 63.8% of Greene County adults received their vaccination as of Sept. 2.

Only 338 Lake Campus community members participated in the survey, with 35.21% reporting a positive vaccination status and 64.76% reporting a non-vaccination status.

Additionally, according to the CDC, 42.6% of Mercer County adults received the vaccine as of Sept. 2.

Goals set at a national and state level for vaccination rates failed to meet expectations over the last several months. One of the most famous goals promoted was for the United States to be at 70% fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by July 4. As of Sept. 3, the CDC reports that 63.9% of people ages 18 and up are fully vaccinated in the United States.

According to the Ohio Department of Health, 58.74% of Ohioans 18 and older received the vaccine as of Sept. 3.

As of Aug. 30, WSU reported 40 active COVID-19 cases at the Dayton Campus and one case at the Lake Campus.

[Read more: *Breaking: WSU Reports 22 New COVID Cases*](#)

Student Reactions

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Student opinions regarding the university's decision not to mandate the coronavirus vaccine vary.

"This is crazy. We already have active cases on campus, and with the ratio of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated, they could worsen. I would hate for someone to catch COVID-19 and die because the university didn't want to mandate the vaccine," Sydney Wyatt, a senior financial services major, said. "We are already required to get vaccines before becoming WSU students. This isn't much different. If it keeps cases on campus at bay and classes in-person, then WSU should make a decision for the greater good."

Emily Winkelman, a junior women, gender and sexuality studies major, agreed with the university's stance regarding the vaccine mandate.

"I think that if everyone is vaccinated it [COVID-19] might go away but I'm worried that this vaccine is causing effects to some individuals," Winkelman said.

Not all WSU students feel strongly one way or the other about a campus vaccine mandate.

"I am fine with the university deciding not to mandate the vaccine, but I also am already vaccinated," Cal Kahoun, a sophomore computer science major, said. "At the end of the day, it's your body, your choice."