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Weekly Horoscopes

Kaylee Raines

September 7, 2021

With international travel restrictions gradually lessening, many people are planning their next adventure. Here is which country you should visit based on your Sun sign.

## **ARIES**

Costa Rica is the perfect destination for Aries. From zip-lining through the rainforest and hiking up the various volcanoes to relaxing and enjoying a day at the beach, Costa Rica provides the range of entertainment needed to satisfy an Aries. Aries people enjoy variety, action and spontaneity and there is no doubt that Costa Rica fulfills all of those requirements.

## **TAURUS**

Everyone knows that Taurus signs are notorious for their passion for luxury and delicious food. This makes Italy an ideal destination for those with a Taurus Sun sign. Whether you want to enjoy a glass of wine and relax in the Italian countryside or shop at famous Italian stores like Valentino or Versace, Italy suits the refined taste of a Taurus.

## **GEMINI**

Jamaica is known for their vibrant culture and friendly locals. Social butterfly Geminis would fit right into the positive, bustling vibes of Jamaica. There is so much to see and experience in Jamaica with its beautiful beaches and rich local culture. Gemini are stimulated by conversation and social interaction, making Jamaica an excellent place for them to travel.

## **CANCER**

Cancers are known for their romantic, cozy vibes. This makes Switzerland the ideal place for Cancers to vacation. The beautiful scenery and relaxed energy will yield a positive experience for Cancers. Castles, mountains and waterfalls form a dreamy aesthetic that aligns with the comfortable energy craved by Cancers. Cancers, snuggle up and take a magical train ride through the snowy mountains of Switzerland and enjoy a blissful international adventure!

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Leos crave passion, inspiration and adventure. This makes Indonesia an amazing destination for Leos to visit. Whether you want to explore Jakarta and experience the bustling energy of a huge city, escape to the tea fields for an Instagrammable moment in Java or relax on the beautiful beaches of Bali, Indonesia has everything a Leo desires. Food, romance and adventure await for those who travel to Indonesia- pack your bags, Leo!

## **VIRGO**

Virgos crave adventure that aligns them with the Earth and enhances their mental, physical and spiritual well-being. In addition, Virgos are budget-minded and want a destination that will allow them to explore without breaking the bank. This makes Thailand an awesome choice for Virgos. Thailand is a popular destination for adventurers looking to experience traditional culture on a budget. Lodging and food are extremely affordable and there is so much to see and do. Temples, elephant sanctuaries, beaches and food markets are awaiting to give Virgo an enlightening and eye-opening experience.

## **LIBRA**

Libras are all about aesthetic, beauty and socialization. This energy is compatible with the vibes of South Korea. There are photo ops everywhere you turn in Korea: photo booths, flower fields and colorful cityscapes are all around! Libras will enjoy interacting with locals at food markets, socializing at Seoul's various nightclubs and enjoying a beach day in Busan. There is so much to see and Libra is ready to experience it all!

## **SCORPIO**

The romantic, sensual energy of Scorpio aligns with the aesthetic and pace of France. Scorpios want to visit somewhere iconic that permeates epicurean vibes. With France, Scorpio can relax and explore Paris to visit the Eiffel Tower and enjoy a romantic evening and visit the poignant memorials of Normandy Beach to commemorate the tragedy of D-Day. In addition, Scorpios dark-side can be quenched when visiting the Catacombs of Paris to observe the remains of over six million people. France will provide Scorpios with a place to satisfy their romantic and dark tendencies making it an ideal location for them to visit.

## **SAGITTARIUS**

Sagittarius are vibrant, colorful and adventurous. Morocco is known for being one of the most fascinating and lively places in the world making it an awesome place for Sagittarius to explore. Marrakesh is the "Red City" within Morocco that contains beautiful palaces, gardens and

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restaurants. This unique destination will fulfil Sagittarius' need for adventure and enable them to enhance their worldview. Sagittarius love learning about other cultures and trying new foods, so trying Moroccan cuisine will be an amazing experience as well.

## **CAPRICORN**

Known for their serious, bold energy, Capricorn would enjoy a trip to Russia. There is so much to learn and the academically-driven minds of Capricorn will be fascinated and enjoy a trip to Russia. Russia has a rich history, diverse culture and many renowned sites that Capricorn will enjoy visiting. St. Basil's Cathedral, Red Square and the Kremlin are some of the many sites that Capricorn can enjoy on their trip to Russia.

## **AQUARIUS**

Aquarius are all about quirky, unique energy. This makes Japan an ideal destination for them to explore. From anime to sushi conveyor belts, Aquarius will enjoy the lively and diverse culture of Japan. Additionally, the academic minds of Aquarius will thrive while learning about Japan's rich history and culture while exploring traditional areas like Kyoto. This country makes an awesome destination for the adventurous and free-thinking Aquarius mind.

## **PISCES**

Pisces are all about dreamy vibes. This makes the romantic energy of Greece ideal for their next vacation. Whether it is enjoying a glamorous evening in Santorini or visiting historical sites like the Parthenon, Pisces will thrive in Greece's high-vibration energy.

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Events on Campus Week of Sept. 6  
Alexis Wisler  
September 7, 2021

Here is a list of events happening on campus this week that students can look to attend.

## **Monday, Sept. 6**

11 a.m. | SGA Scene75 Hang Out | Scene75 Entertainment Center

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

1:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

7 p.m. | Collegiate eSports Club Wright State Raid | Millett 033

## **Tuesday, Sept. 7**

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

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

5:30 p.m. | Radiology Interest Group Intro to Radiology Event | White Hall 120

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

7:15 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Video Game (K)night | St. John Bosco Chapel

8 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Casino Night Recruitment Event | Allyn 225

## **Wednesday, Sept. 8**

11 a.m. | College Panhellenic Council Recruitment Tabling | Union Market

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

5 p.m. | Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc Study Tables | Rike 154

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

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6:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Bosco Night | St. John Bosco Chapel

## **Thursday, Sept. 9**

11 a.m. | Student Involvement and Leadership Volunteer Fair | Student Union Atrium

2 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 044

2:30 p.m. | Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence Recruitment | BART

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

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

6:30 p.m. | Plastic Surgery Interest Group Event | White Hall 101

7 p.m. | Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity Open House | M180 CAC

7 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Laser Tag Recruitment Event | Laser Web

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

## **Friday, Sept. 10**

1:30 p.m. | Muslim Student Association Friday Prayer | Rathskeller 008

1:30 p.m. | Abilities Create Blogs Event | Rike 072

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

6 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball Fundraiser | Student Union Gym

8 p.m. | Chi Alpha Ministries Freshman Doubleshot Event | The Landing

## **Saturday, Sept. 11**

12 p.m. | Campus Recreation Leave No Trace Course | Germantown Metropark

1 p.m. | Club Football Game Day | WSU Football Field

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Recap: Raider Volleyball at the Spartan Invitational  
Noah Kindig  
September 7, 2021

It was an eventful weekend for Wright State University (WSU) Volleyball, as the Raiders headed to Michigan to play in the Spartan Invitational.

The Raiders ended the weekend 2-1, after beating Canisius College 3-0, losing to Western Michigan 0-3, and beating Michigan State, the hosts of the event, 3-2.

Megan Alders and Lainey Stephenson were the standout players over the weekend for WSU. Alders totaled 40 kills over the entire weekend, the most at the event, and Stephenson totaled 90 assists, followed far behind by Michigan State's Celia Cullen with 56.

With their five-set win against Michigan State, the Raiders look strong coming into the Dayton Beaver Creek Invitational, hosted entirely in McLin Gym at the Nutter Center.

## **Sweeping through Canisius**

WSU started off the weekend's matches with a 3-0 sweep over the Canisius Griffins in their first regular-season matchup.

Stephenson led the Raider attack throughout the match, totaling 29 assists, and setting up Wright State's hitters for success.

Alders, Celia Powers, Grace Hauck, and Nyssa Baker all threatened the Griffin defense, especially Baker, as she hit for .636 throughout the match.

Defensively, WSU totaled 64 digs to the Griffins' 49. Jenna Story led the raiders with 17; Powers and Stephenson had double-digit digs. WSU limited their own errors to 14 throughout three sets while forcing 28 from Canisius.

## **Learning from Western Michigan**

The Broncos were dominant defensively throughout the match, as the Raiders struggled to get off the ground.

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WMU's nine blocks to WSU's four and kills from Abi Wilcoxson gave them the edge over the Raiders in set two, narrowly winning 25-22 and giving them momentum coming into the third set.

While Story led the game in digs with 16 versus WMU's Maggie King with 11, eight players for the Broncos would pitch in with digs of their own to beat out WSU's total by one.

The strength of the Broncos' block made attacking for WSU difficult, averaging a .139 hitting percentage as a team.

## **Winning through five**

Wright State was able to reverse the problems they had against Western Michigan to beat out the Spartans through five sets.

They had 11 blocks to MSU's six, with Baker adding seven for the Raiders, and only had 20 errors to the Spartans' 34.

MSU's hitting percentage was in the negative during set two, as WSU rebounded from a set one loss to win 25-16.

Alders was impossible for the Spartans to deal with, adding 22 of WSU's 47 kills in the match, as Stephenson started attack after attack, totaling 38 assists.

While MSU's attack was more balanced, with three Spartans scoring double-digit kills to beat WSU overall 57-47, it was WSU's block that gave them the advantage.

The Raiders will be back in action at the Dayton Beaver Creek Invitational, as they prepare for a showdown against the University of Dayton on Sept. 10.



YMCA Offers Free Services to Lake Campus Students

Kristina Shue

September 7, 2021

Celina's YMCA has long been partnering with Wright State University (WSU) Lake Campus to provide recreational resources for the student body.

### **Relationship with Lake Campus**

Lake Campus athletes have a long-standing agreement with the YMCA to allow them to train in its facilities. All students are granted free YMCA membership valid at the Celina and Minster locations by registering with their WrightOne card.

According to Celina's YMCA Executive Director Brittany Thiebeau, a large volume of the Lake Campus student population takes advantage of the membership.

"From what I've seen, it's kind of even across the board. We have athletes and we have non-athletes. I know over the past week, I saw I think 100 participants registered for a membership," Thiebeau said.

In addition to the pool, weight room and cardio equipment in the Wellness Center, the YMCA offers several classes that have not yet seen much student participation.

"I would say that our programs are definitely more utilized by the community, and I don't know if that's necessarily because the Wright State Lake students don't want to use it," Thiebeau said.

Thiebeau also said that many students are not up to date on the program schedules.

### **Popular student use**

Student athletes predominantly use the weight room.

"Just weights. That's all I do there," Lake baseball player Markus Brugler said.

Non-athlete students get more use out of the pool and cardio equipment.

"I was planning on just doing what they offer there like swimming and going on the treadmill," freshman Elena Strzyzkowski, who activated her membership over move-in weekend, said.

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“The only thing I’ve ever done is swim,” Laker Alex Grilliot said. “I’d be interested in maybe using the weight room.”

In addition to recreational resources, the YMCA also has current job openings that could fit into student schedules. Keep up-to-date on YMCA jobs, programs, and activities by following Auglaize/Mercer Counties Family YMCA on Facebook.

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WSU Requiring Residential Students to Covid Test  
Kaitlyn Chrosniak  
September 7, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) announced that residential students will be required to perform an at-home COVID-19 test in response to the holiday weekend.

## **BinaxNOW COVID-19 testing**

WSU announced on Sept. 7 that residential students would be receiving a BinaxNOW COVID-19 test. They will need to be completed between Sept. 8 and 10 in order to keep the community safe.

As of Sept. 6, WSU has reported 13 new active cases of COVID-19 since Aug. 30.

“Housing staff will distribute tests to students on Wednesday, September 8th. Tests will be labeled; administer the test that has been assigned to you,” Wright State Physicians Student Health Services Director Genessa Merritt wrote in an email to students.

The program for the COVID-19 testing is NAVICA, a testing program created by the company Abbot that the university used to conduct testing during Operation Move-In. Students will receive directions with their testing kit on how to use it and submit their results.

To report issues with a COVID-19 test kit, email WSU Housing Director Dan Bertso at [dan.bertsos@wright.edu](mailto:dan.bertsos@wright.edu).

Sigma Phi Epsilon Celebrates National Award

Katie Jones

September 8, 2021

This summer Wright State University's (WSU) Sigma Phi Epsilon Ohio Pi Chapter was honored with the Buchanan Outstanding Chapter Award at the national fraternity's summer conference in Denver.

This award, known as the Buchanan Cup, is the highest award a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity can win. It recognizes the best chapters nationwide for excelling in all areas.

### **Years of work in the making**

"That award means everything to our chapter and that's a culmination of hard work from not just the people in my time in chapter but people who came before who laid the groundwork for it," Jacob O'Connor, WSU's Sigma Phi Epsilon's president, said.

Chapter advisor and alumni Jeremy Keller echoed this sentiment. For Keller, realizing they had won the award was a surreal moment. It was also a proud one.

The Buchanan Cup is awarded every two years, and its application process can take up to three weeks. The submission process was a long one that involved sleepless nights and prepping to ensure everyone was trained.

As chapter advisor, Keller gave his support and WSU President Sue Edwards was also there. Recruited as a Faculty Fellow, one way she assisted was telling members what they could do for students on campus and how to engage with them.

With members involved in all aspects of campus life, winning the award was a tangible manifestation of the work to continue moving forward and improving over the span of several years.

"For me it was like the past several years of hard work and dedication and putting in all this effort has made it worth it," Keller said.

### **Living up to the pillar of brotherly love**

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Founded on the principles of virtue, diligence, and brotherly love, Sigma Phi Epsilon was recognized for how the members stayed connected during the pandemic.

“Sig Ep is something that provided a home for me when I first came into chapter and it’s provided a home to a lot of other guys who have come before me and will come after me,” O’Connor said.

According to Keller, the fraternity was also a home for him. He joined in 2011 and after graduating three years later has continued to stay active with the chapter.

“It gave me a support system that I didn’t necessarily always have in school, but for me it was very much a second family in a way that I knew that they would have my back,” Keller said.

Now he returns the support he received by guiding the chapter throughout the year. When they began the application for the Buchanan Cup, he acted as their mentor by giving feedback on their application.

He is also there to guide them with decision making and any issues that arise.

## **Reception and support**

Sigma Phi Epsilon had a reception for their award on Aug. 29. Several members of Advocates for Cultural Diversity and Excellence (ACE), an Asian interest sorority group, attended to show their support, including Emilia Ranalli.

“I thought it was really impressive. And I could tell they were all really proud of themselves, which was cool to witness and it was really well deserved,” Ranalli said.

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Men's Soccer Falls to #14 Kentucky, Beats Bradley

Noah Kindig

September 8, 2021

After a rough season opener against Akron, Wright State University (WSU) men's soccer played two matches this week against fourteenth rated Kentucky and Bradley.

WSU fell to the Wildcats 0-3 off of back-to-back goals from Eythor Bjorgolfsson but would strike early against Bradley, winning their first home game of the regular season 2-1.

The Raiders will be back in action on Sept. 11 against IUPUI to open Horizon League play.

## **Need to finish**

In the match against Kentucky, WSU had solid chances but were not quite able to find the back of the net.

The Wildcats were first to the ball more often than the Raiders, dominating possession throughout the game. However, both teams had trouble in the attacking third in the first half, with WSU only taking one shot and UK only taking three.

Daniel Evans was still able to find the back of the net with one of those shots for the Wildcats, scoring in the 35th minute to give UK the advantage coming into the second half.

The second half was a different story for the Wildcats, who would take 14 shots through the rest of the game. Bjorgolfsson would score his back-to-back goals here, one in minute 58 and one in minute 61.

WSU had some excellent runs to the corner and into the box from Zion Beaton and Joe Kouadio in the second half, but even with five corner kicks to UK's three, they were unable to put a single shot on goal.

## **Breaking Bradley**

Under Head Coach Jake Slemker, the Raiders seemed ready for their first home game against Bradley, jumping on the Braves off of the starting whistle.

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Kouadio scored first for the Raiders, with a ball in the bottom-left corner giving the Raiders a 1-0 lead. WSU found the back of the net once again before the end of the half, with Ids Hannema connecting with Alex Hummel before the intermission for the finish.

BU woke up in the second half, coming out of the gate with fury, as Danny Collins scored in the 49th minute to bring them within one of WSU. However, WSU's defense stood strong for the rest of the match, as two big saves in the rest of the half secured the win.

The Raiders were able to find more chances on the net in this match, with both WSU and BU having five shots on goal throughout the game.

## **Looking to league play**

The Jaguars have struggled so far in their season, ending 0-0 against Bowling Green after double overtime, and losing to Xavier 1-3.

The Raiders tied Xavier in the preseason, who have also struggled so far, with their win against Bradley making their record 1-2.

The Jaguars' shortened season in the spring would see them at the bottom of the Horizon League 0-6 and losing to WSU 0-2.

It seems that the Raiders will have the advantage heading into the Sept. 11 game, but the Jaguars will fight hard, as they have something to prove.

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SGA Addresses Covid Vaccine and Outrageous Raider Mart Prices

Katie Jones

September 8, 2021

On Sept. 7 Wright State University's (WSU) Student Government Association (SGA) met to appoint their new Director of Academic Affairs and discuss upcoming events.

## **SGA appoints new Director of Academic Affairs**

SGA appointed Krista Long, a senior double majoring in political science and classics, as the new Director of Academic Affairs.

Long wants to ensure students have and know about resources to achieve their goals. She plans to speak with the Math and Writing Centers about what they offer and how they can help students.

"I love the fact that [SGA's] an organization where you can make a real impact on campus. Student Government is an organization run by students, it's not a faculty or administration. And so a lot of times, the faculty and the administration have their voice. So we're trying to give a voice to the students," Long said.

## **COVID vaccine mandate update**

Currently, there are no plans to mandate the vaccine.

"It's not that they will never do it as the situation is it always is, it's very fluid," SGA's president, Jonathan Ciero, said.

According to Ciero, while WSU does not require the vaccine, the administration is looking for ways to educate people on it. They also want to provide the vaccine to more people and make students aware of its benefits.

## **Upcoming events and announcements**

SGA advisor Courtney Laukitis announced that fall registration for Student Organization Registration & Training (SORT) organizations is open until Sept. 30. For students who want to create or bring back an inactive organization, registration is open until Oct. 15.

SGA also discussed several upcoming events.



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One is the rescheduled Boogie on the Bricks event. It will be on Sept. 9 in the Quad at 9 p.m.

On Sept. 16 there will be a free concert at Levitt Pavillion. WSU students from the Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and Men's Chorus from the School of Music will perform.

It will also feature a musical theatre selection from the Theatre Department.

Another upcoming event is homecoming which will take place the last week of September into October. Student organizations who want to participate in homecoming events can submit them on Engage.

Finally, Raider Nights in the City's next event is the Cincinnati Reds game. It will be on Sept. 24 and transport to and from is provided.

Tickets cost WSU students, faculty and staff \$20 while non-WSU student tickets cost \$35.

## **Discussion on Raider Mart prices**

Markus Perry, Director of the SGA Internship Program, opened a discussion on Raider Mart's prices.

"At stores like Walmart and Meijer, a box of Pop-Tarts is \$2.49, with a small margin within price. I go to Raider Mart and the same box of Pop-Tarts is \$5.22," Perry said.

However, currently, there are no plans for change at Raider Mart.

SGA meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. at Rathskeller in the Student Union.

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University Police: Helping the Community and Available Resources

Emily Mancuso

September 8, 2021

As the fall semester begins at Wright State University (WSU), student safety is the utmost priority for University Police.

An intricate system of safety escorting, motor vehicle assistance, emergency notifications and more help ensure the safety of students.

## **University Police resources**

University Police offer more assistance than students may realize. Students may have seen the tall, gray structures with EMERGENCY written in white along their sides around campus.

These all have a red button to press if students ever encounter an emergency situation.

“Depending on how far away [officers are] it can be a minute to a couple of minutes for officers to get there,” Lieutenant Kurt Holden, Interim Director of Public Safety, said.

If students are ever uncomfortable walking alone through campus or to their cars, an officer or employed student patrol officer can escort them. Officers are available from the hours of 8 p.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday.

There is no charge to students for using the safety escort service.

Freshman Heidi Raber shared her opinions on the escort service.

“I would definitely use it if I was going home from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. because I think that is always a safer alternative and better safe than sorry,” Raber said.

Police also provide motor vehicle assistance. Police are available to help with battery jumps, accidentally locked in keys and putting air into tires. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## **Legal Services**

Legal Services work in tandem with police to keep WSU’s community safe. Legal Services is available if any student needs legal assistance.

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Legal Services cannot assist with student conduct violations or filing a complaint against an officer. However, Legal Services can help if students are criminally charged.

“If they’re [student] criminally charged and have to go to Fairborn Municipal Court which is the court that has jurisdiction over the campuses, then we would represent that student in court,” Attorney Stephanie Allen said.

Students pay \$11 in advance for Legal Services through tuition.

## **Contacts**

The University police department is accepting new additions to the Student Safety Escort service this coming September. If interested, please apply through Handshake.

**University Police and Safety Escort: 937-775-2111, [wsupolice@wright.edu](mailto:wsupolice@wright.edu)**

**Motorist Assistance: 937-775-5678**

**Legal Services: 937-775-5857, [studentlegalservices@wright.edu](mailto:studentlegalservices@wright.edu)**

Dayton's Not Dead: Poetry Slam  
Kaylee Raines  
September 9, 2021

The Dayton Poetry Slam hosts open-mics and competitions that allow local poets to share their work and connect with the community.

### **What is the Dayton Poetry Slam?**

According to the Dayton Poetry Slam official website, it was founded in 1999 and is the longest-running poetry event in Dayton. Local poets attend the Slam to connect with other writers while gaining on-stage experience.

Events are on the first and third Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Yellow Cab Tavern. There is a \$2 door charge and everyone in the community is invited to attend.

The first event of the month highlights a guest speaker while the second is dedicated to the Slam's competitions.

Guests sign up for competitions at the beginning of the night and judges are randomly selected from the audience. Each poet gets three minutes and twenty seconds to share their poem and the winner leaves with a \$50 cash prize.

Slammaster Lincoln "Link" Schreiber is a Wright State University (WSU) alumni and has been involved with the Slam since 2003.

"We love building the community here in Dayton as we have been for the last twenty-two years," Schreiber said.

Co-Organizer Johnathon Gallienne manages the Slam's Facebook page, helps to host shows and assists in booking features. This is his fifth year assisting Schreiber to run the Slam. Like Schreiber, Gallienne is also a WSU alumni.

"Even if you took a poetry class and didn't do well, slam poetry is for you. We're not academics. We're people who just want to express ourselves," Gallienne said.

### **Experiences from Slam members**

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Latisha Ellis became a member of the Dayton Poetry Slam in 2019 after hearing about it from her professor at Sinclair. She is a published writer; her book “Raw Poetry Made from Scratch,” is available on Amazon.

“Johnathon and Link have made this a home for me. This is the place I go to when I want to surrender to myself, regardless of if there is a packed house or three people in the crowd. I adore them. I adore the stage. I adore the love that is involved. It is a great place,” Ellis said.

Her experience serving six years at the Dayton Correctional Institution greatly impacted her life and she hopes to use her poetry to help others who have been incarcerated.

“People hate poetry the same way they hate the truth. In order to expose the world, you have to expose yourself. If I can’t expose myself, then how can I move you? If I tell the truth, then I may inspire someone else to accept their own honesty,” Ellis said.

Brett Bartlett is a student at the University of Dayton and has been involved with the Slam for four years. Her passion for Women and Gender Studies is a common theme in her work.

“I write poems of survival. My target audience is typically folks who have survived some sort of domestic violence or assault and those that love them so that they can figure out how to best support them,” Bartlett said.

WSU students interested in attending the Slam are encouraged to join. The Slam is a safe space for creatives to share their work or to watch performances from local writers.

“We give a voice to everyone. All poets are welcome. All styles are welcome. We have a very supportive crowd. We are absolutely an LGBTQ+ safe space and we have a lot of fun,” Schreiber said.

Greg Scharer Named Next Ombudsperson of WSU

Alexis Wisler

September 9, 2021

Greg Scharer, previously the Executive Director of Alumni Relations, has been appointed as the university ombudsperson at Wright State University (WSU).

### **What is an ombudsperson?**

According to Scharer, an ombudsperson is someone who is there to help and assist all members of the university whether it be students, staff or faculty.

“Basically my role is to make sure that our policies are being uniformly and fairly applied,” Scharer said.

If students, staff or faculty feel that there is an issue at WSU, Scharer can help direct them to the correct resources to find a solution or bring awareness to the university if there is a need for policy change.

“I wouldn’t say it necessarily solves a problem for somebody, but it helps them figure out the step in which they can potentially move and figure out a solution,” Scharer said.

About 80 to 90% of those who use this resource are students, according to Scharer. All meetings with the ombudsperson are held virtually and are confidential. According to Scharer, he will not disclose the identity of those who come to him for guidance unless they give him permission to share their issue with others to find a solution or if the student is in danger of hurting themselves or others.

### **Scharer’s goals**

One of Scharer’s goals this year is to make the ombudsperson position known to students. Any student can contact Scharer through the email [ombuds@wright.edu](mailto:ombuds@wright.edu) for help navigating university policies and procedures.

Scharer hopes to help the university discover what policies need to be changed due to the pandemic.

“If someone has to quarantine, what does that mean if a class requires attendance? There’s a lot of these things that our policies at the university have not caught up to,” Scharer said.

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Scharer acknowledges that WSU is a complex organization and that students won't know how to handle every problem they face. The ombudsperson is there to help students find a solution.

"Expecting a student to come here [to WSU] and understand exactly what they're supposed to do or how they're supposed to file appeals or how they're supposed to go through a process is just not happening. So I see myself as a resource. My job is to give them the tools to solve their problem or at least address their problem," Scharer said.

Scharer can help students, staff and faculty with any personal issue relating to WSU policy and operations and can act as a voice to help change systemic policy issues within the university.

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New Student Lounge to Open Mid September  
Kaitlyn Chrosniak  
September 9, 2021

H2O Church hopes to rebuild and grow the community at Wright State University (WSU) by opening a new student lounge, The Landing.

## **Bringing community to WSU**

“We just really missed having that presence on campus of community in person and so, while trying to be safe and practical, we really want to try to rebuild that community on campus and even grow it further than what it was before,” Matthew Eilerman, president of H2O Church, said.

For the last year, WSU’s campus community has primarily been virtual. H2O Church, a university organization and church on campus, wanted to change that.

While H2O will continue with their regular programs for the semester, they will also be spearheading the plans for renovating The Bridge and turning it into The Landing.

With the permission from the space’s owners, Crawford Hoying, H2O is using the space to bring students together.

## **The origins of The Landing**

The Crawford Hoying group, a real estate development firm, owns several residence halls at WSU. This includes Honors Hall, where The Bridge was previously located and where The Landing will soon open.

“When we came here I’d heard so many positive things about The Bridge Cafe, how many people enjoyed it, and we were sad to see that it was closed. [H2O] approached us with an idea to roll out a very similar calendar of events but not sell coffee or anything, just offer additional programming and social activities for residents. And we thought that was a great idea of a great need for the campus,” Katie Manning, Property Manager for Crawford Hoying, said.

Crawford Hoying will be renovating the space. They are installing new flooring, painting the walls and providing new furniture. According to Manning, The Landing will only be half the space The Bridge used to occupy, with no current plans for the other half.

Eilerman and other students are looking forward to having another hangout space.



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“I think it’s cool that they are making another student lounge because it gives us more options to go to,” student Alexis Escalera said.

## **Future plans for The Landing**

While The Landing will not be a cafe, the student lounge has several upcoming programs and events. These include monthly recurring events like trivia nights, karaoke, open mic nights and video game tournaments.

Video games will include Super Smash Brothers, various sporting games, Halo and more. There are also plans for a Nintendo representative to visit.

“I know they were, they’re planning some, some pre release events and things like that to give students early access to different games and consoles potentially,” Eilerman said.

Other, one time events planned include different tournaments. Tournaments planned for October include Magic the Gathering, euchre, and a Dia de los Muertos taco bar.

“We want to really open up the space to allow other student organizations as well to come together and meet new people and host events on an as needed basis,” Eilerman said.

The Landing will open mid-September. Its hours are Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to midnight and Saturday from noon to 6 p.m.

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Campus Dining  
Erika Jones  
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When it comes to finding places to eat on campus, there are several spots with a variety of options. Students can get food from the Union Market in the Student Union, The Hangar in Allyn Hall, the ReyRey Cafe in Rike Hall and Starbucks on Dunbar Library's first floor.

## Dining Hours on Campus

The Dine On Campus website for Wright State University (WSU) lists the hours for each location. On top of that, the main page for the Dine On Campus website allows students to see most of what is served at all venues offered at both the main and Lake campus.

On Aug. 28 Wright State Communications announced the Union Market in the Student Union will be closed until Sept. 3. Wright State Hospitality Services Facebook or Twitter pages will provide updates.

The Union Market introduced new venues this year including Wild Pie, Absurd Bird and Tu Taco.

The Hanger introduced a new venue called Bowl Life. It offers a variety of options ranging from a spicy tofu breakfast bowl to a barbeque bowl. Using the 'Create Your Own' option allows endless combinations.

After a year with virtual classes, WSU's on-campus coffee shops are back. ReyRey Cafe runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Starbucks, located in Dunbar Library, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Fridays.

The Reynolds Espresso Lane, located in Russ Hall, has not been open this semester.

## Dining Experiences

One of the more popular dining locations on campus is the Dunbar Library Starbucks.

Professor Erin Flanagan says that this very location is her favorite place to go.

"[The] cafe misto is always the treat that gets me to the library to work," she said.

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Taylor Piel, who uses the library to work from home, loves the cold brew that is served. One of the other major qualities that she loves about this location is the people that work behind the counter.

“[The workers] try and make an effort to have a conversation with you,” Taylor said. “The fact that you can place an order for a cold brew with two extra shots and they ask ‘did the storm keep you awake, come to get your caffeine fix’ makes it more personal.”

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Wright Through my Eyes: Ashley McGinley  
Kaylee Raines  
September 10, 2021

Ashley McGinley is a Writing Coach at the University Writing Center (UWC) and has been a student at Wright State University (WSU) for nearly twenty years.

## **His transition to WSU**

Following his career as a Proposal Specialist in the early 2000's, McGinley decided to study at an American Culinary Federation (ACF) certified school. He studied there for three years and became a certified chef.

Although his initial goal was to open a bistro shop, McGinley felt that his age and financial situation made this an unrealistic venture. With his age, it was difficult for him to be on his feet all day and meet the other physical demands of being a chef.

"Once I realized that the bistro was not a practical idea, I started back at WSU as a creative writing major," McGinley said.

His main reason for choosing to attend WSU is the discount he receives on tuition for his wife being faculty. This discount, combined with the fact that his student loans would be deferred if he was in school, were the contributing factors to this decision.

However, McGinley currently takes classes just for fun and focuses on his passion for learning.

"I'm older than the standard student, but I'll just keep going to school until I die," McGinley said.

## **His path of self-discovery at WSU**

McGinley takes a plethora of classes at WSU but his favorite is Photography I. He credits this class for helping him discover his passion for photography.

"I've been told that my photographs tell better stories than I ever wrote," McGinley said.

After discovering his affinity for photography through Photography I, McGinley invested in photography equipment and found his true calling in life. His preferred style for photography is black and white.

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In addition to his desire to keep learning, McGinley maintains a minimum of six credit hours each semester so that he can continue working at the university writing center.

McGinley enjoys making a difference in students' lives, connecting with other coaches and having a job that is flexible around his scheduling needs. He says the writing center is the best job he has had in his entire life.

"The biggest thing for me is watching students do their work and figuring out what they need. Our job is not to make better writing. It is to make better writers," McGinley said.

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WSU Group Holds HIV Testing and Promotes Sexual Health

Brendan Blankenship

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On Aug. 30, WSU held a Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing event. The Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) pandemic continues to affect people every day, and universities like Wright State University (WSU) offer resources for students.

## **HIV testing on campus**

On Tuesday, Aug. 30, the Peer Movement Project (PMP) held an HIV Testing event in Millett Hall. According to the WSU calendar, this event will be held on the last Wednesday of every month.

Quatez Scott, the Intercultural Specialist of the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources, partners with the PMP to hold confidential HIV testing for Black-identifying WSU students.

Scott explains that having these resources is important for WSU students because it helps students use safe-sex practices.

“This means routinely being tested for HIV and other potential sexually transmitted diseases (STI’s). The goal is always student safety,” Scott said. “This includes providing students with educational resources in the center as well as free resources such as condoms to promote safe and consensual sex.”

Scott encourages students with an HIV-positive test to follow the PMP staff’s recommendation and to speak with their physician.

## **Minority groups affected disproportionately**

Statistically, HIV affects the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community and the Black community disproportionately.

Emily Yantis-Houser, Director of the Office of LGBTQ Affairs, explains why the LGBTQ community is affected more than other groups.

“LGBTQ students and or people are still disproportionately affected, especially men who have sex with men, because of the risk of behaviors that are involved, so it has nothing to do being gay,” Yantis said.

## **Should You Get Tested?**

Yantis recommends that all students get tested as HIV cases for younger people are rising.

“We see more increases in younger folks in college, especially college-age folks so that includes everyone,” Yantis said. “And it’s just another level of being responsible with your body, health and with your sexual health.”

Kevin Huang, leader of the Asian and Native American Center (ANA), says that it is important to get tested even if you are not in a disproportionate group. He also says that it is harder for many Asian people to get tested.

“There’s a reputation in the community where you don’t want your family to be seen in a negative way,” Huang said.

Huang urges all students to get tested for HIV to save lives.

Equitas has HIV support for LGBTQ students. The PMP has resources for Black students. The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) is also a resource for HIV-positive students.

The Historic WSU Tunnels and Quick Tips to Navigate Them

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

September 10, 2021

In 1966, the foundations of the Wright State University (WSU) tunnel system were formed after electricians connected the infrastructures of academic buildings. As of 2021, the tunnel system offers students the ability to travel the majority of campus without stepping foot outside.

## **History of the tunnels**

The famous WSU tunnels were not originally designated for travel purposes. A tunnel system was created in 1966 to connect the electrical infrastructures of Allyn Hall and Oelman Hall, the first academic buildings on campus.

“Once Oelman was completed, faculty members and students began to sneak down to the tunnel during the winter months to travel between buildings without having to go outside,” WSU activist and records manager Chris Wydman said in a recent public statement.

It remains unknown as to when exactly the tunnels began to be used for student and staff travel. By the 1970’s, plans were in the works to expand the tunnels into what students know them to be today.

Gaps in the history of the tunnels have led to various conspiracy theories regarding the true origins of the tunnels. One of the most infamous conspiracy theories remains the tale of the “Mole People” from the 18th century.

## **Navigating the tunnels**

Over 55 years later, the tunnels now connect all academic buildings across the main campus, making it one of the largest university tunnel systems in the world.

“The tunnels really are a lifesaver when the weather sucks,” WSU student Cal Kahoun said. “I really like having a way to move around campus without getting completely soaked in a storm.”

WSU students and alumni find themselves grateful for the tunnel system maps posted every few feet.



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“The maps make it so easy to figure out where you are and how to get where you need to go. I found it difficult to get lost in the tunnels throughout my time at WSU because there was always some sort of indicator nearby of where I was,” WSU Alumni Julia Boyd said.

Students and staff can enter and exit the tunnels via elevator or stairs in all academic buildings. WSU students are not permitted to jog, bike, skateboard or rollerblade in the tunnels, according to the student handbook.

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Remembering 9/11: Wright State stories from the past and present

By Pete Murphy

Contributing Writer

Both current and past students of Wright State University (WSU) reflect on the events of Sept. 11 and how they have shaped their lives.

## Fear from above

Since the events of Sept. 11 took place 20 years ago, many WSU students today are too young to remember what exactly happened that day; however, some students have faint memories of what occurred.

“I remember there was chaos and how they sent every kid home,” Kendra Fields, an undergraduate English literature major who was in kindergarten at the time of the attacks, said. “By the time we got to school, the attacks had already happened, and the teacher had put it up on the TV.”

The feelings of chaos and fear were also felt by students in 2001. Josh Sweigart, former news editor for *The Wright State Guardian*, who was on campus during the attacks, recalls very similar feelings.

“There was this feeling of severe vulnerability and fear,” Sweigart said, remembering the moment that the idea of multiple attacks sunk in.

“A little while later, a plane hit the pentagon; then a plane went down in this field in Pennsylvania. So once there were four planes, you were like, “Could there be 20 planes? Are these things going to start falling from the sky?”

## **Students shocked at the attack on the U.S.**

As the news of the World Trade Center and Pentagon bombings flashed on TV screens around the nation, Wright State students were gathered together in halls, lounges, and dorms watching the carnage as it happened.

By 10:30 a.m., Tuesday morning, students were gathered in the commuter lounge at the Student Union watching the buildings collapse, later, at the noon news recap, the crowd had grown to more than 20 people, some shedding tears, others on cell phones calling friends and family, all watching the tragedy unfold on television.

Students watching the bombings expressed their disbelief. "It's amazing the senselessness...you realize you're not invincible," said Emily Denton, a first year medical student. Some students like Donna Sparks, a senior English and art education major, feared the outbreak of war when watching the bombings on TV. "I'm horrified and scared. It's like Pearl Harbor," said Sparks.

*Excerpt from the September 13, 2001 issue of The Guardian*

## **A Change in Attitudes**

An effect of the attacks that many students may not remember is how the U.S. began treating people of color, especially individuals who looked like they were from the Middle East. At the time of the attacks and for months after, there was a growing anti-Muslim sentiment.

"There was a member of the Sikh community who came to our offices either the day of or the day after. [He] asked us to do a piece on anti-Muslim sentiment," Sweigart said. "They were concerned that they were going to be targeted."

While there was no immediate response against people of Middle Eastern descent, there would be a change in how Americans viewed them.

## **Indian student calls for peace**

### **International students feeling American reaction**

The same day the United States experienced terrorist attacks, WSU graduate student Tejdeep Singh Rattan was interrogated by shoppers at a nearby Meijer store.

“People were asking me where I was from, what my nationality was,” said Rattan, an Indian Sikh who has lived in the U.S. for six years and is an American citizen. “No one really asked me that until now. What could I say? It made me really mad,” he said.

Since the terrorist incidents in New York City and at the Pentagon on Tuesday, Sept. 12, there have been reports of Islamic Americans living in the U.S. fearing potential retaliation to the events.

“Let’s not jump to conclusions about the source of the attacks,” said Mohamed Al-Hamdani of the Commuter Student Association and cultural arts chair of the Union Activities Board, who said he wasn’t worried yet about any retaliation on campus.

“I have cousins and friends who feel like they are being stared at,” said Rattan.

“I know there is some discomfort here,” said Melissa Giles Markland, associate director for residence life, last week after Tuesday’s tragedies. “I think it’s having an impact—I do think they (international students) feel like they’re being targeted,” she said

"Any name that starts with Mohammed is going to be in trouble,"

Tejdeep Singh Rattan

WSU graduate student

*Excerpt from the September 19, 2001 issue of The Guardian.*

Remembering 9/11: Social Media and a Generational Split

Katie Jones

September 11, 2021

On the twentieth anniversary of Sept. 11, Wright State University (WSU) community members reflect on the historical event and how social media has helped show respect.

## **9/11 on social media**

Katie Halberg, WSU social media program director, typically posts a simple but sincere message to her social media accounts.

“Simplicity and sincerity are a way to respectfully keep the memories of the victims and heroes alive without making it about ourselves, whether as an individual or a brand,” Halberg said.

Others do not post as a way to show respect.

Graduate student Rebekah Wyse was born in 1998 and is too young to fully remember that day. Without that memory or a personal connection to the event, she refrains from posting.

“I don’t want to be inauthentic because that’s not something you should post about just to post,” Wyse said.

Emilia Ranalli, who runs the social media accounts for ReyRey Café and Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence (ACE), feels similarly. Ranalli does not plan to make a post but will share posts she feels are heartfelt or personal.

For Wyse and Ranalli, it is important to acknowledge that Sept. 11 still impacts Americans today and is not an event to remember lightly.

## **The importance of remembering**

Sept. 11 was a tragic and traumatic event that resulted in a changed America.

Six weeks after the event, the PATRIOT Act was passed. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) was created, making air travel fundamentally different.

Americans were different too.

“The event was a world-changer. As a global community, we were astonished and deeply affected by the coordinated and vicious attack. For the first time in most of our lives, it showed how truly vulnerable every person, every nation could be in the face of hate,” Halberg said.

Sept. 11 is a solemn and sometimes painful memory. However, for many, it is one that needs to be remembered.

“We—all of us—need to remember [9/11] because we need to take ownership for the individuals that sign up to defend our country and to what they sacrifice when we—all of us—send them off to war, especially when they come home,” Seth Gordon, the Veteran Military Center’s director, said.

## **The generational split**

Despite the general agreement that Sept. 11 is important to remember respectfully, there is a generational split in the way people view the event.

For Halberg and Gordon, just like others who were old enough to remember, it is a before and after the event. Yet, for Ranalli and Wyse, the event is a tragic but distant history lesson.

They know it through textbooks, old videos and personal stories. Many personal stories they see come from social media.

9/11 was one of the first national incidents to occur when their stories could quickly be shared on television and in newspapers.

“I think anything like that; it’s important to keep that alive in a way. Just remembering the importance of it,” Ranalli said.

Debunking 9/11 Conspiracy Theories

Kaitlyn Chrosniak

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As the United States commemorates the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Wright State University (WSU) students provide insight on major conspiracy theories surrounding the event.

## **The Bush Administration**

Several theories developed over the years surrounding the idea of the United States government having planned 9/11, including the idea that the Bush Administration was involved in 9/11. The Bush Administration theory has many believers because there is the belief that the former president had information regarding the potential attack that he ignored.

“...CIA Director George Tenet and National Security Council counterterrorism “czar” Richard Clarke both warned its incoming officials that al-Qaeda represented a grave threat,” [Atlantic](#) Political Writer Peter Beinart wrote in a 2015 article. “But both Clarke and Tenet grew deeply frustrated by the way top Bush officials responded.”

Beinart goes on to describe several other events that occurred from Jan. 2001 through Sept. 2001 that explain how a plan was being developed to investigate the al-Qaeda situation that President Bush never signed off on.

“On the morning of September 11, 2001, Clarke’s anti-al-Qaeda plan was sitting on Bush’s desk, awaiting his signature. It was the ninth National Security Presidential Directive of his presidency,” Beinart wrote.

Although Beinart provides evidence to support the idea that the Bush Administration did not do all they could to prevent 9/11, some WSU students are skeptical of this thinking.

“I don’t think it’s realistic to believe that a U.S president would purposefully ignore evidence of a [terrorist] attack,” sophomore Gilbert Garcia said. “The argument can be convincing, but why would anyone deliberately ignore something like that?”

## **Military told not to respond**

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The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is trained to aid the United States and Canada in aerospace and maritime defense.

“To compete globally, we must be strong at home...” [General Glen D. VanHerck](#), said.

VanHerck’s statement is one of the primary components of NORAD’s mission. Conspiracy theorists claim that NORAD had enough time to prepare fighter jets to respond to the hijackings but was told to stand down. The reasoning for this remains unknown.

“If they had enough time to respond, why wouldn’t they? I mean, it’s like being offered an extra shift at work with time to make sure you can take it,” WSU student Clare Burgh, said.

## **Biden Administration investigation**

On Sept. 3, 2021, President Biden launched a declassification of information collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) during the original 9/11 investigation.

“Nearly 1,800 people affected by the attacks issued a statement last month opposing Biden’s participation in any memorial events this year unless he released more documents, saying that as a candidate Biden pledged to be more transparent and accused his administration of having ignored their letters and requests,” NBC reporter [Shannon Pettypiece](#), wrote.

No documents have been released publicly at the time of writing; however, there is potential for information to be released as soon as Sept. 11, 2021.

“I think the fact that Biden is diving deeper into this really shows that he values public input,” WSU alumni Julia Boyd, said.