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Weekly Horoscopes

Kaylee Raines

September 13, 2021

There is a shift taking place with the approaching September 20 Full Moon in the sign of Pisces. This Harvest Moon is bringing up repressed emotions and calling for people to dive into their creativity. This moon will be most influential on Pisces, Virgo, Gemini and Sagittarius placements.

## **ARIES**

Aries, you need to focus on your friendships and social life during this time. You have been working and prioritizing your responsibilities over your mental health, but this full moon is calling you to relax and enjoy some time with your loved ones. Slow down- you can't avoid your thoughts forever.

## **TAURUS**

Taurus, you are feeling controlled and out of your element right now. Use this full moon to reflect on your life and whether there are responsibilities and/or relationships that are no longer serving you. Your freedom and happiness is more important than your financial success.

## **GEMINI**

Gemini, this full moon is calling attention to your throat chakra. You have something on your mind but you are not speaking up about it. This is contradictory of your nature, Gemini. You are typically the most open, verbally-active sign. Ignoring your intuition is creating a block in your throat chakra and causing you to silence yourself. Use this full moon to gain the confidence you need to own your truth and release any fears of rejection and/or judgement that you are experiencing.

## **CANCER**

Cancer, you are feeling overstimulated and exhausted. You care so much about other people and always try to help give advice, but do not focus so much on other people that you lose sight

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of yourself. Use this full moon to relax and reflect on your friendships; are your relationships equal or are there energy leeches taking advantage of you?

## LEO

Leo, your work is finally paying off. You are coming into an era of good luck in terms of your career. Expect a new job opportunity or promotion to come unexpectedly during this time. Use this full moon to treat yourself and relax; you deserve it.

## VIRGO

Virgo, you are experiencing an identity transformation right now. You have felt lost for a while now, but things are gradually falling into place. Use this full moon to pamper yourself and reflect on your growth. Do not lose this momentum; you are on the right track.

## LIBRA

Libra, you feel like things are not balanced right now. This is driving you crazy, as you strive for harmony in all that you do. Use this moon to meditate and consider what changes you can make to your routine that will help you feel more balanced. You are focusing too much on one aspect of your life and it is affecting your stability. Be careful that you do not overwork yourself and that you are not being taken advantage of by others- especially in the workplace.

## SCORPIO

Scorpio, you feel romantically charged with this full moon. You are about to meet someone new or your current relationship will experience enhanced chemistry. You are feeling confident and sensual. Use this moon if you are wanting to make the first move on your crush or if you are hoping to move forward in your current relationship- the sparks are flying for you!

## SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you have been isolating yourself and having bizarre, intimidating thoughts and dreams. Please be aware that this full moon may intensify your emotions, as it is bringing up your emotional baggage. You have a tendency to avoid your issues rather than addressing them. Sorry, Sagittarius, but it is now time to face yourself and truly heal. Use this full moon to

overcome your past. Do some shadow work journaling and meditate on what your inner child is asking for at this time.

## **CAPRICORN**

Capricorn, you are experiencing a period of self-doubt. Your usual confidence is being challenged by a sense of imposter syndrome. You feel that you are not ready for the transitions and challenges being introduced into your life right now, but you are more than capable of succeeding and thriving. Do not give in to your anxiety- use this moon to overcome self-detrimental thoughts so that you can achieve what you are truly capable of doing.

## **AQUARIUS**

Aquarius, you are experiencing a period of self-confidence and prosperity. Your life is currently balanced and there are positive friendships entering your life. Use this full moon to come up with a plan to maintain this balance as you move forward. Do not lose this momentum!

## **PISCES**

Pisces, you are feeling intense right now. The moon is entering a full moon in your sign so the energy is building in preparation for this transition. You feel sensitive, tired and moody. You need some space to relax and focus on your inner thoughts. Things are coming to the surface that you have been avoiding for a long time. Use this full moon to spend some time alone. Pamper yourself with a nice bath or massage; this moon will be intense, but it is necessary for you to evolve.

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Events on Campus Week of Sept. 13

Alexis Wisler

September 13, 2021

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

## **Monday, Sept. 13**

11:15 a.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Career Center Lunch for First-Years | Rike 160

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

2:30 p.m. | Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence Recruitment | Oelman 112

6 p.m. | Abilities Study Group | Rike 033

6 p.m. | Christians on Campus Feast and Fellowship | Fawcett 204

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

8:30 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball Tryouts | McLin Gym

## **Tuesday, Sept. 14**

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

12:30 p.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Career Center Lunch for Second-Years | Rike 160

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

5:30 p.m. | Dunbar Library Book Discussion | Online

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

## **Wednesday, Sept. 15**

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

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11:15 a.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Career Center Lunch for Third-Years | Rike 160

2:30 p.m. | Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence Recruitment | Oelman 112

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

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

7 p.m. | Tabletop Club Board Game Nights | Fawcett 204 and 210

## **Thursday, Sept. 16**

12:30 p.m. | Raj Soin College of Business Career Center Lunch for Fourth-Years | Rike 160

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

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

6 p.m. | Alpha Xi Delta Women's Fraternity COB Events | Dunbar Library

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

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

7:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Alpha Life – St. John Bosco Chapel

## **Friday, Sept. 17**

11 a.m. | SGA Constitution Day Tabling Event | Student Union Market

6 p.m. | Interfraternity Council IFC Bid Day | Amphitheater

6 p.m. | Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence Recruitment | Oelman 112

6 p.m. | Campus Recreation Sunset Kayaking | Eastwood Metropark, Lake Entrance

6 p.m. | Delta Zeta Craft Night | Rike 160

7:30 p.m. | American Medical Student Association Bonfire Night | Catholic Campus Ministry

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

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**Saturday, Sept. 18**

10 a.m. | Latino Medical Student Association Hispanic Heritage Festival | RiverScape MetroPark

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Sunday Fellowship | Allyn 124

WSU Extends Optional Covid Testing for Residential Students

Jamie Naylor

September 13, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) extends optional post-Labor Day Covid testing for residential students.

### **Covid testing extension**

Due to testing kit shortages, WSU suspends distribution of Abbott BinaxNow Covid testing kits.

In a campus-wide email, Residence Life and Housing announced the university ordered more supplies from the state of Ohio, set to arrive early this week. Due to the shortage, the testing period for residential students is extended until Sept. 17.

### **The testing program**

WSU began testing residential students for Covid after Labor Day due to heightened social activity during the holiday weekend.

The original announcement, sent by Genessa Merritt, Director of Student Health Services, indicated Covid testing for residential students was mandatory.

“You [student] MUST take this test between Wednesday, Sept. 8, and Friday, Sept. 10,” the email said.

Dan Bertso, Director of Residence Life and Housing, stated both verbally and in the most recent email communication that residential students are not required to participate in the testing program, making it difficult for the university to enforce.

“Since it is not required, there is not a lot we are going to do other than ask folks if they are not going to take the test, [to] be careful and wear their mask,” Bertso said.

The director did not clarify when or why the parameters of the testing program changed.

### **Masking policy**

Unlike the optional residential testing programs and vaccine programs, the university requires masking in all campus buildings, common areas and residential halls.



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The masking policy extends to social floor lounges and communal laundry rooms in the residential halls and apartments.

According to Christopher Hogan, director of the Office of Community Standards and Student Conduct, residential assistants, community directors, housing staff members and students may report masking violations in the residence halls.

The masking policy, reissued mid-summer semester 2021, is strictly enforced. Repeat violators of the policy face a \$25 fine and other possible penalties, according to Hogan.

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Crime Report Aug. 23-Sept. 8  
Kaitlyn Chrosniak  
September 14, 2021

During the first three weeks of the semester, 13 different crimes of varying degrees occurred on the Wright State University (WSU) main campus.

## **Fire**

In the early hours of Aug. 24, a fire broke out in the electrical room of the Student Union. This fire left portions of the Student Union closed through the week of Sept. 10.

On Aug. 26, a fire broke out in the Hanger shortly before it was set to open. The fire was contained and business continued to operate as usual.

## **Theft**

From Aug. 24 through Aug. 27, a form of telecommunications fraud occurred on campus. On Aug. 27, a second telecommunications fraud investigation began in the library. Reports were taken in both cases.

On Aug. 28, two separate cases were filed regarding bicycle theft on campus. The first of which occurred in the Village apartments and the second at Rike Hall.

From Aug. 28 through Aug. 31, another form of telecommunications fraud was reported in Hamilton Hall.

## **Assault**

On Aug. 26, a sexual assault occurred in Knappe Villa Apartments on campus. The suspect is accused of rape by force.

On Sept. 1, an assault occurred in University Park. The suspect is accused of non-aggravated assault and aggravated trespassing.

On Sept. 3, another assault occurred in the Village apartments. The suspect is accused of simple, non-aggravated assault.

## **Trespassing**

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On Sept. 1, an individual was caught trespassing in the Student Union around 9 pm. The suspect was arrested. A second individual was caught trespassing in the early hours of Sept. 3.

On Sept. 5, an individual was caught trespassing in Calamityville and arrested.

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Women's Soccer Defeated by Butler

Noah Kindig

September 14, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Women's Soccer finished up their preseason matches by playing Butler at home on Thursday night.

Butler jumped on the Raiders early to win 3-1, with three goals in the first half, starting in the fourth minute.

While the Bulldogs dominated for most of the game, the Raiders had two bright spots in a goal from Brittney Petrosky in minute 64, and amazing saves from Jessica Seward throughout the second half.

## Scouting preview

The Raiders were coming off of a 2-2-1 season, with a 4-5 mark in the shortened spring season, missing the Horizon League playoffs.

Butler, on the other hand, seemed to hold the advantage with a 10-2 mark in the shortened spring season, and a 4-1 record in their preseason, taking wins off of Big 10 opponents Northwestern and Illinois, as well as another Horizon League team in IUPUI.

The Bulldogs also made it to the Big East Conference championship last season, where they barely lost to Georgetown in overtime.

WSU had a 1-1 week leading into the game, with a 3-0 shutout against Akron and a 1-4 loss against UT Martin. The Bulldogs had won their past four games, losing in their first game of the preseason against Michigan 0-5.

In their preseason games, the Bulldogs played a possessive style, building their attacks from the backline and playing the ball out wide. However, their possession backfired against Michigan, who hard-pressed the Butler defense to steal the ball in the Bulldogs' defensive third.

Katie Soderstrom has been the Bulldogs' biggest attacking threat, leading the team in goals with Abigail Isger close behind, totaling two goals so far with three assists.

## First half

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Butler started fast, with Isger putting a ball into the box in the fourth minute, connecting with Soderstrom who put it into a corner for a 1-0 Bulldog lead.

WSU tried to possess the ball early, but Butler pressed the Raiders back into their side of the field for most of the half, not allowing them to push out.

Soderstrom almost scored again in the twenty fifth minute, as Erin Baker saved a shot headed to the left corner, but wasn't able to collect the ball as Isger put the rebound in the back of the net.

The Raiders began to fight back and almost drew out a penalty kick, but were not able to find enough opportunities to bring back the game.

Becky Dean sent a ball into the six-yard box off of a corner kick that bounced around WSU and Butler players and eventually went into the net for a 3-0 scoreline at the half.

## **Second half**

The Raiders had good chances early in the second half, with runs from Olga Massombo and Destiny Jackson, but Butler still controlled the possession, playing most of the game on WSU's half.

Seward switched in for Baker at the half and quickly made an impact, coming out of the box to beat Butler's forwards to the ball, and making early saves against Soderstrom.

The Raiders' goal from Petrofsky in minute 64 made the game 3-1, and Butler almost scored immediately after but was called offside.

Butler still dominated possession and had several good opportunities, including a penalty kick in the seventy sixth minute.

Seward predicted exactly where the ball would go, and deflected the penalty kick from Anastasia Savich as it came in. Savich tried to rebound the ball, but Seward saved it again and got the ball out of danger.

Seward totaled six saves throughout the game to keep the final score at 3-1.

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WSU Moves Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination Site

Jamie Naylor

September 15, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) plans to move covid-19 testing and vaccination sites from Wright State Physicians to the main campus, fostering accessibility for increased covid-19 testing.

## **The move**

Wright State Physicians currently serves as the official covid-19 testing and vaccination site for WSU. The clinic, located about a mile from the main academic part of campus, is not accessible to everyone in the campus community.

To remedy the situation, the university plans on moving its covid-19 testing and vaccination site to the main part of campus.

“We are going to look at moving things more to the core campus to get [covid-19] vaccinations and do some testing,” Chris Taylor, Dean of Students said.

Taylor did not comment on where exactly the new site is located or when the move is set to be completed.

## **Campus testing**

WSU currently does not have a covid-19 testing policy for all staff, student and faculty members.

According to the WSU covid-19 website, residential students are the only students required to participate in randomized testing throughout the fall semester in addition to pre-arrival testing.

Taylor expressed the university’s desire to resume additional covid-19 testing programs, like the randomized testing program used in spring semester 2021. WSU has yet to sort out the details on the new initiative.

Also not specified by Taylor is whether the increased testing plan includes all students, staff and faculty, or if the program just applies to residential students.

## **Statewide university initiatives**

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Other Ohio universities, like Ohio State University (OSU), conduct pre arrival, arrival and regular covid-19 testing for students. According to their student health website, unvaccinated individuals living on OSU's campus must receive weekly covid-19 tests.

OSU also requires students to receive a covid-19 vaccine.

WSU does not have nor is currently planning on mandating vaccination against coronavirus.

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WSU Plans Changes to Parking Passes

Jamie Naylor

September 15, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) Department of Public Safety undertakes parking services and introduces changes to parking passes.

## **Parking process on campus**

In order to park in any university lots, WSU Students, staff and faculty must purchase a parking pass through the Parking Office. According to their website, passes issued in 2020 and 2021 are valid until December 31, 2021. New passes for the fall 2021 semester cost \$48 while lost passes can be replaced for \$15.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to Parking Services, now under the Department of Public Safety, for data on parking passes sold and renewed for the fall semester, this data has yet to be provided. Lt. Kurt Holden, director of public safety, cited issues with a new information system as the reason for the delay.

## **Parking citations**

Despite the parking pass policy on campus, the Department of Public Safety is not strictly enforcing the policy during the first weeks of the semester.

“In the first couple of weeks of school we try not to enforce a lot of parking issues because we know students are trying to get their parking passes, [and] we know students are trying to find their way around campus,” Lt. Kurt Holden, director of public safety, said.

According to the parking citations log, 12 parking citations were issued between Aug. 23 and Sept. 8 by the department. These citations are most likely due to misuse of accessible parking spaces and fire lane violations, Holden said.

## **Parking safety on campus**

Increased campus activity often leads to increased traffic and parking safety issues.

In the same two-week time period, Aug. 23 through Sept. 8, one at-fault accident occurred on campus property according to the moving citations log.



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To foster a safer parking environment the Department of Public Safety took over the Parking Office and parking affairs.

Set to be completed by the end of the semester, changes include phasing out plastic parking passes. Registered license plates now act as parking passes. According to Holden, concerns over the coronavirus pandemic and the desire to reduce contact factor into this decision.

It has not been revealed what other charges occurred during the departmental switch.

What Do Profs Think About Rate My Professors?

Erika Jones

September 15, 2021

Students and professors visit Rate My Professors to see reviews for different professors' teaching styles and how other students feel about them.

### **What is Rate My Professors**

Rate My Professors allows anybody to comment and rate any professor they have had in previous semesters. Ratings for each comment can include the quality of the professors' course, difficulty, keywords about experiences, grades, textbooks and if the class was for credit.

One popular aspect about Rate My Professors is that comments and ratings can be made anonymously. Less popular attributes of the website are the number of ads and how some reviews may seem to be unfair and/or inaccurate.

### **Is Rate My Professors worth using?**

Students are often unaware Rate My Professors exists. Those students then end up getting a professor that does not work with their learning style. Using this website could help those students find the professors they need.

Chrystalina Collins, a fifth-year student at Wright State University (WSU), believes that Rate My Professors could have helped her while she struggled to attend college as a single mother.

"I believe that [the website] would have helped me extremely in my first semester... [when] I took the motion pictures track," Collins said.

Students are not the only ones to look at the website. Dr. Jason Deibel, an Associate Professor of introductory and upper-class physics and chairman for the physics department, also reads Rate My Professors.

"It's definitely a site where you can let your emotions guide what you're going to say... [and], you know, it's a very one-sided perspective," Deibel said. "I can tell [that Rate My Professors] is full of errors in terms of, you know, professors aren't in the right departments there."

Another professor, Erin Flanagan from the English Department, has known about Rate My Professors for a few years.

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“[It] seems like people who post on there definitely have an opinion,” Flanagan said.

Professor Flanagan also believes those that post to Rate My Professors are either highly negative or highly positive, and that there is no true in between reviews.

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SGA: Plans for Festival of Flight, Wright Day to Give  
Alexis Wisler  
September 15, 2021

Several events were discussed at the Student Government Association (SGA) meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 14 including Festival of Flight, Wright Day to Give and Hispanic Heritage Month.

## **Festival of Flight**

Festival of Flight will take place Sept. 25 from 11 a.m.- 7 p.m. in front of the Student Union, according to Bing Bingham, alumni relations specialist for Office Of Alumni Relations.

“We started this in 2019 as a collaboration with the city of Fairborn to celebrate Dayton’s innovation with flight,” Bingham said.

This year will be the second year of the festival as it did not happen last year due to Covid.

According to Bingham, there will be food trucks, flight innovators, a kid’s zone and more at the event this year.

The event is in need of around 30 more volunteers. Those interested in volunteering can contact Bingham.

## **Wright Day to Give**

Wright Day to Give is Oct. 1, the university’s founder’s day. According to Bingham, the day is a fundraiser for scholarships and program funds at the university. Anyone is welcome to make a donation.

This year, Bingham encourages student organizations to participate in the Student Organization Challenge to compete to raise money.

“We want to get student organizations involved with giving on Wright Day to Give,” Bingham said.

More information can be found on the event’s Engage page.

## **Hispanic Heritage Month**

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Hispanic Heritage Month is from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and Fermin Recarte, Intercultural Specialist for the Latino Center, wants to bring awareness to the month.

“Heritage month is the month that we celebrate Latino heritage and festivities, but to me, my heritage is every day of the year,” Recarte said.

One major project Recarte will be working on this month is recruitment and retention of Latino students. Recarte plans to bring Latino high school students to campus for one day to experience college and meet people.

## **Upcoming events**

SGA's next Raider Nights in the City is a Cincinnati Red's game on Sept. 24. Tickets are on sale now. Students can find the link to purchase tickets on SGA social media. Transportation to and from the game is provided.

Constitution Day is this Friday. SGA will be tabling by the Union Market from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to give students information about the constitution.

Dayton's Not Dead: Smales Pretzel Bakery  
Kaylee Raines  
September 16, 2021

Smales Pretzel Bakery is a local business serving freshly baked pretzels to the Dayton community. Visiting Smales invokes a sense of nostalgia through its rich history, classic pretzels and friendly atmosphere.

### **A family tradition**

Founded in 1906 as Gem City Pretzel by German immigrant Rudie Schaaf, Smales is a family-owned business. According to the Smales Pretzel Bakery's website, the business was renamed to its current namesake in 1926.

Having also relocated to their current location at 210 Xenia Avenue in 1926, Smales continues to build on the foundation of previous owners. From brick and mortar locations to stalls at the local Dayton Arcade, Smales has evolved over time. Currently, a pretzel truck is in the works as well to bring fresh pretzels to local weddings, businesses and events.

"There is a lot of tradition here. Many of the customers that come here have fond memories of this place. They came here as children and still enjoy coming in," General Manager Mary Ditner said.

### **Employees weigh in**

Pretzel maker Joe Swann is approaching his one-year mark of employment at Smales. His friend knows the owner, Emma, and he applied after hearing about the rich tradition and history of this business.

"My favorite part of working here is the atmosphere. It is relaxed. We come in and twist the pretzels, bake, do our job and connect with other coworkers," Swann said.

Cleveland native Micki Hayes is also a pretzel maker at Smales and enjoys getting to connect with other local businesses in the Dayton area.

"I love learning how interconnected all of Dayton businesses are. I am not originally from Dayton, so it has been truly a special experience to be a part of," Hayes said.

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Similar to Swann, Hayes also credits her connections with coworkers as one of the most valuable aspects of her job.

“The people, the sense of community, it has truly been so amazing. We had a customer come in the other day and said that he was in the service in the '70s and had been in Russia and that all they could do was drink and eat pretzels so his family would send him pretzels every two weeks. Stories like that are super neat to hear,” Hayes said.

Smales is open Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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WSU Volleyball Reverse Sweeps the Dayton Flyers

Noah Kindig

September 16, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) volleyball faced off against the Dayton Flyers (UD) at the Gem City Jam Friday night bringing home the win after a five-set battle.

The Raiders were looking for revenge from last season, as the Flyers barely beat WSU in a match that went all five sets.

Senior Grace Hauck pulled out the match for WSU in the final set, finishing off their reverse sweep and giving them their revenge in an unbelievable comeback.

## **Dayton's Early Dominance**

The Raiders came to an early 6-3 lead in set one off of errors, but The Flyers bounced back with three in a row to make it 6-6. The UD offense started to get impatient, giving the Raiders the advantage 11-8 off of attacking errors.

The teams drew even later in the set 18-18, and it seemed like both teams would refuse to give an inch. Peterson had other plans, totaling four kills and a block for the Flyers as they went on a seven-point run, winning the set 25-18.

The Flyers were off to a strong start with kills from their entire offense, leading 6-2 early in the set. The Raiders punched back with four in a row, including two kills from Megan Alders, tying the set at 9-9.

UD opened the set with their biggest run of the night, scoring nine in a row for a 19-10 lead, as they looked to close out the set.

The Flyers' offense continued to dominate, as errors for WSU would decide set two, with the Flyers winning big 25-13.

## **Raider resolve**

WSU was far from done, starting set three determined to make a comeback. They took the lead early in the third set 9-5, off of a kill and a service ace from Ellee Ruskaup.



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Errors for the Flyers continued to hurt them throughout the set, as WSU eventually led 17-9. However, UD found their groove once again, as six in a row brought the Flyers back into the set, 18-15. WSU's lead was enough to win them set three, as an attack error from Peterson closed the set 25-18.

The Flyers worked hard for an early lead in set four, and back-to-back kills for Peterson giving them an 8-5 lead. Three kills in a row from the Raider hitters would give the Raiders a 13-11 advantage, and kills back and forth from both teams would keep the Raider lead at two.

Kills from Peterson and Almodovar tied the set at 17, and the teams would continue to go back and forth until a kill from Almodovar gave the Flyers the advantage at 22-20. The Raiders punched back to tie the set at 22, as they looked to force a deciding set five, and UD looked to close out the game.

Errors for the Flyers gave Wright State two in a row, just enough to close out set four 25-23 and take the match to a deciding set five.

## **Hauck Finishes the Flyers**

The Flyers wanted revenge for the last two sets, and Peterson, Almodovar and Sandt started out fast, giving the flyers a 5-1 lead.

The Raiders fought back hard, with kills from Powers and back-to-back kills from Martin tying the set at 7-7, but the Flyers refused to let up, with more kills from Peterson and Almodovar giving UD the advantage 10-7.

A kill from Peterson and a block for the Flyers gave them Match Point at 14-12, and the Raiders needed something magical in order to pull back the game.

Peterson's 27 kills throughout the match were just short of victory. With their opponents on match point, the Raiders scored four points in a row to finish their comeback. Their last three points were two blocks from Hauck, and a kill from her as well.

As the final kill made it through the UD block and hit the ground, the WSU bench swarmed the court around Hauck, with fans jumping up and down in the stands, as the Flyers looked on in disbelief.

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WSU Engineering Alumna Works on Spacesuits for NASA  
Brendan Blankenship  
September 16, 2021

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is expected to return to the moon in 2024, and Wright State University (WSU) alumna, Lindsay Aitchison, has been working on developing spacesuits for the mission.

Aitchison graduated from WSU with a degree in Biomedical, Industrial and Human Factors Engineering (BIE).

## **The BIE program at WSU**

The BIE Department Chair, Dr. Subhashini Gapathy, says that there are multiple career paths BIE majors can take on top of being able to work for companies like NASA.

“The industrial and human factors engineering is a very broad area of application, so you pick any industry,” Gapathy said.

Gapathy says that many alumni from this field work in supply chain logistics, healthcare and even in helping develop products like Google Glass.

Biomedical engineering focuses on how to improve human performance regarding Aitchison’s work with NASA.

There are student organizations within this program at WSU that work with various fields including work with biomechanics. One of these student organizations is the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES).

The leader of the BMES, Shelby Holzapfel, discusses biomechanics and how they can be applied to space travel. The BMES works with the National Biomed Association and uses technology to improve the medical field.

According to Holzapfel, biomechanics takes “dynamic concepts from mechanical engineering and applies them to the human body.”

Holzapfel applies biomechanics to Aitchison’s work with NASA.

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“In terms of developing a spacesuit, there’s a lot of different things to consider as far as the effects of gravity on the body and some of the forces that you experience in space travel,” Holzapfel said.

There are more jobs in this engineering field than in other engineering fields, according to Dr. Gapathy. Students looking into this field will be able to go into almost any field they would like to work in, and they are also able to go into this program entirely online.

## **Student Opinion**

Students find that Aitchison’s work with NASA is a beneficial path that students can take from the BIE program.

Joey Linser, a College Credit Plus (CCP) student taking a class at Russ Engineering Center, says that using biomechanics for space travel can help benefit society.

“A spacesuit regulates biological needs,” Linser states.

Linser says it’s great that alumni from the BIE program at WSU are able to work for large companies like NASA.

Breaking: NPHC Plots to be Unveiled Oct. 2

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Wright State University's (WSU) National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC) shared Oct. 2 will be the new opening day for the memorial plots.

## **The delay**

The plots, honoring nine historically Black and Brown fraternities and sororities, are set to be completed slightly before Oct. 2.

The Council originally planned for the memorial to be opened by move-in weekend 2021. The project, delayed due to supply issues among other setbacks, was then set to be completed by the end of September.

The project also experienced setbacks and delays due to inclement weather.

## **The ceremony**

The unveiling ceremony will take place on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. It will be similar to the groundbreaking ceremony with featured speakers and a reception to follow.

The ceremony will also include an official ribbon cutting.

[Read more: WSU NPHC Plot Unveiling Delayed](#)

## **The History**

According to Gina Keucher, program director for Fraternity and Sorority Life, the plots are a visible symbol of recognition, especially to students who struggle to feel like they were important on WSU's campus.

"It is an absolute statement that you have a home here, that you have a space on this campus," Keucher said. "I'm really hoping that is a way for them to hear the administration and their real desire and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion."

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NPHC plots were originally started on historically black college campuses, but the idea made its way to predominantly white college campuses, such as WSU.

WSU is believed to be one of the first predominantly white public universities in Ohio to create such a plot.

At Cornell University in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha was the first Greek-letter Fraternity established for African American men. The NPHC was created 24 years later, in 1930.

Today, the NPHC includes the divine nine historically black greek letter fraternities and sororities.

“Plots on campus serve as a recognition of the historical importance of land and how land was denied to black families,” Daishane Moore, president of NPHC at WSU, said.

According to Adrian Williams, Former Student Body President and Kappa Alpha Psi member, the Divine Nine and the NPHC started from African American students trying to find a home on campus.

“In the early 1900s, they [African Americans] were allowed to get an education at predominately white institutions, but they were not allowed to do any of the activities that kind of make the college experience the full thing, so they formed their own.”

[Read More: WSU to Celebrate African American Fraternities and Sororities with NPHC Plots](#)

Those wishing to learn more about the NPHC Plots or how to donate can click [here](#).

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WSU Model UN's History of Success

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For over four decades, Wright State University's (WSU) Model U.N. Program (MUNP) delegates have been at the forefront of several top awards from the National Model United Nations Conference, a feat that no other university has matched.

## **What is the Model U.N. Program**

The MUNP is a three-credit class that is offered in the spring semester, but recruitment for the class starts in the fall semester the previous year. It begins with an online application on their webpage and all majors are welcome to apply.

The program is a front-heavy course where work is demanding at the beginning of the semester. Then, once the National Model United Nations Conference (NMUN) in New York is complete, delegates are free the rest of the semester.

According to Vaughn Shannon, one of the MUNP faculty advisors, the first recorded MUN club trip for conferences was in the year 1970. Since then, there has been a 42-year winning streak for WSU's MUNP.

WSU's MUNP participates in the Dayton MUN Conference (DAYMUNC) held at Sinclair Community College and the NMUN.

According to the MUNP's head delegate Bradley Kerry, there is an application process where chosen applicants will be given a country to do a positional paper. Last year there was no interview process due to Covid, but it may return this year due to how many applicants they have received.

This year there may be up to 20 to 25 new recruits into the MUNP by the time the application process is finished.

"If you have any interest in international politics, or the United Nations itself, taking this class [will help you] learn a lot... and it's a lot of fun," Kerry said.

## **Goals of the Model U.N. Program**

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The purpose of the MUNP is to give people of all majors a chance to learn about other countries, their policies and their culture.

“It’s kind of like role-playing, so you’re representing [a country]... [and] you study the policy you’re assigned to,” Liam Anderson, the second faculty advisor for the MUNP, said.

The MUNP prepares its participants for important life skills like heavy research, writing, public speaking and negotiation. The MUNP can also help those who struggle with public speaking as it pushes them out of their comfort zone.

“It’s a great program regardless of who goes to New York,” Shannon said.

Currently, the application process is open and on the organization’s website. The deadline is Oct. 15 for the interview and delegate choosing process for the spring semester to begin early.

Book Review: 'Death in Her Hands' by Ottessa Moshfegh  
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Ottessa Moshfegh is an impressive American author known for her works such as 'My Year of Rest and Relaxation' and 'Eileen.' Her latest release, 'Death in Her Hands' touches on loss, acceptance and trauma. What is framed to be a murder mystery dives deeper into the psychological world of an aging woman's regrets. When a seventy-two-year-old woman, Vesta, stumbles upon a mysterious note in the woods that speaks of a murder she sets out on a journey of self-discovery.

### **Diving into the book**

Moshfegh is known for her characters' detailed and expressive trains of thought and this novel makes no exception. For the first 144 pages the reader is simply following Vesta around in her own wild yet specific mind. The story starts to unravel when Vesta eventually decides to take risks and find courage in her journey.

The story also focuses on Vesta's emotional loss of her husband, Walter, and how their relationship has highly impacted how she thinks, acts and lives. As the narrative unfolds, the reader starts to unpack Vesta's inner monologue and begins to question reality and perception.

The book is filled with visual imagery and precise settings. Vesta's small cabin in the woods feels like a perfect setting for mystery to take place. Through Moshfegh's narrative, the reader is transported to this small town of quiet and judgmental people. The most interesting thing about this novel could be its main character. The novel achieves a coming of age or self-redemption genre for that of an elderly woman.

### **Takeaways from the story**

What makes the story so mysterious and ambiguous is Moshfegh's choice to have the reader only see things from Vesta's point of view. The development of the story not only shows the layers in Vesta but also the fear involved in growing older and wasting life.

Reality and illusion combine beautifully in this novel to create a story of substance and soul. Having a single main character allows the reader to delve into her thoughts, processes and mistakes. This layout promotes self-growth and introspection.



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This book is the ideal read for anyone wanting to step into another person's shoes and get lost in their struggles. The overall journey and power resulting from this novel forms an inspiring message that life belongs to each individual and that everyone needs to heal.

Breaking: WSU to Offer Vaccine Incentives to Students

Brendan Blankenship

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Wright State University (WSU) is now offering prizes to students as an incentive to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

## **Vaccination Sweepstakes**

Wright State Communications sent an email to students and faculty late Thursday morning stating students can enter into a sweepstake if they upload an image of their COVID-19 vaccination.

WSU also plans to open a COVID-19 vaccination and testing site at the Dayton Campus in hopes of encouraging more students to get vaccinated.

“Vaccination remains the most effective and important tool to fight the spread of COVID-19. Wright State continues to strongly encourage all eligible members of the Wright State community is to get vaccinated,” according to the email.

The email states that this is the beginning of the Spring Semester’s expanded testing program and that there will be more details on the sweepstakes in the near future.

## **Do Students Agree With This Incentive?**

Some students believe that WSU’s sweepstakes is a good incentive to get more students vaccinated. Yvanne Quarles, a student at WSU, thinks that this is a good decision.

“Especially if you offer something decent to students,” Quarles said.

Other students do not agree with this method of getting more students vaccinated. Lindsey Davidson, a sophomore, says that this should not be the only influence the university uses for vaccinations.

“If you get vaccinated, you could get a chance of getting a prize but it’s not guaranteed,” Davidson said.

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If students wish to enter into the sweepstakes, they will be able to through a third-party medical website starting next week according to WSU Communications.

A Look into Scott Nagy's Contract  
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Scott Nagy is one of the biggest names at Wright State University (WSU), leading the Men's Basketball team as a Head Coach since 2016. Nagy is the highest-paid WSU employee.

### **Salaries, benefits and reductions**

Nagy's contract has the highest base salary for all WSU employees, including the university president, starting at \$500,000 per year.

All coaching contracts list bonuses for the team's performance both in athletics and academics. Some bonuses will be equal to one month of the base salary, others will be a flat bonus.

For example, Nagy's contract lists athletics bonuses for being invited to the NCAA Tournament (one-month salary, or \$41,666), winning games in the tournament (\$10,000 each) and being invited to the post-season NIT (one half of a month of base salary, or \$20,833)

In 2019, an amendment added to the contract listed bonuses for the academic performances of Nagy's players, including a cumulative 3.0 or higher GPA for both semesters (\$5,000), and an academic progress score rating of 985 or above (\$5,000)

### **Public statements and material breach**

In signing on as a coach for WSU, the contract will not only affect coaches during the term of the contract but also after they leave the University.

"Employee shall keep his public comments about University policies or actions taken by University administrators in a positive tone. Employee shall not, during the Term of this Agreement or thereafter, publicly disparage the University, including its trustees, administrators or employees," Nagy's contract says.

If a coach breaks any of these rules, "any violation of this clause by Employee shall constitute a material breach of the Agreement," according to the contract.

A material breach means that the coach has failed to perform a duty that is pivotal to the contract, which would most likely cause an immediate firing of the coach and the University could attempt to sue for damages.



## **Termination without Cause and Additional Provisions**

The coaching contracts list several reasons for termination such as a breaking of NCAA rules but also includes a section for termination without cause.

“At any time throughout the Term of this Agreement, the University may in its sole discretion terminate Employee’s employment without cause ... and shall state an effective date of the termination, which may be immediately as determined solely by the University,” the contract says.

If a coach were to be fired without cause and was given notice beforehand, the university would owe the coach their monthly salary for the remainder of the term, or until the coach found a new job in the NBA, NCAA, or NBDL.