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Weekly Horoscopes

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November 1, 2021

This week's New Moon in Scorpio will be intensely emotional but will help each sign delve deeper into their intuition.

ARIES

Aries, this intense energy will trigger your anxiety and have you feeling weird vibes. It is critical that self-care and relaxation are prioritized. This New Moon in Scorpio will force you to slow down and focus on self reflection.

TAURUS

Taurus, this New Moon in Scorpio is in opposition to your chart. This means that the emotional effects will be heightened and may prompt you to feel sad, anxious or anti-social. Alone time is wise- especially since the full moon later this month is in your sign as well, Taurus!

GEMINI

Gemini, you need to stay on top of your communication. This intense energy will cause you to become more forgetful and ditzy, making communication and responsibilities crucial to focus on so that you don't miss any tasks.

CANCER

Cancer, this New Moon has you feeling romantic and sentimental. Whether you need to plan a special date for your partner, go on a blind date or spend time with loved ones, this New Moon in Scorpio has you slowing down to make time for the people in your life.

LEO

Leo, you are struggling to balance all of your tasks and responsibilities. You're over-exerting yourself repeatedly and it's starting to catch up with you. It's crucial that you slow down and stop ignoring health issues, Leo! Prioritize yourself!

VIRGO

Virgo, you usually know exactly what you want from people and in life. However, this New Moon in Scorpio has you feeling lost and confused. Your mind is foggy with emotions and you are questioning your decisions. Don't let this strong energy distract you, Virgo. You're on the right path!

LIBRA

Libra, your season ended recently and you're entering Scorpio season and this New Moon in Scorpio with a lucky streak. New financial opportunities are coming your way and you'll begin to have time to relax as you become more financially stable. Use this time to save, Libra!

SCORPIO

Scorpio, this New Moon is in your sign so your experience will be powerful. Prepare yourself for meditation and relaxation because your mind and body will be exhausted from the intense

energy. This energy is only brighter because this New Moon is also a partial eclipse. Avoid plans and dedicate this week to yourself, Scorpio.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, you will be easily angered and short-tempered this week because of the miscommunications and emotions running rampant from the powerful Scorpio New Moon. Make sure to exude patience and understanding rather than jumping the gun too much this week, Sagittarius.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, this energy has you feeling yourself! You may even feel more sensual or flirtier than usual as well! Now is the perfect time to plan dates or romantic excursions. If you have a crush, then it's time to make a move! Go for it, Capricorn! Your energy is magnetic right now.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, people are trying to drag you into situations that are not yours. Protect your mindset and energy by not giving in to these energy vampires. Avoid people who are notoriously gossipy or negative. These bad vibes will be amplified by the Scorpio New Moon, so avoid these folks at all costs!

PISCES

Pisces, people are being clingy with you right now. Whether it's a boyfriend, roommate, family member or someone else, you are struggling to maintain your boundaries. Be firm and do not waver, Pisces! Tell them to respect your space or hit the road!

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Events on Campus Week of Nov. 01
Alexis Wisler
November 1, 2021

Here is a list of events on campus this week.

Monday, Nov. 1

9:30 | Cru Men's Group | Student Union 103

1 p.m. | University Center for International Education Cultural Convo Kick Off | Pathfinder Lounge, Student Union

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

2 p.m. | University Center for International Education Convo Club | UCIE Office

2 p.m. | Advocates for Cultural diversity and Excellence Día de los Muertos | Millett 403

5 p.m. | Boonshoft Pride Consensually Non-Monogamous and LGBTQ+ Patient Experiences in Healthcare Event | White Hall 120

6 p.m. | Internal Medicine Interest Group Subspecialty Panel | Online

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

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Tuesday, Nov. 2

11:30 a.m. | Amigos Latinos Student Association Spanish Conversation Hour | Latino Center

12 p.m. | University Center for International Education Popcorn Tuesday | UCIE Office

12 p.m. | University Center for International Education Study Abroad Open House | E190 Student Union

12 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | Student Union Upper Atrium

12 p.m. | Delta Zeta Study Night | Dunbar Library Starbucks

2 p.m. | University Center for International Education Boren Workshop | Online

5 p.m. | Coco Movie Night | Student Union 108a

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

6 p.m. | American Medical Student Association Trivia Night at City BBQ | City BBQ

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

7 p.m. | Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Informational Seminar | Oelman 302

Wednesday, Nov. 3

10:30 a.m. | Army ROTC Tabling | The Hangar

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

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

5:30 p.m. | Management Club Guest Speaker: Joyce Winters | Online

6 p.m. | Campus recreation Campus Trails Hiking | Alumni Tower

6:45 p.m. | Black Student Union Study Tables | Oelman 306

7 p.m. | Tabletop Club Magic: The Gathering Night | Fawcett 204/210



Thursday, Nov. 4

12:30 p.m. | Military Medicine Interest Group Recruiting Event | White Hall 120

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

3:30 p.m. | University Center for International Education Convo Club | UCIE Office

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

6 p.m. | Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group Pre-Eclampsia Seminar | White Hall 120

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

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

Friday, Nov. 5

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

3:30 p.m. | Dunbar Library Book Talk | Millett Hall 4th Floor Lobby

4 p.m. | Indian Student Association Diwali | Apollo Room

5:30 p.m. | Student Government Association Intern Workshop | Rike 157

6 p.m. | Korean Club Highlighting North Korean Refugees | Medical Sciences 125

Saturday, Nov. 6

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

1 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball Raider Classic | McLin Gym

2 p.m. | Campus Recreation Fall Campout | Germantown Metropark

Women's Soccer Season Ends in Close NKU Game

Noah Kindig

November 1, 2021

The season is over for Wright State University (WSU) Women's Soccer after losing at home to the Northern Kentucky Norse (NKU) on Wednesday night.

The game ends Travis Sobers first season as the Head Coach for the team, putting forward some very impressive results, after only being named Head Coach for two weeks before the start of the season.

It was dominance in the first half for the Norse that decided the game, scoring twice in the period off of 13 total shots.

The Raiders tried to claw back the game in the second half, scoring one and completely stopping any more shots from the Norse in 45 minutes, but it wasn't enough to save their season.

Player awards

The Raiders had two bright spots after just missing out on the playoffs, with two WSU players earning League honors.

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Destiny Johnson and Olivia Mace both earned League honors in the midfield, with Johnson named to the League second team, and Mace named to the League All-Freshman team.

Johnson was named to the second team after leading the team in goals and assists and was the biggest attacking threat for the team all year.

Mace was a solid defender for the team all season. As a freshman, she started every single game for the Raiders and was the only player on the team to do so.

Season highlights

While the season has ended earlier for the Raiders than they would have hoped, they have several accomplishments this season to be proud of.

Starting with their first regular-season game, they kept their composure against Marshall in double overtime, slotting away a penalty kick for their first win.

Against the eventual Regular Season Champions Milwaukee, they gave the Panthers one of their closest games of the season, barely losing 2-1 to Milwaukee while on the road.

The Panthers are currently 11-0 in the league and have regularly beat other teams by five or more goals in league play.

On Senior Day against UIC, an 89th-minute goal from Michelle Rings gave the Raiders a 2-1 win, keeping their playoff hopes alive for another game.

While the Raiders fell just short of a playoff berth this season, the successes the team has had this year will push the team to a better result in the seasons to come.

BSOM Plans Expansion Amid National Physician Shortage

Jamie Naylor

November 2, 2021

Due to a national physician shortage, Wright State University (WSU) Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM) is set to expand class size and building space.

Building upgrades

The Boonshoft School of Medicine is working with the university to plan the expansion and renovation of the main school building, White Hall.

The plans include expanding classrooms, creating more study spaces in the building and updating common areas according to Valerie Weber, Dean of BSOM.

Weber added that the funding of the project would not be through the main university. All funding efforts and costs of the project are to be paid for via the BSOM's private fundraising efforts and school foundations.

Student Opinions

Medical students, like Michael Harrington, also expressed their concerns about the growing class sizes, lack of amenities in the building and the overall stress on the medical education system.

“We are in this position of needing to generate more primary care doctors through a system that has shown that it can’t,” Harrington said.

Harrington also described packed classrooms and crowded labs and study spaces as additional concerns.

Physician shortage

In order to increase admissions and class sizes, BSOM needs expanded resources according to Weber. This growth will then help address the local and national needs of medical professionals.

During the Sept. 12 Board of Trustees special committee on Medicine and Health, Weber presented to the board information regarding a national physician shortage as well as current enrollment data for BSOM.

According to Weber’s presentation, the school has a 3% acceptance rate and an average class size of 132 students.

Weber wishes to grow this class size to meet the growing need of qualified physicians but expresses that this goal can not be met without expanding the school first.

“We can’t get any bigger without bigger classrooms,” Weber said.

It has not been revealed when the project will be complete or how much will need to be raised to cover project costs. More information about the project is set to come out in the coming months

Kris Graves' Photography Displayed in Stein Galleries

Katie Jones

November 2, 2021

Photographer Kris Graves' Truth & Ruin exhibition is on display in the Stein Galleries from Oct. 18 to Dec. 3.

Using portrait and landscape photography, Graves' photos encourage viewers to think about issues like racism.

Truth & Ruin exhibition

Named after his upcoming book, the exhibition displays photos Graves selected from four of his projects.

These projects are [The Testament Project](#), Privileged Mediocrity, [Latency](#) and Southern Horror.

The Testament Project explores and reconceptualizes the contemporary black experience in America. Each subject was able to choose colored lighting for their photograph.

"By including subjects in the creation of the scene and the altering of color, I seek to create photographs that portray individuality in addition to their blackness," Graves said on [his website](#).

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Subjects were photographed with blue, purple, pink, orange and green.

“I think each person has their own aura, and they chose the colors according to how they want to be seen and I think that’s really cool,” communications student Mae Willis said.

In *Privileged Mediocrity*, his photos capture contemporary issues by looking at American landscapes and the people stuck in that landscape.

Graves’ photos for *Latency* were taken during the 2020 George Floyd protests where people were spray painting the statues. The series is about Confederate monuments in Richmond, Virginia coming down.

The final series chosen for *Truth & Ruin* were photos from *Southern Horror*. These are black and white photos of Confederate monuments in the south to give an idea of how many still exist today.

With his *Truth & Ruin* exhibition, Graves hopes to encourage viewers to reflect on the issues his photos portray, including police brutality and the continued existence of racist monuments.

“I definitely make the work so that people can experience it and figure out where they stand in this history of America. I leave it up to the people, I leave it up to the viewers to make their own assumptions about what they’re seeing. I believe that I’m giving you what’s happening in real life, stepping back from that in the photograph so that you can make your own decisions,” Graves said.

Collaboration with Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center

Wright State University (WSU) associate professor and exhibition curator, Benjamin Montague, also wanted the exhibition to impact people.

Montague invited Graves to display his work at WSU, inspired by the protests of summer 2020. His goal is for viewers to see the issues through somebody else’s lens, such as the *Southern Horror* series.

“What I find so powerful about this is a lot of these monuments, a lot of these school names, I probably wouldn’t notice them. They’re things that you might see but the grid is so big it shows how ubiquitous these monuments and images are. And that the false narrative that these sites

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are trying to create through the reinterpretation of history, and the power that has the messaging that has and how so many people don't even notice that kind of stuff," Montague said.

Montague wanted to share Graves' work but also go beyond the photos on the wall by creating discussion within the community.

He decided to partner with Quatez Scott, Intercultural Specialist, Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center. Now the Stein Galleries, in collaboration with the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, will host a closing reception. Alex Zamalin will talk on "Black Political Thought and Antiracism: The Civic Radical Tradition" on Dec. 2.

Students can view the exhibition from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays or from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. On Saturdays, the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Those interested in Kris Graves photography can also visit his [website](#).

WSU Sees Uptick in Assaults, Crime Remains Consistent
Jamie Naylor
November 3, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) sees overall greater incidents of assault and comparable numbers of other offenses to other Ohio public universities.

60-day WSU crimes

WSU began its semester Aug. 23 and since then, 36 crimes have been reported, including fire-related incidents.

According to WSU's 60-day campus crime log, from Aug. 28 to Oct. 27, seven assaults occurred, along with 10 thefts, two rapes, three-drug incidents, one liquor offense, five trespassing occurrences and four miscellaneous criminal incidents.

WSU has also seen four fire-related incidents this semester, including an active Student Union fire.

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In the past two weeks, Oct. 13 to Oct. 27, the Wright State Police Department reported, via the Clery Act, two incidents of voyeurism in Rike Hall's bathrooms and two incidents of car part thefts occurring in Lot 4.

WSU Crime Statistics

These numbers reflect WSU crime statistics from previous years.

All crimes occurring on campus are reported in the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, in the year 2020, similar incidents occurred despite decreased numbers of students on campus.

In 2020, seven rapes occurred as well as one aggravated assault, four burglaries, eight drug law violations that ended in arrest and eight alcohol law violations that ended in disciplinary actions.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the move to online classes, WSU saw a decrease in students residing and visiting campus.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to the Director of Housing, Dan Berstos and the WSU communications department regarding the exact residential numbers for 2020 and have yet to receive a response.

60-day BGSU crimes

WSU's semesterly crime numbers are similar compared to other mid-sized four-year public institutions like Bowling Green State University (BGSU). However, WSU's yearly numbers are still higher in some offenses.

According to BGSU's 60-day crime log from Aug. 26 to Oct. 26, 15 thefts were reported, two rapes occurred, 12 drug incidents happened with five alcohol violations.

No assaults, trespassing, or active fires were reported in the BGSU crime log during this time frame.

BGSU crime statistics

Bowling Green also publishes its yearly crime statistics. Compared to WSU in the year 2020, BGSU had fewer sexual offense rapes but higher burglary, alcohol and drug-related incidents.

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In 2020, BGSU experienced a total of 233 alcohol violations, 36 of which ended in arrest.

Kent State

Kent State University (KSU), another Ohio four-year public institution, has higher 60-day crime numbers than BGSU and WSU.

According to Kent State's 60-day crime log and fire log for Aug. 28 to Oct. 27, 2021, 167 crimes occurred with zero active fires.

Of the 167 crimes, KSU saw the highest numbers in theft, drug offenses and alcohol offenses. Only one assault was reported in this time frame on Kent's campus.

Of the two schools BGSU and WSU, Kent also has the largest population with 21,431 students.

WSU response

Wright State's Police Department expressed that while incidents occur, WSU still values safety on campus.

"I want to first emphasize that we are a safe campus, but as people begin to attend get-togethers and hangouts, there are those few occasions where good judgment is not always used," Lt. Kurt Holden, Director of Public Safety, said.

Holden also mentioned resources students can use to prevent crime and to use after they have been a victim of a crime including Counseling and Wellness Services.

Dayton's Not Dead: Now and Zen DIY Studio
Kaylee Raines
November 4, 2021

Mother-daughter duo Paula Willis and Alleah Cooks turned their passion for nature and creativity into Now and Zen Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Studio. Their products and services promote creativity within the Dayton community.

How they started

Willis and Cooks always shared a bond for plants and nature. Eventually, they began to make their own terrariums as a creative outlet. However, this quickly turned into a business idea as people began to inquire about buying their creations.

Their business journey began at Dayton's 2nd Street Market. Business thrived and customers began to express an interest in learning how to construct their own terrariums.

Willis and Cooks used this opportunity to expand their business and began hosting workshops at various rental facilities. Over time, they decided to open a brick-and-mortar location. This

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enabled them to host regular groups of people looking to create terrariums and other craft projects.

“My favorite part is watching people create their own designs and encouraging them to experiment and work with nature. At the end, it’s nice to see how proud they are of their designs,” Cooks said.

This transition was so successful that they are currently in the process of moving to a larger studio in order to accommodate more customers.

Moving to a bigger location

Until approximately the first week of December, in-person events and shopping are temporarily closed. They are currently moving from their location on St. Clair Street to a larger location at 121 East Third Street. However, customers can still shop online for DIY kits on their [Etsy](#) and on their [website](#).

These DIY terrarium kits are available for immediate delivery or customers can schedule their delivery closer to Christmas. This is to assist customers who may not want to deal with the plant’s maintenance until the holiday.

Willis and Cooks are eager to settle into their new location so that they can assist more people in finding their artistic side. Hosting these events allows them to connect with the community and directly impact the lives of their customers.

“People come here to have fun and be creative. They thank us and say that we have enhanced their day and enhanced their world. It’s gratifying! For my daughter and I, it really doesn’t feel like work,” Willis said.

Wright State University (WSU) students are encouraged to check out Now and Zen DIY Studio’s [website](#) and [Etsy](#) until their new location opens in December. Once confirmed, they will announce the official grand re-opening date on their website and social media platforms.

New Film “Dune” Review and its Journey to Adaptation

Ellee Rogers

November 4, 2021

Audiences all over the world have anticipated the release of “Dune (Part 1)” and the time has finally arrived. The film was released in theaters and on HBO Max on Oct. 22. The story follows a society far off into the future and focuses on a man who is following his destiny.

Synopsis for the film

The [official synopsis](#) for “Dune” reads:

“A mythic and emotionally charged hero’s journey, “Dune” tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet’s exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence – a commodity capable of unlocking humanity’s greatest potential – only those who can conquer their fear will survive.”

Movie Review

“Dune” has multiple impactful moments scattered across a daring and eerie score and still-shot story. Experiencing the film in theaters is definitely what the director, Denis Villeneuve, intended for audiences.

The two hour and thirty-five-minute film quickly introduces Paul and his family and goes on to unravel his dangerous expedition for a majority of the film. Fear and danger of the future are major themes for the film, allowing the viewer to experience the process from Paul’s perspective.

Beautifully shot scenes, intense fighting and futuristic concepts and focused acting all combine to promote a strong story based in the year 10,191.

Road to Adaptation

The original story “Dune” is actually engrossed in a series of novels started by Frank Herbert. Villeneuve’s goal then was a steep one: to make a movie that honored the origin story of Paul and all of the books’ beautiful elements while still creating a logical and timed film.

There is already talk of a “Dune (Part Two),” which is quite exciting, proving that Villeneuve has a powerful vision for adapting this story. The film boasts an impressive cast, including Timothee Chalamet, Zendaya, Jason Momoa, Rebecca Ferguson, Oscar Issac, Dave Bautista, Josh Brolin, Stephen McKinley Henderson and more.

COLA Committee Proposes Downsizing 10 Departments and Schools to Three

Jamie Naylor

November 4, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) College of Liberal Arts (COLA) plans separation into three schools among retrenchment, retirement and declining student enrollment.

Planned separation

The COLA Reorganization Committee, created under outgoing Dean Linda Caron, concluded its discussions, finalizing its report Monday afternoon.

The report outlines the Committee's directive of reorganizing the school while using the limited resources available to the College. Included in the report are current faculty and student data, along with proposals presented based on this data.

Proposals include separating COLA into three schools: the School of the Arts, the School of the Humanities and the School of the Social Sciences. COLA is currently comprised of 10 different schools.

Current majors will be divided into these Schools based on subject matter.

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Languages, political science, and international affairs-related degrees will move to the School of Social Sciences, art and theater-related degrees will move to the School of the Arts, English and related degrees move to the School of the Humanities.

The names of the schools are subject to change as the report moves through the approval process.

Course changes

According to the report, the Committee recommends that COLA conducts a review of its course offerings. This review expected to take place, spring 2022, will determine what departments can be combined.

The Committee also proposed changes to major and minor data collection and emphasized interdisciplinary collaboration among the departments.

Report data

Facing retrenchment, retirement and decreased student enrollment, reorganization was necessary to ensure the College's future.

“This situation requires extensive curricular reform in many of our departments and programs if we hope to safeguard the integrity of the Liberal Arts at WSU”

the report states

According to report data, a 50% decline in faculty is projected for the coming spring semester.

Comparing COLA and University data from 2015 to 2021-2022, total faculty in the College rests at 103 members down from 206 members in 2015.

COLA student numbers have also decreased with 2,166 students in 2015 down to 1,394 students in 2021.

Departments with the greatest declines include art, liberal studies, English, media studies and political science.

In 2015, 304 students were a part of the English major program, in fall 2021, only 165 students chose this department.



While the College's overall numbers declined, departments like acting, theatre, art history and classics saw an increase in students in 2021.

The decline in English majors and political majors is reflected with graduate students.

Future process

This reorganization is the largest restructuring of the College.

"The committee acknowledges that this process, the most significant reorganization of the College of Liberal Arts since its inception, is being conducted in a climate of layered crises," according to the report.

Before heading to the Board of Trustees in February 2022, the committee's report must be reviewed by Dean Caron. Dean Caron must also hold forums to receive feedback about the projected plans according to the report.

According to Daniel Zehringer, chair of the current School of Music and COLA Reorganization Committee member, the report was sent to Dean Caron on Nov. 1, 2021.

LGBTQA Community: Resources and Upcoming Events

Katie Jones

November 4, 2021

Wright State University (WSU) strives to be a welcoming and inclusive community for its LGBTQA students by offering several resources and organizations.

LGBTQ Center

One of the most well-known resources for students is the LGBTQA Community Engagement Room located in 147 Millett Hall. Students are free to visit any time Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The center offers free snacks, a small library of LGBTQA+ books and DVDs as well as a space to spend time building community.

“It’s open. We’re here. We’re here in person. That it’s not just for LGBTQA plus folks, but for our allies... I’m an educator. So I want to teach you. I want students to come in and learn more. So my office is like an extension of our community engagement room,” Emily Yantis, the center’s Intercultural Specialist, said

Organizations and other resources

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The LGBTQA Engagement Center is not the only resource for students. WSU also has a variety of other resources and organizations to join.

A full list of these resources can be found on WSU's website, including Counseling and Wellness Services for LGBTQA Students and Medical Resources for LGBTQA Needs from Boonshoft Pride.

There are also educational programs available upon request. The biggest one is Allyship in Action, a two-part program about allyship for the LGBT+ community.

The first part is focused on terminology and first impressions of the LGBTQA+ community. The program also discusses growth and learning as well as what allyship is and how to be an ally.

Special interest sessions, formerly called Spectrum Sessions are similar, allowing people to request education on LGBTQA topics.

WSU also offers Our Voice panels. Mostly used in the classroom and the community, it allows LGBTQA members to share their experiences with others.

Apart from educational programs, students can join the Peer Mentoring Program, formerly known as Unicornship. Designed for new WSU students, it pairs them with a student mentor who supports them.

Students, new and returning, can also join Rainbow Alliance. With a mission to empower, advocate and educate about the LGBTQA community, it has a strict no outing policy.

"We put a huge emphasis on social groups and being connected, like having a community on campus. A safe place where you can actually go and feel like you can express yourself," Kirsten Spires, president of Rainbow Alliance said.

Similar to Rainbow Alliance, there are student-run and led [Affinity Networks](#). Currently, these organizations are still looking for leaders and members. Those interested can contact the LGBTQA Center.

Along with providing organizations, the LGBTQA Center also advocates for LGBTQA students on campus. Students are able to change their names and apply for gender-inclusive housing.

Currently, the center is working to include at least one gender-neutral bathroom in each building.

Although still in the works, there's plenty of organizations and resources for students.

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“I love that Rainbow Alliance, the LGBTQ center and its services exist for other LGBTQ students. I think there’s more than enough great resources for people who are in need of them,” student Aaron Scarf said.

Upcoming Events

The LGBTQA Center has three upcoming events for November.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3 the LGBTQ Center partners with the Asian and Native American Center for Native American Heritage Month’s kickoff event. The event will have nationally known speaker Jac Stringer speaking on the commonalities between trans and Native American experiences.

The next two are Chosen Family Feast and Queer Prom, both of which are on Nov. 13.

Mia Honaker: Staff, Student and Advocate
Kaylee Raines
November 5, 2021

Mia Honaker is committed to promoting diversity and advocating for others. Through this dedication, Honaker has made a lasting impact on Wright State University (WSU) and the Dayton community.

Honaker’s background

Honaker was born in the Gyeonggi-do Province of South Korea, located near Seoul. Her father was in the Air Force and was stationed at Osan Air Base. They lived there for two years prior to moving to Dayton for her father to work at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

She attended Sinclair Community College and WSU after high school, majoring in Political Science and Communications. However, she left college before she could graduate in order to raise her children.

Currently, Honaker is finishing her degree in Organizational Leadership at WSU and will be graduating in the Fall of 2022.

Honaker's passion for creativity, such as her interest in cake decorating and cooking, plays an instrumental role in her life as well. She shares pictures and recipes of her cooking online and has even been featured on the cooking television show "The Chew" where she met several famous chefs.

Honaker's role at WSU and in the Dayton community

Honaker's journey at WSU began at Sinclair where she was working in the Admissions Office. She then transitioned to an office management position at a therapeutic foster care agency.

The leadership changes within this business prompted Honaker to inquire about other job opportunities. With this, she applied for an Administrative Specialist Position for the Asian, Hispanic and Native American Center (AHNA) at WSU.

As WSU's commitment to diversity and inclusion continued to evolve, so did Honaker's position. She transitioned from AHNA's Administrative Specialist to her current role as Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Inclusive Excellence Matthew Chaney.

"The most difficult aspect of my job would be the constant moving of the centers from one area to another. Not having consistent leadership and staffing makes it hard to be the advocate for the students and community, when you have to deal with constant changes. With the creation of the new Division of Inclusive Excellence, I am very hopeful that we are moving forward in the right direction," Honaker said.

Honaker credits her involvement in the Culture and Identity Center (CIC) as her favorite part about working at WSU.

"Being engaged and educating about culture and diversity is not only a career for me, it's a passion," Honaker said.

Honaker is the faculty advisor for Korean Club, Advocates for Cultural-diversity and Excellence (ACE) and the Asian Student Association (ASA). She is also an active member of the Staff Senate and the new secretary-elect so that she can advocate for WSU staff.

Additionally, she serves as an executive board member for the Asian American Council of Dayton and as a commission member for the City of Huber Heights Culture and Diversity Citizen's Action Commission.

With these various positions, Honaker makes a difference at WSU and in the Dayton community. Her dedication to cultural awareness and diversity shines through her actions.

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Decision Time: WSU's Two-Year Division I Waiver is Running Out
Noah Kindig
November 5, 2021

In order to remain an NCAA Division I team for the 2022 Fall Season, Wright State University (WSU) Athletics needs to add three varsity teams before next fall to remain Division one.

The university sent out a survey to students on Oct. 18, researching the effects of athletics on student life at the school in order to make decisions regarding the athletics department.

The university responded that they were pleased with the number of results they have received from its students, but have not yet made a decision regarding the future of the Athletics Program.

"All we are sharing at this time is that the survey just closed and the consultants are beginning to do their analysis of the data. We were pleased to have over 2,000 responses and look forward to what the university can learn from the students' input," WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess said.

The NCAA waiver

In order to be an NCAA Division I school, a college must sponsor at least fourteen varsity athletic teams.

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WSU currently sponsors eleven, after dropping several teams due to financial troubles in previous years. Wright State said goodbye to both men's and women's tennis as well as softball.

Because of its monetary difficulties, it received a waiver from the NCAA in 2020, allowing it to drop below the minimum required number of teams for two years.

This waiver expires before the Fall 2022 season, forcing Raider Athletics to make a decision on whether to spend the money to field extra teams, or to demote to NCAA Division II.

Sairaj Pitdl, a WSU fan, said the Athletics Program should do everything it can to remain a Division I school, because of the level of competition.

"I think they should stay in D1," Pitdl said. "It just makes sense to face better teams."

For fellow student Shepard Siebel, it's sad to see the sports he loves not represented by WSU.

"I would love it if Hockey and Lacrosse were added," Siebel said. "I played both in High School, and I would love to try out for a team here."

As the Athletics Administration debates the future of Raider Athletics, the clock is ticking until the waiver expires in Fall 2022.

What Sports?

Most likely, the university will try to bring back programs that were dropped in recent years, and that other schools the Horizon League currently field teams for.

With seven sports in Horizon League that WSU does not currently field, the most likely candidates are Men's and Women's Tennis, Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving, Women's Golf, Softball, and Men's Track and Field.

When the NCAA waiver was announced in 2020, WSU also announced cutting softball as well as Men's and Women's Tennis.



WSU Renews Multiple Partnerships Through Wright Path Program

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Wright State University (WSU) renews multiple agreements with community colleges in the Miami Valley for the university's Wright Path Program.

The Wright Path Program

President Sue Edwards stated in a tweet on Oct. 14 that WSU and Sinclair are continuing their partnership to provide affordable education. This is done through the Wright Path Program according to Edwards.

The program welcomes transfer students from community colleges and helps integrate them into the university's environment. According to Hideo Tsuchida, the Director for Articulation, Transfer, and Institutional Partnerships, transfer students make up one-third of the student population.

WSU renewed agreements with Clark State College, Sinclair Community College, and Edison State Community College. They also have agreements with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College and Southern State Community College according to the Wright Path Program webpage.

Tsuchida stated that students in this program typically take 60 hours at their community college and 60 hours at WSU. This is what gives the program the name "Two Plus Two" since 60 credit hours typically takes two years.

"Part of this two plus two is to make sure that the [classes] students take count at Wright State when they transfer," Tsuchida said.

Tsuchida added that students in this program can use housing services, join student organizations, and participate in campus life while still in community college.

"They can access our fitness center and all of those recreational things here," Tsuchida said.

Financial benefit

This program also takes away some financial burdens since students can explicitly see from their advisors what specific credits at their community college will transfer to WSU. There are scholarship opportunities for students in this program.

“With the financial aid, scholarships and especially if a student goes to community college for two years, that’s the savings right there,” Tsuchida said.

Student experiences

Students who have transferred through this program have reported positive experiences and smooth credit transfers.

Gracie Northington, a student who transferred from Clark State was able to get involved with on-campus ministry and experience campus life before transferring to WSU.

“I have been on campus since freshman year,” Northington said. “I felt much more involved when I came [to WSU]. I’m actually a leader at this ministry now.”

The program also helped her financially.

“This program really allowed me to have that full experience and still be able to do what works better for me financially,” Northington said.

Northington said she was given a Wright One Card and was able to use services across campus like the Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.

Northington started in this program with her advisors from Clark State and WSU communicating with each other, which helped transfer her credits smoothly, according to Northington.

WSU has re-signed agreements for Clark State and Sinclair during the Fall 2021 semester.