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Weekly Horoscopes

Star Signer

January 10, 2022

Everyone always asks you what you want to be when you grow up and you never know what to tell them... well now you do! Read on to learn what your dream job is based on your zodiac sign.

ARIES

Aries, you have always been ambitious. Your dream job is most likely being a brain surgeon or an award winning actor/actress.

TAURUS

Taurus, your dream job is absolutely based off of all the TV shows you are currently watching. Your dream job is likely being an interior designer, a professional chef, or a game show host.

GEMINI

Gemini, you are great with words but ironically not very social. Your dream job would probably be a book author, computer programmer, or astronaut.

CANCER

Cancer, you've always been the smartest one in the room. Your dream job is either being an educator or the next Oprah.

LEO

Leo, your creative talents outshine all others. Your dream job is probably being an artist, a photographer, or a wildly successful musician.

VIRGO

Virgo, your attention to detail is not an accident. Your dream job is most likely a forensic specialist, a chemist, a researcher, or a wine taster.

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LIBRA

Libra, your ability to seek out the truth is one of your most astounding qualities. Your dream job is to be a lawyer, social worker, or even a journalist.

SCORPIO

Scorpio, your ability to socialize yourself and make connections is definitely going to get you far in life. Your dream job is to be in a leadership position helping others reach their potential. This could mean an advisor, manager, or president, just to name a few.

SAGITTARIUS

Sagittarius, your favorite hobby is traveling and the world is your oyster. Your dream job is one that takes you all over the world like a marketing associate, a flight attendant, or a travel blogger.

CAPRICORN

Capricorn, you have a mind of many talents. Your dream job is ever changing, but this is okay. You are content knowing that you will chase happiness and find yourself in a job that suits your talents.

AQUARIUS

Aquarius, you find everyday boring and know that you could never work a regular 9-5 desk job. Your dream job is to be the captain of a boat, a fighter pilot, or even a dog food taster.

PISCES

Pisces, you have never been able to make your mind up about what you want to do. Perhaps the best jobs are the ones where everyday is different. Your dream job is either a detective, a construction manager, or a position at NASA.

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Events on Campus Week of Jan. 10
Alexis Wisler
January 10, 2022

Events for the week of Jan. 10 include Campus Recreation running, a book discussion in the Dunbar Library and a Men's Club Basketball game.

Monday, Jan. 10

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Tabling | Student Union Market

Tuesday, Jan. 11

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 12

No events currently scheduled.

Thursday, Jan. 13

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Tabling | Student Union Market

5 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Connexion | Medical Sciences 120

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

Friday, Jan. 14

No events currently scheduled.

Saturday, Jan. 15

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12 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball vs. Ohio State Scarlet | McLin Gym

12 p.m. | Campus Recreation Really Cold Camping | John Bryan State Park

Sunday, Jan. 16

No events currently scheduled.

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Six Straight Wins Return Raiders to Winning Record

Noah Kindig

January 10, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) Men's Basketball has been on a tear in recent weeks, winning six games in a row for an overall season record of 8-7. The streak jumped to six last week after a win over the University Illinois-Chicago Flames (UIC) and the Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis Jaguars (IUPUI).

The six-win streak includes four games in conference play, jumping to an overall 5-1 record in the Horizon League (HL). The Raiders currently sit in fourth in the HL standings, behind the Detroit Mercy Titans, the Oakland Golden Grizzlies and the Cleveland State Vikings, who all have yet to lose a game.

While the Raiders have looked dominant in recent games, according to Head Coach Scott Nagy, there is still much to improve on in the future.

“We are not a good rebounding team, and we are not a good defensive team. It’s bothered me all year,” Nagy said. “I think we’re getting better defensively, but it’s nowhere near what we need to win a championship.”

From up close

The duo of Tanner Holden and Grant Basile in WSU's recent matches has taken control of close and mid-range shooting, with Basile scoring points in the paint and Holden driving to the rim from the outside while baiting fouls.

“When we do that, we play it to the post, we get lot better looks,” Basile said. “I think that’s our identity.”

Holden and Basile currently sit third and fourth in points per game respectively, with a vast majority of all their points coming from the paint.

“I think [in the paint] is an area where [Basile’s] gotten really comfortable,” Tim Finke, a guard for the team, said. “When he takes his time in there, you can’t stop him.”

Holden has been an expert in driving to the rim, baiting a foul almost every drive and many times converting for a three-point play.

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He currently sits first in the entire nation in free-throw attempts with 108, and second in the nation in free-throws made with 86.

These points and fouls up close have a huge impact on WSU's game. In their 90-72 win over UIC, the Raiders made only six 3-point shots to UIC's thirteen, but the Raiders had 22 free throw attempts to UIC's three.

"They shoot very few free throws, they made three and we made 22," Nagy said. "They made 13 threes and we won by 18."

What to improve

For the Raiders to improve their win streak and improve their chance at a championship, they need to work on their defense and their effort at the start of games, according to Nagy.

WSU has definitely been a second-half team so far this year, getting off to a slower start in all six of its wins.

"We're just too bad defensively to start games," Nagy said. "All of our starts have been awful, we've got to break that pattern."

For Nagy, defensive play and rebounding will be what the team focuses on moving forward.

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Women's Basketball Forced to Forfeit Two More Games Due to Covid

Noah Kindig

January 11, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) Women's Basketball was forced to forfeit two more conference games last week, according to a Horizon League ruling released on Jan. 6.

The games forfeited were both home contests two days apart, with the first being against the Youngstown State Penguins, and the second being against the Robert Morris Colonials.

Due to COVID-19 transmission in their program and the programs of other colleges, the Raiders have missed eight games so far this season, with four being ruled as cancellations and the other four ruled as forfeits.

With these forfeits, the Raiders fall to 1-11 in their overall season record and 0-7 in conference play, only able to play eight of the total season games, and three conference games.

Forfeit policy

Horizon League policy states that any contests canceled due to COVID are to be deemed forfeits unless the Commissioner rules it a no-contest. A no-contest can only be ruled when extraordinary circumstances lead to the cancellation.

"League policy authorizes the Commissioner to deem a cancellation a no-contest when the involved institution can demonstrate that extraordinary circumstances led to the cancellation," the ruling states.

"The Council agreed that a high volume of breakthrough cases among vaccinated individuals is considered extraordinary," the ruling stated.

So, in order for a COVID cancellation to not count as a loss on a team's record, they have to prove that the cancellation was due to "extraordinary circumstances."

The ruling

Both WSU and Northern Kentucky University (NKU) had games canceled this week due to positive COVID cases and looked to have them ruled as no contests.

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While relief was granted to the Norse, it was not given to the Raiders. According to the Horizon League announcement, The Norse were granted relief because they were unable to field a team.

“Northern Kentucky sought to deem missed competition this week no contests since it is unable to field a team due to breakthrough cases among vaccinated student-athletes,” The ruling states, “Commissioner Julie Roe Lach granted the requested relief noting that it satisfied the extraordinary standard.”

As the Raiders did not meet the number of cases for the commissioner to allow a no contest, it can be assumed that the Raiders may have been able to field a team, but wanted to cancel the games due to missing several coaches or only having five to six players available.

“Wright State women’s basketball sought to deem missed competition this week no contests but relief was not granted as circumstances did not meet the extraordinary threshold,” the ruling states.

Faculty Concerns: Spring Semester with Omicron Variant, No Course Mode Changes

Jamie Naylor

January 11, 2022

As the Omicron COVID-19 variant spreads across the U.S. and Wright State University (WSU) students plan for an in-person return to campus, a faculty member is expressing concern for the upcoming spring semester while reflecting on past COVID difficulties.

Faculty concerns

Bruce LaForse, associate professor of classics in the College of Liberal Arts (COLA), expressed concern over the return to campus in the spring and recounted past difficulties due to COVID.

“I am very concerned about the spread of Omicron on our campus this coming semester. The (WSU) administration has been much too slow and cautious overall in responding to COVID,” LaForse wrote.

He went on to further explain how during the fall semester he requested a larger classroom for a 39 person history class he taught to enable social distancing and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

He took his request to his Chair, Ava Chamberlain, then to outgoing COLA Dean, Linda Caron, and eventually to the provost. He was rejected each time.

LaForse shared email communication between him and Chamberlain and Dean Caron regarding the larger classroom request.

In an email sent to LaForse from Caron, dated Aug. 20, 2021, Caron cites the lack of larger classrooms and the understaffing of the Registrar’s office as reasons for denying the professor a classroom change.

“As I understand it, there is a two-part issue. One is that there are simply not many large classrooms, especially during popular time blocks. The other issue is that the Registrar’s office is understaffed and doesn’t have the capacity to respond to a lot of requests,” Caron wrote.

Through working with the WSU branch of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), LaForse was able to receive a larger classroom for his course.

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Despite these efforts, the classics professor still had to move his fall course online due to his students catching COVID. He reported that he also caught COVID in the fall despite being fully vaccinated and wearing a mask while teaching.

Course delivery

Due to COVID exposure and concerns, faculty often modified how they delivered their courses in the fall semester. This will not be an option for the spring semester.

In a Jan. 5, 2022 communication sent to university faculty by Interim Provost Oliver Evans, it was announced that faculty members could not change a course mode of delivery.

“A faculty member may not unilaterally change the mode of delivery; nor will changes be made that do not fall under the standard accommodation process, including accommodation requests based on an employee’s own health condition, whether COVID-related or not,” according to the communication.

According to the email, the only way a faculty member can change course delivery is if the reason for change falls under the American with Disabilities Act and is filed with the Office of Disability Services.

WSU response

The Wright State Guardian reached out to WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess in regards to the university’s response to these faculty concerns.

He did not have anything to add.

Wright State Offering Fewer Courses After Downsizing Faculty
Brendan Blankenship
January 12, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) offers fewer courses in the spring 2022 semester compared to previous years, especially affecting the College of Liberal Arts (COLA).

Course catalog comparison

Many classes in degree programs are not being offered this semester compared to other years. There were 46 communications (COM) sections offered in spring 2018 according to archived course catalogs. There are only 30 COM sections being offered in spring 2022.

There are other programs that have dropped courses as well. Social work (SW) offered 63 sections in spring 2018 semester according to catalogs. This number dropped to 42 sections in the spring 2022 semester. The marketing (MKT) program offered 23 sections in spring 2018 versus 21 sections offered in spring 2022 semester.

Course Offerings

Courses	2018	2022
Social Work (SW)	63	42
Communications (COM)	46	30
Marketing (MKT)	23	21

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Retention

COLA experienced a loss of staff over the years which has led to fewer course offerings. COLA lost 50% of staff between 2015 and 2022 according to the COLA Reorganization Committee report for the fall 2021 semester.



This report states that there were 206 employees in 2015, reduced to 103 in 2022.

Student opinion

The lack of course offerings has affected students. Kinesiology and health (KNH) classes have also had fewer offerings according to Nick Jamieson, a transfer student in their last semester.

“I was looking forward to taking one of those WSU classes that are ‘fun’ like diving or fencing,” Jamieson said. “Unfortunately, due to COVID, they are not being offered.”

Jamieson also stated that his advisor is no longer available for the spring 2022 semester.

University Continues With Employee Vaccine Mandate Ahead of Possible Legal Challenges

Jamie Naylor

January 12, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) keeps the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in place with university faculty supporting the initiative while challenges to COVID protections continue in Ohio courts.

COVID legislation

WSU's employee vaccine mandate took effect Jan. 4, 2022. All WSU employees, including student employees, were required to have at least one dose of an approved COVID vaccine or submitted an exemption through the Office of Disabilities Services.

President Joe Biden initiated this mandate in September 2021, with an executive order mandating that employers with over 100 employees require vaccination against COVID for their employees. WSU falls under this category.

Since its inception, there have been petitions and bills introduced to combat the order's effectiveness. For Ohio, House Bill (H.B.) 218 challenges an employee mandate and Senate Bill (S.B.) 209 challenges masking requirements.

Vaccine mandate challenges

H.B. 218 would prevent a university like WSU from requiring any student or employee to receive a COVID vaccine. Passed in the Ohio House of Representatives, the bill is now in the Ohio Senate Budget committee. The chances of the bill passing are uncertain.

Additionally, the Ohio Attorney General's Office rejected the Vaccine and/or Gene Therapy Choice and anti-Discrimination petition, a legal petition that challenged vaccine mandates.

Mask mandate challenges

S.B. 209, if passed, would prevent a university from issuing a campus-wide mask mandate for classes and activities.

"The state board of education, the department of education, and the board of education of any school district shall not require any individual, including students, teachers, other school

employees, and visitors, to wear a facial covering to attend or participate in in-person instruction, school-sponsored athletics, or another school-sponsored extracurricular activity, or in any other place on school premises,” according to the bill.

The bill is still being discussed in the Senate general committee.

Faculty response

Some WSU faculty have expressed support of an employee COVID vaccine mandate as well as continuing the mask mandate on campus.

Dr. Valerie Stoker, a professor in religion and research, expressed support for the vaccine mandate and thinks that the mandate should be extended to all WSU students, not just those who are also employees.

“I fully support the vaccine mandate for faculty and staff and believe we should also have a vaccine mandate for students,” Stoker wrote. “The mask mandate is also very important because, as we’ve seen with Omicron, we can have variants that evade vaccination and our campus will not be able to function well if too many staff, faculty and students are out sick.”

WSU’s response

In a campus-wide communication sent Dec. 22, 2021, the university’s human resources department explained the current COVID vaccine mandate legislation and stated the university’s position on the matter.

“The university has not withdrawn or modified its employee COVID-19 vaccination requirement and has no current plans to do so,” the communication states.

WSU Director of Communications Seth Bauguess reports no change in this position.

WSU Entrepreneurs: From Students to Owners

Emily Mancuso

January 13, 2022

Creativity and passion fuel the entrepreneurs of Wright State University (WSU) and the various avenues through which they showcase their work.

Fully Loved and Free

“I like meeting people, and I especially love when people are wearing my product and I see it and I just think it’s like the coolest thing in the world,” Gracie Wyatt, recent communications graduate and business owner of Fully Loved and Free, said.

Fully Loved and Free sells clothing that aims to spread love and positivity.

Wyatt started selling painted doormats after she and a friend designed one for Wyatt’s apartment while preparing to become a student at WSU. This evolved into selling clothing because Wyatt wanted to spread a positive message more easily.

Wyatt encourages those wanting to pursue entrepreneurship to not be afraid to start a new business or encounter failure when promoting a small business.

Fully Loved and Free is also competing for a chance to win \$5,000 in the annual Wright Venture competition at WSU, along with other student entrepreneurs like her.

Wright Venture

Students participating in Wright Venture (which has continued since 2014) will not only pitch their ideas for start-up businesses to experts in the field but learn how to run a business along the way.

Students from many different backgrounds, not just business students, receive mentorship and workshops for their business ideas.

“I think it’s been very interesting how well the whole program has attracted students across the university. We had entrants from the College of Engineering, College of Education, College of Business. I think that’s an important feature of this. It’s not just for business [students],” Dr.

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Goodrich, chair of the marketing department, said in a recent article from [The Wright State Guardian](#).

Students will do their presentations in March or April this year for the final judging where the recipient of the \$5,000 prize will be determined.

A large portion of those that participate in Wright Venture also participate in the entrepreneurship club.

Entrepreneurship Club

Natasha Sandella, a past participant in Wright Venture, is president of the Entrepreneurship Club.

This club is open to anyone regardless of major or desire to start a business.

“It’s just a great opportunity for anybody to learn the knowledge and skillsets needed in the business world,” Sandella said.

Every week the club brings in guest speakers in the business field; professors, business professionals, business owners and even students.

“Going and joining a student organization like the Entrepreneurship Club is a great way to kind of add that initial knowledge base, because you get to talk with real-world business professionals instead of just reading about them,” Sandella said.

Along with business-building workshops and speakers, Entrepreneurship Club has also previously collaborated with the Finance Club and Management Club.

Club meetings are typically held on Mondays starting at 5 p.m.

[Fully Loved and Free Website >>](#)

[Fully Love and Free Instagram >>](#)

[Entrepreneurship Club Engage >>](#)

Transformed Center for Faculty Excellence Open Expected Fall 2022
Brendan Blankenship
January 13, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) will be replacing the Center for Teaching and Learning with the Center for Faculty Excellence this spring with a full opening in fall 2022 semester.

Center for Faculty Excellence versus Center for Teaching and Learning

The Center for Faculty Excellence would broaden what the Center for Teaching and Learning already covers according to Dr. Carol Loranger. The Center for Teaching and Learning currently focuses on how faculty can improve their courses.

Loranger states the Center for Faculty Excellence would focus on other things in faculties' life such as work/life balance and their research plans.

"[WSU] followed some other universities in broadening our focus to include things like helping faculty develop sustainable research plans as well as continuing to teach well," Loranger said.

She also stated that the Center for Faculty Excellence would acknowledge the successes of faculty members thus inspiring other faculty.

How this benefits faculty

Loranger said this will benefit faculty because it will help with their research, course design and work/life balance.

The Fellow for the Center for Faculty Excellence, Peggy Kelly, believes that this center will benefit faculty, and in turn, emphasize student success.

"Wright State has many outstanding faculty members," Kelly said. "The Center for Faculty Excellence can use the expertise of these educators, other professionals, as well as innovative ideas about reaching all students to further build a culture that emphasizes student success."

The Wright State Guardian reached out to faculty senate member, Dr. Terry Oroszi, but she did not provide a response.



How this benefits students

The Center for Faculty Excellence would be beneficial to students because it would help faculty design and update their courses to match the newer generation of students' learning styles, according to Loranger.

"Happy faculty is good faculty," Loranger said. "Well-trained faculty is a good faculty, so that helps students."

The center is expected to be fully open for the fall 2022 semester.

Winter Fest: What to know and how to go

Erika Jones

January 14, 2022

On Saturday, Jan. 22, Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), University Activities Board (UAB) and several other organizations are coming together to host Winter Fest to kick off the new semester.

What is Winter Fest and what is included?

Winter Fest is an event with several different winter-based activities such as indoor ice skating, crafts, photoshoots, food and hot chocolate tables. Everything will be free, except the soup and bread bowls which can be paid for beforehand with meal plans and Raider Cash.

The event will be held within the Student Union. At least 70-80 pairs of ice skates will be provided for everybody that wishes to skate on artificial ice in the center of the Apollo Room.

“Some of the exciting things that are happening [is that] we’re having an ice sculpture created outside by the same folks that do Winter Fest at Kings Island, but they’re going to make a Rowdy Raider,” Debbie Lamp, SIL Associate Director, said.

What organizations are participating?

There will be several organizations helping with finances and setup. One of these organizations is the Residential Community Association (RCA).

RCA, according to President Ramata Ngaide, will be doing a movie in the Discovery Room of the Student Union. The movie is the newly released “Dune.”

The campus bookstore is helping by providing the hot chocolate table and Chartwells is involved with the soups and bread bowls.

Tabletop Club is also participating by bringing some of their games. The pool tables, ping pong tables and climbing wall will also be open during Winter Fest.

“I just started my director position right before break with UAB, but this is my first event where I’m in the director position and I’m excited to just get it all kicked off,” Isabelle Rice said.



Is there a way to volunteer?

As of this moment, Lamp knows they will need volunteers for setting up and during the event, but they are currently not signing up volunteers.

Additional information about Winter Fest will be available on two tabling days: Jan. 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hangar and Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Union Marketplace.

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Campus Crime Notes Dec. 19 Through Jan. 1
Brendan Blankenship
January 14, 2022

One incident was reported in the campus crime log between the weeks of Dec. 19, 2021, and Jan. 1, 2022, on Wright State University (WSU) campus.

Assaults/threats

An incident involving over the phone telecommunications harassment occurred at the honors residential hall between Dec. 24 at 11:43 p.m. and Dec. 25 at 12:21 a.m.

Breaking: WSU Keeps Employee Vaccine Mandate Despite Supreme Court Ruling

Jamie Naylor

January 14, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) continues COVID-19 employee vaccine mandate while the U.S. Supreme Court pauses federal vaccine policy.

Supreme Court decision

The U.S. Supreme Court voted to stay, or pause, President Joe Biden's federal employee COVID vaccine mandate for all large employers in a crucial decision.

In September 2021, President Biden issued executive order 14042 requiring employers with over 100 employees to require their employees to become vaccinated against COVID.

Multiple Republican states, including Ohio, along with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, challenged the executive order in lower courts, eventually taking the issue to the Supreme Court.

In a 6–3 vote, the court issued a stay on Biden's order on the grounds that the Department of Labor and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) does not have jurisdiction to enforce a COVID employee vaccine mandate.

“Permitting OSHA to regulate the hazards of daily life—simply because most Americans have jobs and face those same risks while on the clock—would significantly expand OSHA's regulatory authority without clear congressional authorization,” the court writes.

Due to this order, OSHA, the enforcers of Biden's policy, will not be able to enforce the COVID employee vaccine mandate.

The issue is pending further litigation and review by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

WSU response

Despite this ruling, WSU's COVID vaccine mandate for all WSU employees, including student employees, remains in effect.

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“At this time, Wright State University has not withdrawn or modified its employee COVID-19 vaccination requirement,” Seth Bauguess, WSU director of communications, wrote.

Bauguess further explained that the decision was due to the fact that the OSHA emergency temporary standard, which was included in the Supreme Court case, did not apply to WSU, nor does any other federal injunction.

“Other federal courts have temporarily prohibited the federal government from enforcing [the federal contractor mandate], and those preliminary injunctions are unaffected by the recent Supreme Court opinion,” according to Bauguess.

WSU’s vaccine mandate was issued in part due to a federal contractor requirement for a COVID-19 vaccine mandate. This rule also faced litigation and was likewise stayed by lower courts.

The University of Dayton has since lifted its employee vaccine requirement after pausing it and then reinstating it just two days prior to the Supreme Court ruling.

Wright State says it will continue to monitor legal battles in regards to the employee vaccine mandate.