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Weekly Horoscopes  
Star Signer  
February 21, 2022

We all have that little thing that annoys us to no end. Read here for your absolute biggest pet peeve based on your zodiac sign.

## **ARIES**

People chewing with their mouths open

## **TAURUS**

When people don't push in their chairs

## **GEMINI**

When people eat your food without permission

## **CANCER**

Waiting in line

## **LEO**

People who are always late

## **VIRGO**

Passive aggressiveness

## **LIBRA**

Being rushed

## **SCORPIO**

Dishonesty

**SAGITTARIUS**

Being interrupted

**CAPRICORN**

When people doubt you

**AQUARIUS**

Judgemental people

**PISCES**

People who don't use turn signals

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Events on Campus Week of Feb. 21  
Alexis Wisler  
February 21, 2022

Events for the week of Feb. 21 include men and women's basketball as well as the Black Student Union Heritage Ball.

## **Monday, Feb. 21**

9 a.m. | Cru Men's Group | Explorer Room Student Union

12 p.m. | UCIE Popcorn Monday | Student Union E190

12 p.m. | Black Oppression Exhibits | Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center

1:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 157

2 p.m. | UCIE Convo Club | Student Union E190

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents: Game Night | Medical Sciences 127 and 143

6 p.m. | Christians on Campus Feast and Fellowship | Student Union 008

6 p.m. | AMAWSU Guest Speaker Event | Rike 160

7 p.m. | Cru Men's Group | Explorer Room Student Union

## **Tuesday, Feb. 22**

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

1 p.m. | Zeta Tau Alpha Women's Fraternity Bake Sale | Student Union Market

3:30 p.m. | Saudi Arabia Founding Day | Pathfinder Lounge Student Union

5 p.m. | UAB Succulent Painting | Student Union Atrium

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

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6 p.m. | Tabletop Club Ludo's Dissonance | Rike 044

7 p.m. | Delta Zeta Pizookie Night | BJs Brewhouse

7 p.m. | BSU Wrongfully Convicted "When They See Us" | Medical Sciences 143

## **Wednesday, Feb. 23**

8 a.m. | Student to Student Human Body Talk | Our Lady of the Rosary

11 a.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Tabling | The Hangar

4 p.m. | Chinese Language Workshop | Millett 399

5 p.m. | H20 Church Night Life Group | Oelman 135

6 p.m. | Delta Zeta Trivia Night | Rike 166

6 p.m. | BSU This Is Why We Dance | Apollo Room Student Union

## **Thursday, Feb. 24**

9 a.m. | Student to Student Human Body Talk | Spinning Hills Middle School

2 p.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Study | Rike 157

4 p.m. | Women's Basketball vs. Detroit Mercy | The Nutter Center

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Presents: Game Night | Medical Sciences 127 and 143

5:15 p.m. | Management Club Speaker Event | Scene 75

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

6 p.m. | Muslim Student Association Halaqah | Atlantis Room Student Union

6 p.m. | BSU Heritage Ball | Apollo Room Student Union

6:30 p.m. | El Puente Volunteer Opportunity | El Puente Learning Center

7 p.m. | H20 Church Night Life Group | Allyn 124

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7 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. Youngstown State | The Nutter Center

**Friday, Feb. 25**

12 p.m. | Black Wall Street | Endeavor Room Student Union

4 p.m. | Delta Zeta Valentine's Day Celebration | Rike 160

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

8 a.m. | STEPS Men's Shelter | St. Vincent de Paul Gettysburg

12 p.m. | BSU Community Service | St. Vincent de Paul Society

1 p.m. | Campus Recreation Winter Hiking Series | TBD

2 p.m. | Women's Basketball vs. Oakland | The Nutter Center

7 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. Robert Morris | The Nutter Center

**Sunday, Feb. 27**

No events are currently scheduled.

University Approves Reorganization of Liberal Arts College

Jamie Naylor

February 21, 2022

Wright State University's (WSU) governing body approved the reorganization of the liberal arts college, progressing changes to the college and university as a whole.

## **COLA reorganization**

During their Feb. 17 committee day and Feb. 18 public session, WSU's board of trustees considered and passed several important issues including the approval of the reorganization of the College of Liberal Arts (COLA).

The board, with support from President Sue Edwards, fully approved the reorganization.

"I'm bringing to you today my recommendation, my strong recommendation to approve the reorganization of the College of Liberal Arts," Edwards said during the meeting.

This is the first full college reorganization and second college restructuring. The College of Health Education and Human Services (CHEHS), created in 2021, was the first restructure of a college at WSU. Unlike COLA, the creation of CHEHS combined programs.

## **Next steps**

The reorganization of the college began in October 2021, when Linda Caron, dean of COLA, commissioned a board to reevaluate every aspect of the college due to declining faculty numbers and low student enrollment. The members then created a comprehensive report of their suggested changes.

Now that reorganization has been approved, the college will be broken up into three separate schools based on subject matter. Faculty members within the schools will then begin to restructure their programs and reevaluate course requirements.

"Upon board of trustees' approval, each proposed new school within the college should begin meeting," the report states.

Faculty members will then discuss curricular changes and find ways the existing faculty and programs can work closer together.

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It is uncertain if the board approved the proposed names of the new schools or when reorganization will be completed.

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Faculty Senate: Enrollment and Wright Path Program  
Brendan Blankenship  
February 22, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) Faculty Senate met on Feb. 14 and discussed the Wright Path program and enrollment.

## **Enrollment**

With the spring census date, the day when a final enrollment headcount is taken, and the semester approaching its sixth week, the senate discussed current enrollment data.

The university has also seen an increase in College Credit Plus (CCP) students along with an increase in international enrollment, according to President Sue Edwards.

WSU is focusing on keeping CCP engaged on campus in hopes that they will continue to attend WSU after high school, which would drive undergraduate enrollment.

“By doing [classes] on our campuses, they get familiar with our professors and build relationships with their professors,” Edwards said. “The better their experience that they have with Wright State, the more likelihood they’re to stay.”

International enrollment at WSU this academic year has sharply increased by 102% according to Edwards.

## **Wright Path program**

Edwards announced that WSU would be holding the first Wright State Day at Sinclair which is a small open house held on Sinclair campus in April.

Edwards also stated that the university is also working with Clark State to discuss a similar event.

WSU is working with these community colleges to create a better Wright Path marketing plan.

## **COVID update**

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During her report, Edwards also mentioned that the Department of Environmental Health and Safety was reporting zero cases for the past week as of Feb.14. However, WSU's COVID dashboard reported a total of 131 active cases as of Feb. 16.

Edwards also explained that few students and employees have uploaded their vaccination cards to MedProctor.

Faculty Senate will resume in-person meetings in March due to declining COVID cases according to Faculty Senate President Brian Boyd.

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UIC Athletes Caught in the Crossfire: Colleges Don't Care

Noah Kindig

February 22, 2022

The University of Illinois-Chicago (UIC) and the Horizon League (HL) have been in a heated battle in recent weeks after the Flames' administration broke HL Bylaws by announcing its departure from the HL to join the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) without alerting the league in advance.

What followed was inflammatory remarks from both parties, a ban on UIC's teams competing in the HL championships and a window into how little colleges can care about the student-athletes, coaches and teams that represent them.

In an [official statement](#) on Feb. 15, the Horizon League's Board of Directors voted to restore UIC's championship eligibility, but made it fully aware how they felt about the situation.

"UIC leaders engaged in an inflammatory and misleading media campaign that attacked the League, including posting contact information of the League's university presidents and chancellors on official UIC websites," the statement read.

## It's not the League

At first, it can be easy to assume that this is a league punishing an institution for wanting to leave.

UIC looks like a victim at first glance; its own statement says that UIC's administration was "surprised and disappointed" by the Horizon League's decision and says that the Horizon League was "willing to punish our students and inflict further stress on an already stressed student body."

Because UIC did not give the HL early warning of its departure, bylaw 2.5.3.3. of the HL came into effect, clearly stating that UIC was "ineligible to play in any post-season championship tournament associated with the League."

This bylaw that is inflicting further stress on UIC's student body is there because of UIC. In order for the bylaw to be passed back in 2013, UIC's own chancellor not only voted for the bill (that was unanimous) but presented the bill to the board in the first place.

UIC was fully aware that this bylaw existed, and they were reminded of it as they tried to leave, and yet they decided they would take a gamble anyway to join a new conference.

## **The Resolution**

The HL has now restored UIC's championship eligibility, but the relationship between itself and UIC is rapidly declining, and will most likely break apart after UIC's departure.

As the Horizon League said in its [final statement](#) on the matter, "UIC rejected any alternative and did nothing to help the student-athletes they claimed to care about."

For Wright State University (WSU) baseball, UIC is a team they look forward to playing every year. When the news first broke, it was surprising for WSU players and coaches.

"They've always been our best competition. The guys are always eager to play that series," WSU Head Coach, Alex Sogard, said. "I just found out that they're potentially not eligible for the postseason."

Wright State Saves Additional \$3 Million With Faculty Separations

Jamie Naylor

February 22, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) projects a positive financial outlook as the university increases revenue from international enrollment and decreases spending through downsizing efforts.

## **WSU's financial outlook**

WSU's Board of Trustees finance, audit, governance and compliance committee met on Feb.17 to discuss the university's financial position.

In fall 2021, WSU was anticipating having to use \$10.9 million in reserves for fiscal year (FY) 2022, according to the September financial performance report. The financial projections have since changed.

Executive vice president and chief operating officer, Gregory Sample, joined the committee in enthusiastically reporting a positive financial outlook for the university.

"What you're about to receive today is extremely good news. In short, that projected 10 million deficit is now projected to be a 10 million surplus," Sample said.

Sample went on to explain how this increase in revenue was due in part to an increase in international student enrollment and the fact that the university is not partaking in its full operations due to COVID-19.

This surplus is projected for FY2022, which ends in June.

## **Enrollment concerns**

Despite this, the financial performance report presented at the meeting includes a cautionary note as tuition and fee revenues, the university's main source of revenue, for the current fiscal year is still \$3.3 million lower than actual FY21 numbers.

This is due in part to a decline in domestic undergraduate and graduate enrollments, according to the report.



## **Savings from 'Wright Sizing'**

Contributing to the positive financial outlook is a \$10.6 million reduction in compensation, according to the report. This reduction is due to labor markets and downsizing efforts.

"A tight labor market combined with discipline in hiring has resulted in a decline of \$7.6 million in anticipated spending. An additional \$3 million reduction is the result of incentivized faculty separations," the report states.

Faculty separation is a part of the 'Wright Size' plan created by the university to downsize the university and help the university decrease its costs. Retrenchment and the faculty voluntary retirement incentive program are also a part of the plan.

WSU Offers Six-Person Quads and Renovated Apartments

Jamie Naylor

February 22, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) housing will offer more options including renovated apartments and six-person quads. Students reflect on these options and the cost of housing on campus.

## **Fall housing options**

Full housing selection for the 2022 fall semester is in full swing on WSU's campus, with every class of students except for incoming first-year students having the option to choose housing for the next academic year.

Housing will continue to offer its regular residential hall and apartment options as well as a six-person College Park and University Park apartment option and a renovated apartment option.

## **Renovated apartments**

Last spring, the outside property developer Crawford Hoying took over ownership of several university's residential properties.

After the sale, the company began to make changes to residential areas. Most recently, they fully renovated 30 apartments in College Park, according to Dan Bertso, director of Residence Life and Housing. The apartments will feature updated appliances and furniture.

These new college park apartments are regular four-person quads.

While these renovations did not cost the university, students who wish to live in these updated spaces will pay a higher housing rate.

## **Six-person quads**

Originally created to meet the demand of an influx of international students coming to the university, the six-person quad apartments will have six people sharing a four-bedroom apartment.

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According to Bertso, between 30 and 40 students took the six-person quad option this past academic year because it was more economical. Despite the savings, many of these residents moved to other apartments due to the lack of personal space.

“We found this year there were a number of students who moved in, though they wanted to save some money, decided it was just a little more congested than they wanted and they moved to other apartments,” Bertso said.

The university will continue to offer this housing option in the fall, however, there are plans to lower the rates for all occupants of a six-person quad, according to Bertso.

## Student opinion

Students like Ryan Slater, a fourth-year computer engineering major who currently lives in a regular quad apartment on campus, have mixed feelings about both the six-person option and renovated option.

Slater explained how it would be difficult to live with five other people given the space restrictions in the current quad apartments. Though he would consider it if he had five friends who wanted to live together.

While Slater likes the idea of an updated apartment, he personally would not choose that option due to cost.

“If I wasn’t on scholarship to live on campus, I wouldn’t. There are plenty of close-by apartments that are significantly cheaper, without much of a difference in quality,” Slater said.

## Apartment rates

WSU housing rates for 2021-2022 for the regular quad apartments had an estimated monthly cost of \$588. This cost includes utilities but it does not include the one-time semesterly \$200 communication fee nor the \$60 activity fee.

Apartment complexes near WSU but not affiliated with the university have comparative prices.

For example, the nearby Cimarron Woods complex has apartments ranging from \$505 to \$575 per bedroom per month, this does not include utility costs.

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Bertos did not reveal the exact cost for the six-person apartments or the updated apartments due to the fact that rates have yet to be approved for the academic year 2022-2023.

Student Nurses See More Collaborative Clinicals Amid Nurse Shortage  
Brendan Blankenship  
February 23, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) sees more collaboration and participation amongst student nurses during a national nurse shortage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Changes in the department**

The start of the pandemic caused a number of changes within the nursing department, according to the department chair, Dr. Ann Stalter.

Stalter said that nursing students were limited in clinical experience due to the shortage of personal protective gear (PPE) at the start of the pandemic. Students also shifted to an online portion and a higher workload was put on them. Educators also faced a higher workload.

“Before the lockdown, nurse educators were working up to 16 hour days preparing lectures, greeting, coordinating clinicals and working with the agencies,” Stalter said.

According to Stalter there is also a shortage of nursing faculty and nurses overall nationwide adding to this already high amount of work.

Stalter explained that a higher workload was also caused by nurses leaving due to vaccine mandates and having a higher number of patients during outbreaks, including the recent omicron outbreak.

## **Nursing student experience**

These changes had made clinicals more collaborative. Stalter saw that nurses were more willing to collaborate and work as a team during clinical trials.

Collaboration was seen in clinical trials, however, student nurses did not have in-person classes or meetings prior to the fall 2021 semester.

The president of the Association of Student Nurses (ASN), Sabrina Flacke, stated that participation and members are increasing in ASN, but they are still working on increasing membership to prior pandemic levels.

“[We are] still working on recruiting people and getting people as active as they used to be,” Flacke said.

Flacke also explained that there is now an online simulation available should a student nurse become ill or cannot make a clinical.

## **Faculty experience**

Some nursing faculty are hoping for a day when certain measures are able to be lifted.

Tyler Green, a clinical instructor at WSU, stated that he is not used to having mask mandates in place for mental healthcare settings as well since much of therapeutic communication is through facial expression.

“While masks play an important role in containing the spread of COVID, I am looking forward to a day where they are not necessary,” Green said.

COVID restrictions are still in place in healthcare settings across the United States even in counties that do not have indoor mask recommendations for business, according to the Center for Disease Control.

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Undesign the Redline: Discussing the Impact on WSU's Minority Community

Emily Mancuso

February 23, 2022

In collaboration with the Bolinga Center and College of Liberal Arts, Wright State University (WSU) presents "Undesign the Redline," an interactive exhibit paired with educational events on the history of redlining.

## Redlining and its history

Redlining is defined as refusing (a loan or insurance) to someone because they live in an area deemed to be a poor financial risk. This is often based on race, nationality or income.

The 1930s officially cemented these "redlined" maps into practice. The Fair Housing Act of 1968 officially banned redlining, but the effects of this discrimination are still felt in the Dayton area.

John R. Logan, Ph.D. at Brown University, gave a lecture, attended by 50+ WSU students, on Feb.16 concerning redlining and segregation.

"In Dayton in 1940, it reached .93 [Index of Dissimilarity between black and white]. So that's a measure of segregation, it is really highly segregated. Now, beginning in 1900, there was a lot of black population, very highly segregated, and it just got worse over time," Logan said.

A prevalent area of thought was that black individuals would spread disease. While today's society does not reflect these views, the damage has been done.

## WSU and redlining

11.5% of WSU students are Black or African American (829 students) in comparison to Dayton's population of 37.9% Black or African American. Dayton has experienced a -5.01% decrease in the Black or African American population from 2010, reflective of the same trend from 2000 to 2010.

Kristina Scott, CEO of Learn to Earn Dayton, recently hosted the Undesign the Redline exhibit. Learn to Earn Dayton serves Montgomery county children to foster success.

"If you look at the way public schools are funded all over the country, it's based on property taxes, and property taxes, in turn, are based on home values and so you have communities, no

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data. If you look at the redlining map with the city of Dayton and look at the surrounding communities, you can see a huge differential in housing costs in the city of Dayton and then in the communities outside the city,” Scott said.

Scott further elaborated on how this will affect university students.

“Redlining and the inequities in Black homeownership have been tied. Research is tied to the disproportionate burden of student loans on Black college students and college graduates,” Scott said.

Quatez Scott, the Intercultural Specialist of the Bolinga Black Cultural Resources Center, provides educational activities to WSU students year-round. While the Bolinga Center supports the many Black student organizations on campus, it can still be hard to move beyond those barriers.

“One staggering statistic I recently came across is that roughly 75% of the most economically disadvantaged communities can be traced back to redlining in the 1930s. And once human beings are forced into certain social tracks in our society, it’s difficult to move beyond those tracks,” Scott said.

## Exhibit

The nationally recognized and interactive “Undesign the Redline” exhibit is located temporarily on the Dunbar Library’s second floor during February. It is composed of five sections; introduction to redlining, examples of localized redlining maps, a historical timeline to today and a vision for the future.

Students are encouraged to leave their thoughts through papers provided at the exhibit.

“It prompts reflection, even to a physical point of writing down thoughts on a post-it note and sharing it with others who are viewing it,” Mandy Shannon, Associate University Librarian, said.

Professors were encouraged and followed through with providing extra credit opportunities to students who toured the exhibit. Professors can schedule guided tours on the [Undesign the Redline webpage](#). Class tours can be scheduled regardless of topic, prime examples being history or public health.

Ohio House Bill 327, which would prohibit teaching “diverse concepts,” would possibly inhibit the teaching of subjects such as redlining.

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It is not yet decided how this bill will proceed.

For more Undesign the Redline and Black History Month events students should visit the Undesign the Redline webpage and the [Engage](#) events tab.

The following website provides historical redlining maps for most cities in the United States, including Dayton: [Mapping Inequality \(richmond.edu\)](#)

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University Admin Discuss Possible YMCA on Campus, New Appointments  
Jamie Naylor  
February 23, 2022

Wright State University's (WSU) governing body discussed new administrative appointments and possible recreational additions.

## **The 'new' Wright State**

Over the course of two days, WSU's Board of Trustees (BoT) and its committees held public meetings to discuss various topics regarding the university, including the appointments of new administrators and updates on property initiatives.

"Welcome to the new Wright State University," BoT chair Tom Gunlock said as he began the Feb. 18 public meeting.

He went on to explain that initiatives like the reorganization of the College of Liberal Arts (COLA), the university's positive financial outlook and the addition of new administrators and programs significantly and positively changed the university.

## **Possible Campus YMCA**

Also discussed at the Feb. 18 meeting was a possible relationship between WSU, the City of Fairborn and the Dayton YMCA.

Vice president and chief operating officer, Gregory Sample, revealed that these entities were discussing and are continuing to consider a relationship that would enable the City of Fairborn and Dayton YMCA to build a new community building on or around WSU's campus.

The facility would replace Fairborn's existing YMCA. Involved parties plan to locate the community building on undeveloped WSU property along Colonel Glenn Hwy.

Sample did not reveal when these discussions would be concluded or how this would affect the existing campus recreation center if the plan was approved.

## **New appointees**

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One of the changes includes the appointments of the vice provost and chief administrative officer of Lake campus and the founding dean of the College of Health, Education and Human Services (CHEHS). WSU President Sue Edwards announced these appointments during the Feb. 18 meeting.

Andrea Faber, a former Lake campus faculty member, was appointed as the vice provost of Lake Campus. Faber was a WSU professor of mathematics until 2014, when she left to become a dean at Rhodes State College, according to a university press release.

Faber replaces Dan Krane who has been interim dean of Lake campus since 2019.

James Denniston, a psychology professor at Appalachian State University, was appointed the dean of the CHEHS.

Faber will begin her position on April 4, and Denniston will begin his position on June 1.

According to Edwards, candidates for the provost position will visit the Dayton campus in March. While searches for deans of COLA and the College of Science and Mathematics are still underway.

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Wright1 Card Discounts For Students

Tobi Brun

February 23, 2022

Wright State University (WSU) students wielding the Wright1 student identification card can purchase food, electronics, and other essentials for a rate ranging from five to fifty percent off.

## Student discounts

For a WSU student in need of a new computer, Apple products provide a student discount and Best Buy's student program offers discounts for brands like Dell, HP and Lenovo.

For any student with ordering needs, Amazon offers a Prime student discount with a six-month free trial, after which a discount of \$6.49 a month with two-day shipping included.

If students are in need of a new phone plan, companies such as AT&T offer \$10 off a month, Verizon offers \$25 off a month for unlimited, and Sprint at a varying amount.

Adobe Creative Suite offers 60% off for students. Spotify and Apple Music both offer a discounted plan at \$4.99 a month.

Popular car insurance companies offer student discounts and incentives such as at Allstate, American Farmers Insurance, Farmers, Geico, Nationwide, Progressive and State Farm. Additionally for car breakdowns, Jiffy Lube offers a student discount on purchases which varies by location.

New York Times offers a rate of \$4 every 4 weeks for one year and the Washington Post offers a student subscription of \$1 a month.

## Food

To get a discount off of pizza in the local WSU Dayton campus area there is a 10% discount at Rapid Fired Pizza in Fairborn. In Beavercreek, Flying Pizza, Jet's Pizza and Marco's pizza offer a student discount.

For general fast food needs, restaurants such as Arbys, Buffalo Wild Wings, Burger King, Chick-Fil-A, Dominos, Papa Johns, Pizza Hut, Qdoba, Subway, Waffle House offer student discounts by location.



## Services

For the WSU student in need of a haircut, A&D Barber Shop provides a 10% discount.

The Sunkissed Tanning Salon in Beavercreek provides a 5% discount.

419 Alive: Tattoo and Piercing Artists

Kristina Shue

February 24, 2022

Despite the small size of the Grand Lake community, three local tattoo studios offer a variety of body art options.

## Sketcherz Ink

Owner Sean Luedeke has been running Sketcherz Ink, located at 229 East Spring Street in downtown Saint Marys, for nearly 14 years. His studio houses two full-time tattoo artists, three apprentices, and one piercer. Luedeke, a New Bremen native, has been tattooing for nearly 17 years.

Sketcherz aims to make their clients happy and do their best to cater to exactly the artistic styles and details that clients are looking for.

“Every artist has their own style they like doing. I am more customer-based; I can match a lot of different styles, but I’m here to make the customer happy,” Luedeke said.

Quality customer service is a highly valued aspect of the Sketcherz approach to business. They offer a family-friendly, laid-back atmosphere where clients feel welcome and unrushed. Luedeke said that building rapport and trust with clients is key.

Sketcherz can be reached to set up an appointment by phone, walk-in, or via [social media](#).

## Warhawk Tattoo Company

According to [their social media](#), Warhawk Tattoo Company is “an upscale tattoo studio and piercing boutique” that fulfills “the needs of individuals and collectors alike with completely custom art in a private atmosphere.”

Brandon Kinser has operated Warhawk on Spring Street in St. Marys since 2015. There are currently eight tattooists, apprentices and piercers on staff, most with 10-15 years of experience.

Kinser said that his goal with opening his own shop was to fill a need he saw in the community for an expanded selection of high-quality body art that he and his team could fill with their expertise.

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In addition to the shop on Spring Street, Kinser travels nationally to other tattoo shops and conventions and has many connections in the tattoo community.

“I feel like if a tattooist doesn’t have tattoo friends, they’re not much of a tattooist,” Kinser said.

Each artist brings their own unique style and experience to the establishment, and the walls are decorated with several art pieces created by the tattoo artists.

You can contact Warhawk to set up an appointment by phone or via social media, but the easiest way is to “just come on in,” according to Kinser.

## **The Brass Knuckle Tattoo**

Located at 122 West Fayette Street in Celina, Brass Knuckle Tattoo has been in business for ten years under the direction of owner Paul Hayden, who has been tattooing professionally since 1994. Hayden built up years of experience working in other tattoo establishments before starting Brass Knuckle.

“I think with the amount of experience from all the artists here, that definitely sets us apart from others,” Hayden said.

Brass Knuckle values the relationship between artist and customer. Hayden says that the culture has changed somewhat with customers now leaning toward the most immediately convenient studio appointment, but Brass Knuckle still focuses on quality work and the professional environment of the studio.

Brass Knuckle does its best to advise clients on how to achieve the highest quality tattoos and make recommendations on details in order to minimize any future regrets.

“More than five times daily we’ll have to speak with someone about a tattoo that is over-detailed, over-crowded, over-complicated, too busy of a design... we’ll have to tell them that as it ages, it will grow to look bad over time,” Hayden said.

Their establishment sees an even amount of customer interest in tattoo and piercing offerings, with the highest volume of customers in the younger adult age demographic.

“Generally your 18-30-year-old is going to be the highest volume age range, but we’ve had four generations come in and get matching tattoos,” Hayden said.

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Brass Knuckle accepts walk-ins and can be contacted to set up an appointment by phone or by [social media](#).

2022 In Person Arts Gala Will Feature New Performances, Faculty as Bartenders

Beck Lenz

February 24, 2022

Students, faculty and staff at the Creative Arts Center (CAC) are preparing for Dayton's first premier arts event of the season.

## **What to expect**

Wright State University's (WSU) Arts Gala has been a yearly featured event in Dayton since its conception in 2000. Since then, the evening has grown from one small event into an evening of six different entertainment experiences.

"Three musical shows, one classical acting, one dance and one motion pictures event," The Arts Gala coordinator Joe Deer said. "This year is a perfect marriage of many of the features our patrons love and look forward to, with a fresh twist. We'll feature new approaches to décor and dining experiences, updated music, dance, art and theatre performances that are largely created just for ArtsGala each year. And, as always, there's more art and entertainment, dining and social engagement than you can possibly fit into one evening."

Arts Gala 2021, like many in-person events scheduled in the past several years, was moved to a virtual platform. This year it will once again be in-person, and planners want to bring it back in the best way possible.

"It will be bigger and better," A member of the planning committee, Becca Webb, said. "I'm most excited to see the connections made between students and members of the community."

One new addition to this year's Arts Gala is that the art department faculty will be serving as bartenders, offering patrons a good opportunity to speak one-on-one with teachers.

"It's a great opportunity for students to showcase their talent to the community, and to learn how non-profit events work," theatre department faculty member Carly Kimmins said.

## **Scholarships and COVID-19 precautions**

The gala and its coordinators have one goal: to raise scholarship money for students in the Theatre, Dance and Motion Pictures Department.

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Since 2000, the Arts Gala has raised \$3.2 million. Tickets for the evening are \$300, though donors interested in participating in the silent auction may do so online.

Currently, the event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, with an expected attendance of between 700-800 people. Visitors will be expected to follow all COVID-19 safety policies, including the university's current mask mandate.



Annual Adventure Summit Promotes Outdoor Lifestyle

Eliza Jackson

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Wright State University (WSU) hosted their annual Adventure Summit event last weekend to acknowledge a lifestyle in the great outdoors.

## What is the Adventure Summit?

The Adventure Summit is a joint program by Five River MetroParks and WSU. This event began in 2011 and now is an annual event. Each year, multiple outdoor adventure groups and organizations gather together and share their stories in the outdoors, educating guests on survival tactics, places to travel and ways to have a safe but fun time adventuring.

## Who is Involved?

The Adventure Summit had multiple interactive events this year including rock climbing, fitness sessions, a bouldering competition, beer tasting and more. They also had featured presentations presented by JeanMarie Gossard, Andy "River Weasel" Gallatin and Grandma Joy and Brad Ryan.

Some of the organizations that decided to join this year were Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (BCWA), Ohio's Explorer Chicks, Five Rivers Metroparks who, according to [The Adventure Summit website](#), "focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as part of its role as steward of Greater Dayton's public lands."

BCWA started in 1988 and this year was their first year attending The Adventure Summit event. They are a nonprofit volunteer organization and are dedicated to preserving the Beaver Creek Wetlands that are located in western Greene County.

The organization is completely funded by memberships, donations and state and local grants. One of the organizations who attended, The Dayton Hikers, hosted a used gear sale with all proceeds going to BCWA to fund their newest wetland trail.

In April of 2020, BCWA started the idea of a 15-mile Spotted Turtle Trail through the Beaver Creek Wetland Corridor. They host multiple tours of the wetlands and have different educational hikes and programs.

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“Spotted turtles are the emblem of the company and are a threatened species,” BCWA administrative coordinator, Lynn Slowden, said.

Explorer Chicks, officially started in 2014, is an organization that is completely dedicated to teaching women about traveling and hiking. They take trips such as national road trips, backpacking trips, winter adventures, hiking trips and more.

“It’s all about helping women feel confident in hiking,” Ray Neal, an ambassador for Explorer Chicks, said.

If students would like to get involved, The Adventure Summit is welcoming all volunteers who want to help spread the joy of adventuring.

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'Hey Baby!,' Reporter and WSU Alumnus Receives Surprise Visit From Mom  
Dylan Collison  
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Myles Harris, a reporter for WSYX ABC 6 in Columbus and Wright State University alumnus, received a special surprise visit during a regular on-the-scene broadcast.

The reporter was out in the field when Sandi, his mom, drove up and yelled, "Hi, baby!"

Harris replied, "I'm trying to work right now!"

Afterwards he posted the interaction on his Instagram page, reaching over 800,000 views.

The mother and son also joined ABC's Good Morning America Thursday morning.

"She was going out to run errands. She noticed our TV-marked car and saw a couple and said 'This might be my son, let's go ahead and take a look and see,' and then next thing you know, the video kind of tells the rest," Harris told the hosts of Good Morning America.

Harris is a 2015 mass communication graduate, where he began his broadcasting journey. A sports broadcaster at WWSU 106.9 FM, Harris used the station to build his personality through the airwaves.

[\*\*Read more: Raider Spotlight: Harris a familiar voice for WSU fans\*\*](#)

Being an athlete contributes to his perspective as a broadcaster, according to Harris at the time.

He also was a member of the Wright State men's tennis team.

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Men's Basketball Struggles With Inconsistent Play

Noah Kindig

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Wright State University (WSU) Men's Basketball held its top-four spot in Horizon League (HL) this week, after a loss to the Northern Kentucky Norse (NKU) and a win on the road over the Oakland Golden Grizzlies (OAK).

With this week's games, the Raiders sit at third in the HL with a 13-6 record and will look to secure a top-four spot in order to have a bye through the first round of the postseason.

"We've got a tough road stretch here, we're going to play some good basketball teams," Grant Basile, a center for WSU, said. "We're just trying to think about each game."

## Inconsistent play

The Raiders have looked incredibly inconsistent throughout the year, and that has never been more evident than in this week's performances against NKU and OAK.

On one hand, the Raiders beat a power-five school in North Carolina State and have looked great twice against OAK, shooting about 47% from the field or higher in all of those games.

But on the flipside, WSU looked sloppy in national TV appearances versus the Cleveland State Vikings and the ninth-place Milwaukee Panthers, with 26 turnovers against the Vikings and shooting 29% against the Panthers.

In this week's games, The Raiders were down by 15 points after the first 12 minutes of play against fifth-place NKU but were up by 10 after the same amount of time against second-place OAK.

"They played harder than us on certain ends, and we were just making, or not making shots," Tim Finke, a guard for WSU, said after the NKU game.

Even after some miracle shots from WSU at the end of the first and end of the second half, the Norse still controlled the game from start to finish.

"We were lucky to be down 12 at the half," Basile said after the loss to NKU. "When you start a game like that, it makes it tough to come back."

## **Big Man Basile**

Grant Basile has been putting in a League MVP level performance for WSU in recent games, averaging 21.5 points per game and 8.25 rebounds per game in his last four performances.

For a team like the Raiders who emphasize shots in the paint and defensive play, Basile has been a focal point for WSU's attack all year, and his size helps him dominate other centers on offense and defense.

"We've been getting good looks," Basile said. "We've just got to focus on defense and taking care of the basketball better."

While shooters like Trey Calvin and Tanner Holden have been shooting from range the most for WSU, Basile has shown that he can also shoot from range when needed, hitting 29 3-pointers so far this year.

The big man has shown that he is the premier center in the Horizon League, dominating other centers in the paint, especially in recent games, but also surprising opponents from range.