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Events on Campus Week of Aug. 22

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Wright Life

Events for the week of Aug. 22 include Chalk the Walks, Fall Fest and Boogie on the Bricks.

Monday, Aug. 22

3 p.m. | African Student Union Tabling | Student Union Market Table 01

7 p.m. | Men's Club Basketball Open Gym | McLin Gym

8:30 p.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Knight Hike (Glow in the Dark) | Catholic Campus Ministry

Tuesday, Aug. 23

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

6:30 p.m. | Competition Cheer Practice | McLin Gym 4

7 p.m. | Student Government Association Meeting | Atlantis A/B

Wednesday, Aug. 24

1 p.m. | University Activities Board Chalk the Walks | North Lawn

5 p.m. | Club Football Practice | Mulhallon Field

6 p.m. | Rainbow Alliance Meeting | Rike Hall 166

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Thursday, Aug. 25

2 p.m. | Commuter Student Association Meeting | Student Union 029A

5 p.m. | African Student Union Afrobeat and Paint | Medical Sciences 141

Friday, Aug. 26

10 a.m. | University Activities Board Fall Fest | North Lawn to Quad

11 a.m. | College of Liberal Arts: Explore CoLA | Millett Hall Atrium

6 p.m. | Residential Community Association Community Night | Hamilton Hall, Honors Hall, The Woods

6:30 p.m. | Campus Recreation Sunset Kayaking | Eastwood Lake

9 p.m. | Residential Community Association Boogie on the Bricks | The Quad

Saturday, Aug. 27

7 p.m. | Chi Alpha Campus Ministries Mug Party | XA House, 1390 Forest Ln.

Sunday, Aug. 28

12 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon Challenge Meeting | Oelman 302, 303 and 306

4 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon General Meeting | Endeavor 156 A/B/C

5 p.m. | Kappa Delta Sorority Chapter Meeting | Rathskeller (Student Union 008)

6 p.m. | Delta Zeta Chapter Meeting | Rike Hall 166

News Roundup: Week of Aug. 22

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- Trey Brown
- August 22, 2022
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From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of August 22, 2022.

Local

“Weird Al” Yankovic will be performing “The Unfortunate Return of the Ridiculously Self-Indulgent, Ill-Advised Vanity Tour” at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center on Aug. 23.

Yankovic is an American singer, actor and comedian. Yankovic will be appearing with special guest and fellow comedian Emo Philips.

Tickets start at \$49 and can be purchased on the [Dayton Live website](#).

National

On Friday, Aug. 19, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics published its state unemployment and employment summary.

The Bureau reported lower unemployment rates in 14 states and higher unemployment rates in three states with 33 states having consistent unemployment rates for the month of July.

According to the report, Minnesota currently has the lowest state unemployment rate of 1.85% followed by Nebraska, New Hampshire and Utah at 2%. The District of Columbia has one of the highest unemployment rates at 5.25%, higher than the national average of 3.5%.

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In addition to monthly employment rates for states, the report also explored nonfarm payroll employment, or the number of workers who do not work on farms or other specialty professions.

The nonfarm payroll employment rate increased in 43 states and the DC and remained unchanged in seven states over the past year.

Galactic

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has selected four mission proposals to study exploding stars, clusters of galaxies and nearby stars.

According to an [Aug. 18 press release](#), these missions are part of the organization's explorer program study, the oldest continuous NASA program.

As part of NASA's initiative to send astronauts back to the moon, the administration has identified 13 possible landing locations for Artemis III, according to an [Aug. 19 press release](#).

NASA plans to land the first woman and person of color on the moon as part of the Artemis program. The mission's target launch dates have yet to be announced.

Women's Soccer Falls 0-2 to Dayton

Noah Kindig

August 22, 2022

Sports Women's Soccer

Women's Soccer vs. Dayton | Photo by Monica Brutto | The Wright State Guardian

After winning their season opener 2-1 over the Bellarmine Knights, Wright State University Women's Soccer headed across town to face off against the University of Dayton Flyers.

Game rundown

Despite both teams having strong chances, only UD was able to find the back of the net in the match, taking the game 2-0. The Flyers pressed hard throughout the match, possessing the ball and keeping WSU on the defensive.

The Flyers would score two times in the first half to win, but both WSU goalkeepers Jessika Seward and Kiera Sarka denied goal after goal through the rest of the game.

Controlling the game

From the start of the match, the Flyers worked the ball quickly through the midfield when attacking. WSU handled the ball through UD's defensive line to generate offense.

While the Raiders worked the ball well through UD's defense, the Flyers attacked loose balls in the midfield quicker, pushing WSU back to their side of the field. Because of this, the majority of the game was played between the Raider 18 yard box and the half field line.

The Flyers took advantage of field position, with Itala Gameli scoring just seven minutes into the game. The Raiders quickly punched back, as a cross shot from sophomore Olivia Mace connected with Marcella Sizer, who found the back of the net; however, the play was ruled offside.

The Flyers would largely control the pace of the game, shooting 27 times to WSU's seven. The Raiders placed their shots more accurately, putting six for seven on target to UD's 11 for 27.

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UD took advantage of their possession again in the first half, as confusion in the box from a cross ball caused a WSU own goal. Goalkeeper Seward was hit in the head and needed a substitute.

The Raiders found solid chances in the second half with aggressive play, fouling 16 times to UD's 10 and earning four yellow cards, but it wasn't enough to overwhelm the UD defense.

Looking forward

Senior Olga Massombo used speed and footwork to create multiple chances for the Raiders, but UD's defense denied Massombo any one-on-one chances with a defender.

As the Raiders continue in the season, moving the attack through Massombo will be key to finding chances in the attacking third.

WSU goalkeepers also have skillful abilities with the ball, as both Seward and Sarka were confident in starting the Raider attack from the backfield. WSU didn't give up any dangerous turnovers, whereas UD committed a few ball handling lapses.

The Raiders' next home game is Sunday, Aug. 28 at 1 p.m. on Alumni Field with free admission for fans.

What to Know About COVID and Monkeypox

- Katelyn Justice
- August 23, 2022
- News

As Wright State University students, staff and faculty return to campus for the fall semester, so does the concern of spread of illness, including COVID-19 and Monkeypox. Community experts comment on the situation and offer advice.

COVID

SARS-CoV2, the disease that causes COVID-19 spread to the U.S. in early 2020. Two-years later, the illness is still prevalent in the nation with the Centers for Disease Control reporting the national current 7-day average of new cases at 95,652.

“COVID is here to stay. We are riding on waves of different strains. It won’t be like the flu where it is seasonal, it will always be here,” Kettering Health Network employee Kacee Floyd said.

According to Wright State University Dean of Students Chris Taylor and Greene County Public Health nurse Samantha Webb, the precautions for COVID remain the same: washing hands, wearing masks and social distancing.

WSU’s masking policy remains at ‘strongly recommended.’ Additionally, this fall all residential students had to submit a negative COVID test prior to move-in.

Monkeypox

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In May, 2022, the World Health Organization declared a new outbreak of the Monkeypox disease. Originally confined to Europe, the smallpox-similar illness spread to the U.S.

According to the CDC, there have been 123 reported cases in Ohio as of Aug. 18.

“Monkeypox doesn’t spread easily compared to COVID,” Dr. Jeffrey Weinstein, provider at Kettering Health said.

Monkeypox spreads through direct contact with infectious sores, bodily fluid and scabs, or even on clothing when shared with an infected individual, according to WHO.

Indications of the disease are flu-like symptoms and a rash that turns to blisters or pimples,

The CDC recommends healthcare workers and those exposed to the viars to receive the JYNNEOS vaccine, which is a two-dose vaccine.

According to Taylor, The University will continue to monitor the situation and will immediately communicate urgent updates to the campus. If students have concerns, they can contact the student health center.

Fall Fest 2022: Back in Full Swing

- Elayna Storts
- August 23, 2022
- Wright Life

Fall Fest, an annual festival event hosted by a student spirit organization, will return to Wright State University's Campus in the first week of the fall semester.

UAB on Fall Fest

Hosted by the University Activities Board, an event planning student organization, Fall Fest will feature 68 student organizations, along with food and festivities, according to UAB Vice President Isabelle (Izzy) Rice.

This year's Fall Fest theme is Wild West. With this theme comes interactive activities like inflatable axe throwing and a mechanical bull.

"I think we're all just really excited and ready for it to come. We're excited for everyone to be on campus and give this opportunity to the new students," Rice said.

Rice, alongside UAB President Qunijah Echols, have been working on and planning for this event for months.

Fall Fest is an event that promotes relationships and interaction, according to Alexia (Lexi) Ricker, UAB director of specialty events. The exuberant leader explained personal experiences of relationship building at the event.

"As a leader, that's more people I can connect with, collaborate with and just get to know more people. That's my favorite thing to do," Ricker said.

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Fall Fest takes place on Friday, Aug. 26 from 10a.m. to 3p.m. in the Quad, Mall and North Lawn, on the Dayton campus.

Competing after High School: Club Sports and Intramurals

- Noah Kindig
- August 23, 2022
- Sports

As fall semester begins this week, athletics and recreation across Wright State University will also start their fall 2022 seasons. But, varsity athletics are not the only level of play WSU has to offer.

Both club sports and intramurals begin their individual leagues soon, offering WSU students an outlet of relaxation or opportunity to continue high school sports interests.

For Camryn Harrell, President of the Sports Club Council and the Dance Team, club sports are a perfect medium between the pressure of varsity sports and still being able to compete.

“The older you get, the more competitive it gets and the more overwhelmed you get, especially in college,” Harrell said. “But, the way that I’ve been involved on campus has been the best experience I could have made for myself here.”

Continuing to Compete

Whether because of high school seasons being canceled or affected due to COVID-19, or because of a desire to still play in college, club teams are open to all WSU students.

“I felt like I wasn’t ready after my senior year of high school to give up volleyball. I was still wanting to play,” President of the Women’s Volleyball Club Kyndall Berner said. “I just kept going forward and I found out Wright State had a club volleyball team, so I decided to join.” While Intramural sports are quicker leagues that don’t require much commitment, club sports generally have weekly practices and play against other collegiate clubs around Ohio.

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“I chose club over intramural sports because I wanted a more competitive atmosphere that was going to push me,” President of Men’s Club Soccer Evan Throckmorton said. “Club sports is all about pushing yourself and competing at the next level.”

Making connections

Even if students choose to pursue intramurals over club sports, campus recreation is a way to relieve stress, stay healthy and make new friends around WSU.

“I like being able to just go outside and run around and release all of my energy after sitting in a classroom all day. Getting to just go outside and do a bunch of nonsense with people is a good outlet,” President of Women’s Club Soccer Katelynn Johnson said.

Whether students are interested in intramurals or club competition, campus recreation has something to offer all WSU students this fall semester.

A Student's Guide to the Midterm Elections

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- Angela Davis
- August 24, 2022
- News

As the 2022 midterm season approaches, here's an ultimate guide to voting in Ohio.

Midterm Election

During the Ohio midterm elections, held Nov. 8 2022, voters will decide on a number of elected positions and both state and local issues.

Christine Corba, Executive Director of the Dayton Area League of Women Voters, expressed concern about voter turn-out in midterm elections.

"A lot of folks just don't understand how important the midterms are," Corba said.

According to statistics from the Ohio Secretary of State, 73.99% of registered voters cast a ballot in the 2020 general election, while only 55.72% did so in the 2018 midterm.

While many people may feel like their vote does not matter, Corba also stressed the importance of voting

"Your vote is your voice," Corba said.

What's on the Ballot?

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Throughout the state, voters will elect the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and a United States Senator as well as decide on issues such as bail reform. Individual districts will present different issues and candidates.

Information about the issues on the ballot this November can be found through the Ohio Secretary of State, Frank LaRose. Available through the official [webpage](#), the state publishes sample ballots for both parties in all 88 Ohio counties.

Corba encourages voters to do their research and vote for candidates and issues that align with their beliefs. Voters can do research by finding candidates' webpages and social media sites, attending forums and utilizing voter guides.

How to Vote

In order to vote, students must be registered with updated personal information. Registration information can be found through LaRose's office.

The deadline for voter registration for the midterm election is Oct. 11, according to the Greene County Board of Elections.

On Nov. 8, polls will open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Upon arriving at the polls, voters are required to show a valid identification card and request a party ballot.

Voters unable to access a polling location on election day can request an [absentee ballot](#). The Board of Elections must receive applications before Nov. 5 and ballots before polls close on election day. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than Nov. 7.

Students can also get involved in the political process by becoming a poll worker on election day, supporting a candidate or joining an organization. Wright State University offers student organizations on both sides of the political aisle: College Republicans and Left of Center.

College Republicans President Blake Bailey declined to comment on student involvement and the midterm election.

Left of Center President Mason Knickerbocker was unavailable for comment.

Barriers to Commuter Involvement: Is WSU Worth the Gas?

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- Emily Mancuso
- August 24, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University commuter students and student leaders express concerns over commuter involvement on campus.

The Barriers

According to WSU housing administration, only 60% of the first year class and about 30% of upperclassmen live on campus, meaning Wright State has a large commuter population.

Commuter students have the same opportunity to join organizations and attend campus events, but many find there are barriers that prevent them from getting involved.

One barrier has risen to prominence within the last year: gas prices. According to the American Automobile Association the average price for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.66 as of Aug. 21.

Sophomore commuter Heidi Raber explains how high gas prices and lack of interest in events are reasons to refrain from returning to campus.

Driving to school comes with other unique challenges such as bad weather conditions, traffic, and lack of time according to Commuter Association President Alaina Collins.

“If these students are forced to choose between going to an event on campus or going to work, there isn’t much of a choice to be made,” Collins said.

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Other students like CSA social media chair Maria Washler, express possible ways campus organizations and departments can engage the commuter population.

“The best time for me to be involved as a commuter would be in the evenings or even in between classes when I have 2-3 hour break periods due to still being on campus,” Washler said.

Additionally, organizations like CSA and the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership can assist WSU commuter students

SGA Opens School Year with Two New Resolutions

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- Jamie Naylor
- August 24, 2022
- News

Wright State University's student governing organization began the new academic term with the introduction of two resolutions and the appointment of two new members and one returning member.

New administration

The Student Government Association, headed by President Blake Bailey and Vice President Brandon Blair, held its first session on Aug. 23.

After introductions, reports and the appointments of the College of Liberal Arts Senator, Cameron Haught, the Director of Academic Affairs, Aliesha Knauer and the Director of Student Organizations, Sierra Hinton, the body began to discuss resolutions and initiatives for the upcoming semester.

23-1

Introduced and sponsored by Bailey, resolution 23-1, or the 'Establishment of the Strategic Initiatives for Student Experience' plan, aims to create a task force focused on increasing student involvement on campus via a social space.

"Wright State's Dayton campus lacks a social environment conducive to relationship building," Bailey said in the resolution.

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According to Bailey, the task force would comprise SGA and non-SGA students along with staff and faculty, and it would research how to build a social space on campus in the form of a sports bar.

Commuter Senator Alaina Collins raised questions on the nominating process for the task force. Bailey explained that he would be the sole nominator and decider of task force members.

“I would go ahead and nominate them and that [would] be the end of the story,” Bailey said.

The president did not specify if the discussions and suggestions of the task force would be presented to the SGA senate nor was a timeline presented for the project.

23-2

In conjunction with new WSU Provost Amy Thompson, the second resolution, 23-2, addresses SGA's endorsement of the new midterm grade initiative.

Thompson, present at the meeting, discussed how the new policy would recommend and eventually require professors to post grades to Pilot or on-banner in the middle of the term.

The project focuses on increasing retention numbers by informing students of class progress, according to Thompson.

“Our retention rate is around 63%, 64% between freshman and sophomore year, and we need to do much, much better than that,” Thompson said.

The policy is strongly recommended for professors to partake in fall 2022 and would be required for spring 2023. The policy does not apply to A or B-term classes, according to the provost.

Student government endorsed the plan through the 23-2 resolution. Both 23-1 and 23-2 resolutions were approved to be moved to old business and will be voted on in the next public SGA meeting.

SGA's next public meeting will occur on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Atlantis room in the Student Union and online via Webex.

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College of Liberal Arts on the Move

Trey Brown August 25, 2022 News

Wright State University's liberal arts college began a program and structural reorganization in fall 2021, now the college is entering a new phase with a campus move.

College of Liberal Arts Reorganization

Discussion of the reorganization of COLA began to surface last fall amid declining faculty staffing and decreasing student enrollment, according to the reorganization report.

The College eventually split into three schools: the school of fine and performing arts, the school of humanities and cultural studies and the school of social science and international studies.

Historically, these programs have been housed in Millett Hall with the arts in the Creative Arts Center. Announced in an Aug. 5 campus communication, the majority of the College will move from Millett to Allyn Hall, swapping places with the College of Health Education and Human services.

Millett Hall has become a landmark for students to meet with their professors for office hours or study between classes. The move to Allyn Hall will make the headquarters of COLA a convenient facilitator of collaboration between students and faculty, according to provost Dr. Amy Thompson.

Student Impact

Alongside the move of COLA is the relocation of the CHEH.

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“We’re trying to realign and put people kind of closer together in their areas,” Thompson said.

The close proximity will resonate with students who share the same or similar majors, according to Thompson.

Along with facilitating strong methods for collaboration among students and faculty, the move should promote a more dynamic use of space for COLA and CHEH, according to Dean of COLA Dr. Gary Schmidt.

Use of Space and Interdisciplinary Learning

The decision to move COLA and CHEH was made with enrollment projections in mind and thus needed strategic planning to determine the most effective use of the space, according to Schmidt.

With CHEH lacking a building to call home, the committee identified Millett Hall as a great option.

“Only part of the College of Liberal Arts occupies part of the space of Millett Hall, so in terms of the overall planning it was decided that this would better suit the needs of the two units,” Schmidt said.

According to the communication, the move will occur throughout the academic year, but it did not clarify when the move will be complete.

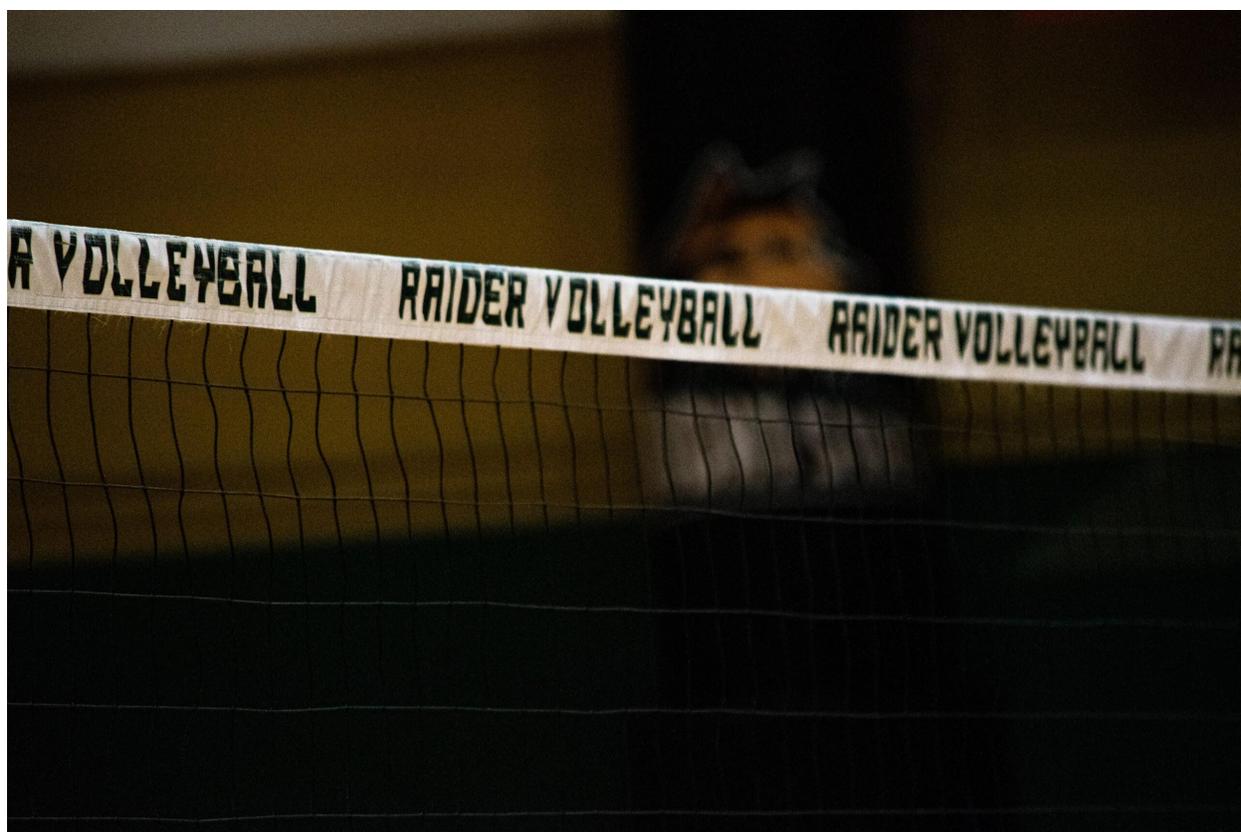
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WSU Volleyball 2022 Season Preview



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Volleyball Net | Photo by Diana Jaber | The Wright State Guardian

Wright State University approaches the new academic year with a new Horizon League season and head volleyball coach Travers Green.

Volleyball games

The team's first 10 games are on the road with the first home game against the University of Dayton Flyers occurring on Sept. 15. The team is confident it can succeed in both away and home games.

"Our team is just filled with competitors," senior outside hitter Megan Alders said. "When we are all competing at our highest level, we are pretty unstoppable. We just have a lot of heart, and it shows what Wright State Volleyball really is."

Wright State welcomes Travers Green

With Travers Green now at the helm for WSU Volleyball, a big part of the team's success will be adapting to a new system of play. According to the former Mississippi State assistant, the focus for out of conference play will be on building relationships with players and looking at a bigger picture.

"Anything new, you're not going to be great at it to start, and we're not getting too fixated on results now, we're looking at the big picture." Green said in an interview with the *WWSU 106.9 f.m* sports director Adam Campbell.

According to Green, the team will improve with the new system as the season progresses.

"I think it goes in kind of phases," Green said. "We're trying to learn and see the lay of the land, find things that have been done with the program in the past and things that we need to do better."

Greene is teaching the teams' players how to build trust and believe in improvement. The new coach already began this process over the summer term via phone calls with players.

Some of the Same

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While a new head coach is a big change for the program, the team still has some of its big pieces returning.

Libero Jenna Story, who ranked first nationally in digs and second nationally in digs per set last season, will be returning for a final year as setter and all-around player Lainey Stephenson is a setter.

For Stephenson, WSU Volleyball has become a second family to her, and WSU's athletics program is like no other.

"I know that no other college program is run the way ours is run," Stephenson said. "When we say we're a family, we truly are a family, we treat it like a family."

WSU volleyball will be on the road for the first few weeks of their season, but will return to McLin Gymnasium for the Dayton Beaver Creek Invitational for three straight home matches.

Student Safety: What to Know This Fall

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- Wright Life

As students are returning to campus, here is the ultimate information guide to stay safe and healthy at Wright State University this fall.

Criminal Offenses

The campus daily crime log provides information about reported incidents and crimes throughout the Dayton campus.

Between Feb. 1 and Aug. 1, 2022, there were 24 reports of larceny offenses including burglary and fraud, 9 reports of property damage and 6 reports of conspiracy attempts to commit a crime, according to the crime log.

The WSU 2021 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report shows lower numbers of rape, alcohol and drug reports compared to the 2021 Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports from Miami University and Bowling Green State University.

The most reported crimes are opportunity theft and scam emails, according to WSU Director of Public Safety Kurt Holden.

WSUPD collaborates with other organizations on campus to provide educational programs about scams, active threats, power-based violence, drug/alcohol safety and knowing your rights.

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“I try to make sure that our programming is applicable to students,” Holden said. “We try to educate the community as much as possible.”

Holden recommends that students do not walk alone at night, know where destinations are, have good situational awareness, keep belongings on-person and lock all doors.

Hate Crimes and Incidents

At the Dayton campus, reports have been made about racially motivated hate speech and bias actions. Last year, the Black Student Union responded to one such occurrence, but other communities echo similar experiences.

“I do know many students that I work with and friends have heard overtly racist remarks and statements made to them,” President of the Asian Student Association Ryan Diaz said. “Campus police are very responsive and have made efforts to create relationships with us students. I do see them with relative frequency.”

Officers and student safety advocates patrol campus 24/7 both on-foot and in police vehicles. University police also offer security escorts, community connection programs and access to victim witness resources.

Public Health

The WSU Department of Environmental Health and Safety provides services and resources to ensure the wellbeing of the campus community.

Environmental health includes safety of drinking water, maintenance projects, the swimming pool, lab practices and food.

EHS collaborates with Facilities Operations and Maintenance, WSUPD and Research and Sponsored Programs. The Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Transportation and Ohio Department of Health are some of the regulatory agencies WSU EHS must comply with.

Green chemistry is a sustainability initiative that reduces waste, environmental and energy impact, according to Director of EHS Dr. Marjorie Markopoulos. Recycling gloves, using alternative chemicals and sourcing less hazardous materials are ways students and faculty can lower the environmental impact of research labs and campus activities.

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Markopoulos cautions students to be informed about CDC, local health department and WSU COVID-19 task force guidelines regarding safety in the pandemic. WSU updates the COVID webpage when necessary.

“There’s nothing more important than making sure people are healthy and safe,” said Markopoulos. “We are a department that anybody can come to and ask for service.”

EHS offices are located at 047 Biological Sciences II and can be contacted at 937-775-2215.

The WSUPD Administrative Office is located at 118 Campus Services Building with the Emergency Communications Center equipped with 24/7 dispatch operation in Allyn Hall 060.

In case of emergency, students can press blue lights at emergency towers, in hallways and on elevators, or call university police at 937-775-2111 or extension 2111 on any campus phone.

Overview of WSU Soccer

- Adam Campbell
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- Sports

The Wright State University fall sports season has finally arrived and with it the arrival of soccer. Here is a quick rundown of what to expect this fall.

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team is led by second-year head coach Travis Sobers. He led the team to a 5-10-3 overall record with a 3-5-1 Horizon League record.

"It's about creating the culture and learning what type of group you have," Sobers said. "It's important for the seniors to set the tone for what the program stands for both on and off the field and they have done a good job at that."

Women's soccer opened regular season play with a 2-1 victory over Bellarmine on Thursday. WSU senior Michelle Rings nailed the game-winning goal in the 80th minute from a free kick.

The team will square off against the University of Dayton on Aug. 21 and Miami University on Aug. 25 before their home-opener against Central Michigan on Aug. 28.

Men's Soccer

WSU men's soccer is coming off a 5-10-1 season with a 4-5-1 conference record. Fifth-year head coach Jake Slemker will be at the helm for the team.

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Slemker and his team are looking to surpass their successes of the 2019 season. In 2019, the Raiders captured their first ever HL championship and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament.

“Defense was a big priority for us,” Slemker said. “Sometimes, the best defense is a good offense.”

The team will also feature five new transfer students.

“We brought a lot of new faces in the group and it brings new energy to the guys,” Slemker said. “I feel like they have really come together over the last few weeks.”

The men’s team will open their regular season schedule on Aug. 25 versus Stetson in Deland, FL.

Following their opener, WSU will face multiple tests on the road against Jacksonville, Akron and Ohio State before their first home game against IUPUI on Sept. 10.