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Events on Campus Week of Sept. 26

Alexis Lewis

- September 26, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Sept. 26 include club meetings, karaoke night and Kings Island Day.

Monday, Sept. 26

11:45 a.m. | College of Liberal Arts: Is Graduate School Right for You? | Millett 106

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

5 p.m. | Tabletop Club Game Nights | Fawcett 210

7:30 p.m. | Troupe Meeting | Oelman 109

Tuesday, Sept. 27

11 a.m. | Rock Campus Fellowship Bible Study | Emerald Room 010

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

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

6:30 p.m. | African-American Residential Caucus Don't Forget the Lyrics | Oelman 109

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

7 p.m. | Black Student Union Lil Karaoke | Apollo 160 A/B/C

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Wednesday, Sept. 28

12 p.m. | Asian Student Association Meeting | Culture and Identity Centers

1 p.m. | UCIE Pop-In Wednesdays | UCIE

4:30 p.m. | Campus Recreation Adapted Intramurals | Student Union Gym

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

5 p.m. | Cru Meeting | Health Sciences 116

7 p.m. | H2O Church Life Group | Rathskeller SU 008

Friday, Sept. 30

6 p.m. | Management Club: How to Dress for an Interview | Rike 157

6 p.m. | TTC DND1010 | Fawcett 210

7 p.m. | Astronomical Collaboration Meeting | Millett 028

7 p.m. | Korean Club Meeting | Medical Sciences 143

Saturday, Oct. 1

10 a.m. | Women's Club Volleyball Sand Volleyball Tournament | Setters Sand Volleyball Club

Sunday, Oct. 2

9 a.m. | Compassion in Action: A Kid Again – Kings Island Day | Kings Island

6 p.m. | Abilities Study Tables | Rike 018

News Roundup: Week of Sept. 26



- News Team
- September 26, 2022
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From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Sept. 26, 2022.

Local

Grants to first responders

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine granted \$7.7 million to first responder agencies. According to DeWine's statement, the idea of granting this funding is to help understanding and recruitment at first responder agencies.

The first 20 counties will receive this grant funding. DeWine has also funded 46 Ohio agencies as part of the new Ohio First Responder Recruitment, Retention, and Resilience Program.

The program is for initiatives that support wellness programs which address mental, physical and emotional health. It also helps with retention and recruitment efforts and covers costs for onboarding and training. Additionally the program assists with engaging young adults in first responder careers.

National

Tropical storms

A number of tropical storms are active in the Atlantic and Eastern Pacific Oceans, according to the National Hurricane Center.

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Post-Tropical Cyclone Fiona is now approaching the eastern part of Canada, while Tropical Storm Ian is strengthening in the central Caribbean. Two other storms are further out in the Atlantic, and one is weakening in the Eastern Pacific.

Tropical Storm Ian's current projected path is set to cause severe winds throughout Florida and parts of the South.

Florida Gov. Rob DeSantis declared a State of Emergency for 24 Florida counties in Ian's path.

DeSantis also requested a federal pre-landfall Emergency Declaration, according to a news release. An Emergency Declaration would make resources available after the storm hits, and activate the Florida National Guard.

"This storm has the potential to strengthen into a major hurricane and we encourage all Floridians to make their preparations," DeSantis said in a press release.

Global

Protests in Iran

In a press release published on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, the United States Department of the Treasury authorized a General License D-2 to Iran in an effort to aid in the country's internet sovereignty.

This act follows the protests that have been ensuing in the wake of the death of Mahsa Amini, and the efforts of the Iranian government to quell them.

According to the non-profit Human Rights Watch, Amini was detained by Iran's "morality police", which enforces the nation's public dress standards on Sept. 14 for violation of supposed violation of the nation's policies. The young woman had a medical emergency while in custody and passed on Sept. 16.

"While Iran's government is cutting off its people's access to the global internet, the United States is taking action to support the free flow of information and access to fact-based information to the Iranian people," as was written in the release from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

According to the release, the General License D-2 will allow tech companies to provide more opportunities to access safe "outside platforms and services."

Men's Soccer Wins Tight Battle Against NKU

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- Adam Campbell
- September 26, 2022
- Men's Soccer
- Sports

The Wright State University men's soccer team took on its rival on Saturday evening, edging out a 1-0 victory.

The history

WSU leads the all-time series in the Northern Kentucky University-WSU rivalry 13-4 dating back to 1982. Since the Norse joined the Horizon League in 2015, the Raiders are 5-2 against the team.

"We know that NKU and us are always physical with one another, so we have to be prepared," Head Coach Jake Slemker said.

The match

WSU leads the Horizon League in total shot attempts with 33 coming into Saturday night; the Raiders showed no signs of slowing down, putting up 17 shots in the match.

Both teams had a difficult time burying the ball in the net, despite the large sum of shot attempts. In minute 39, WSU's Joe Kouadio assisted sophomore Brock Pickett, who sank the lone goal of the match.

"Joe was able to put a good cross in, and I was able to find it and put it in the corner," Pickett said.

WSU goalkeeper Sebastian Jimenez ranks 22 nationally and second in the HL with 30 total saves. Jimenez added nine more saves to this tally against NKU, shutting the opponent out. The goalkeeper now has three games this season with at least eight saves, a new career best.

"I'm just grateful to have these defenders in front of me. They were putting in the work for sure," Jimenez said.

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Slemker commented on Jimenez's performance.

"He has been confident, and he came off his line and controlled the box when he needed to," Slemker said.

The match was very physical with 27 total fouls and four yellow-cards.

"We just found our second set of legs to get the win," Pickett mentioned. "We know every time we go into a Horizon League game, it is going to be a brawl."

Significance of Saturday's victory

After Saturday's winning effort, WSU is now 2-0-1 in HL play, tied with Robert Morris for first place in conference standings.

"I think our confidence is at an all-time high," Pickett noted. "I don't think we could be in a better spot going into the next couple games."

WSU will now go on the road for two HL matches next week, facing off against Milwaukee on Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. followed by a trip to Robert Morris on Saturday at 2 p.m.

BLACKtie Weekend: Culture and Alumni

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- Emily Mancuso
- September 27, 2022
- Wright Life

The Black Student Union continues to celebrate black student culture and alumni on Wright State University's campus in the sixth annual homecoming events.

Where it started

The homecoming weekend was born from a need to connect and carve out a place for African-American students in the WSU community.

"It's making sure we have those connections between the alumni and the students," BSU President Gary Neal said. "We want to give [alumni] the opportunity to come back, see what's going on and connect with us and then celebrate Black excellence and have a good time."

Curtis Mann, co-creator of BLACKtie and former BSU president, recognized the need for this event in 2015 during Jamboree week. While BLACKtie is open to students regardless of identity, Mann noted that the main goal is celebrating Black culture.

"When I was here, when I was in school, we really didn't have a homecoming for our culture. We always went to Central homecoming, which was something that was geared more toward what we were accustomed to," Mann said. "I think what really made me want to do the actual homecoming idea was being on that board and that planning committee. There wasn't really anything geared towards African-American students, it was all events that normally we wouldn't really go to."

Events during BLACKtie also allow older students to pass on wisdom to younger students, according to Mann.

What to expect

BLACKtie Weekend starts on Thursday, Sept. 29 with a Homecoming Skating Party from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Orbit Skating Rink in Huber Heights.

Sept. 30 brings 'Campus Tours For the Culture' at 4 p.m. and the 'All Black Everything' party from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Most events take place on Saturday, Oct. 1, including 'Kickback at the Cookout Tailgate Party,' 'Campus Tour for the Culture,' 'Dr. Harvey E. Flack Battle of the Greeks Stroll Off' and 'BLACKtie Signature Gala.'

According to Mann, the 'Dr. Harvey E. Flack Battle of the Greeks Stroll Off' was renamed this year to honor Dr. Harvey E. Flack, the first African-American President of WSU. Organizers will announce a scholarship recipient during this event, with prize money awarded to the top three National Pan-Hellenic Council winners of the event, according to Mann.

Sunday concludes the Homecoming Weekend with 'Day Party and Brunch' from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"I am most intrigued to meet some alumni and enjoy the Black community coming together as a whole," junior Jasmine Reeves said.

Students can purchase tickets for BLACKtie through the universe ticket portal.

WSU to Create Intel-Driven Curriculum Programs

Trey Brown

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- News

With a new facility in Licking County, Intel has released grants to institutions across the state to prepare students for potential career opportunities.

Intel's investment

According to a press release from Intel, the company will spend more than \$20 billion to build two chip factories in Ohio to facilitate the needs of the growing semiconductor industry.

Intel has awarded funding to several universities to support this initiative. According to an excerpt posted by Wright State University, these institutions include the University of Cincinnati, Central State University, the Ohio State University, Columbus State Community College, Kent State University, Lorain County Community College and Ohio University.

WSU's involvement

Dr. Subhashini Ganapathy worked at Intel for six years before coming to WSU as an associate professor and now Chair of the 'Intel Initiative.' Ganapathy oversaw proposal development that landed WSU a partnership with UC and CSU.

According to the initiative chair, the UC-led proposal allows WSU to collaborate with other universities to help create curriculum that supports semiconductor, microelectronics and microfabrication manufacturing.

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Ganapathy elucidated that this partnership will result in a pipeline of cross-training for students and faculty across a range of institutions in Ohio. With this new curriculum in place, students will be prepared to work at technology companies, such as Intel.

The CSU-led grant will see a close partnership with WSU to help create a semiconductor program and facility. WSU already has resources and proficiencies available to facilitate this development at CSU, according to Ganapathy.

“We will use those capabilities to train some of the Central State students, as well as consult with them and advise them on how to build a microfabrication lab there,” Ganapathy said.

One of those resources includes a new cleanroom facility, which is used to train students in fabrication, or the invention of products and materials.

Ganapathy also explained that multiple departments, from Physics to Computer Science to Business, will work together to develop the curriculum. The project is a sprawling endeavor that Ganapathy hopes will provide more options for students post-degree.

“It opens up more options for students, and I think that will be exciting for them. You don’t have to go to California to work at a tech company,” Ganapathy said.

Dr. Ivan Medvedev, Chair of the Department of Physics, shares a similar level of excitement about the opportunities that the collaborative curriculum design affords.

According to Medvedev, one of the aims of the department is to extend the preexisting microfabrication course by providing more intimate class sizes and adding more intensive coursework.

“Ultimately, I think this will allow us to establish the dialogue with Intel, and hopefully other semiconductor manufacturers, to put us on the map of the semiconductor industry,” Medvedev said.

Physics major Neil Pohl believes that the curriculum from these grant proposals will be positive for the department.

“I’m excited for the future students,” Pohl said. “We have new management, and we’re trying to grow right now, so I can see this being a very good thing for our department.”

Men's Basketball: Games to Look Forward To

- Noah Kindig
- September 27, 2022
- Sports

With a few key pieces missing from last season and a few more brought in, the men's basketball coach has prepared a schedule of games for players and fans to look forward to.

Non-conference play: new and old faces

After a defining previous season for Wright State basketball, including a 1-point League Tournament win over its biggest rival and its first ever National Collegiate Athletic Association Division 1 Tournament win, the Raiders now look to repeat that performance this year.

For a team that has lost big pieces since last season, WSU may have scheduled its most formidable opponent for its very first game, squaring off against Davidson on Nov. 9 at home.

The Wildcats team is coming off of its best season in the Atlantic 10, finishing 15-3 and earning a 10 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

The two opponents have never met before, and an A10 matchup could predict how Raider basketball will fare against other A10 conference teams, such as the University of Dayton Flyers.

The second home game is against a familiar in-state opponent, the Bowling Green Falcons, on Nov. 15. The Falcons had a less impressive previous season than the Raiders, with a 6-14 record in the Mid-American Conference; but, an in-state rivalry with a long history should bring a challenge to the Raiders and an exciting atmosphere inside the Nutter Center.

"Our non-conference schedule will be competitive and entertaining for our fans," Head Coach Scott Nagy said in a press release. "This schedule will prepare us for a tough Horizon League slate that starts as early as December."

Conference play: An even bigger rivalry

WSU's rivalries with in-conference teams were heating up more than ever, as it took the conference title with a win over the Cleveland State Vikings and a win over its biggest rival, the Northern Kentucky University Norse, 72-71.

After being down 16 points in the second half, WSU managed a victory and moved onto the NCAA tournament while NKU's season came to an end, despite beating WSU twice in the regular season.

"For the games in Indianapolis, we had all lost our voices," WSU's Dance Team President Camryn Harrell said. "We were losing our minds, and it never occurred to us that we may get as far as we did."

This season, WSU will face its rival on the road on Dec. 29 and at home on Feb. 10.

"Darren [Horn] always does a great job. They're good defensively, and they are good offensively. They're hard for us to guard, they're physical. It's not easy," Nagy said.

After the devastating loss for the Norse and the win for the Raiders, both teams will come into the WSU-NKU rivalry with big things to prove.

Sports Bar at Wright State? New Task Force to Explore Possibility

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- Trey Brown
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- News

A recent resolution from the student governing board will create a strategic task force to help facilitate initiatives on campus. Here's what to know about this new team.

The task force

Survey data that the previous Student Government Association compiled last year inspired the creation of the task force; the survey data revealed that a majority of students wanted a sports bar on campus, according to SGA President Blake Bailey, who reviewed those results and determined that a task force would be a good way to follow up.

"I was like, okay, well I would love to make a task force that would figure out how we can do that," Bailey said.

SGA passed the resolution to assemble the student task force on Aug. 23, 2022.

According to Bailey, the task force will be available as a resource for future SGA administrations and will be responsible for forming proposals for large scale initiatives on campus.

Dean of Students Chris Taylor observed that the creation of this task force will create a consistent flow between annual administrations and initiatives.

"Some of those projects take multi years, that's the challenge for particularly an SGA presidency," Taylor said. "So, hopefully part of that is, you know, let's try to put something in that other administrations can pick up and continue to perpetuate."

Sports-themed dining facility

The first major initiative that the group will research and potentially propose is a sports-themed dining facility. This building will potentially serve as a new hangout spot for students looking to catch a game or talk to friends, according to Bailey.

Bailey reflected that data revealed an overwhelming number of students were interested in this idea.

“I don’t have the exact number, but I do know that it was more than 80 percent, and that’s something I noticed from last year,” Bailey said. “If this overwhelming amount of students that I represent wants this, then that’s what I’m gonna do.”

According to Taylor, students at an advanced leadership retreat earlier this year presented large initiatives on this scale. Taylor served as one of the judges on the feedback panel at the event. Taylor noticed that most of the presentations were related to establishing a new hangout space on campus.

“Of the nine presentations, I think five, in some way shape or form, identified a campus gathering space that could serve multi-purposes different than what we have now for gathering spaces,” Taylor said.

Some current spots on campus where students can relax are the Student Union and the Hangar. According to the Student Union event [page](#), The Rathskeller, which was a former gathering space in the Union, had a similar scope to the sports-themed dining facility.

Also from the SU event [page](#), The Rathskeller was available to students, faculty, staff and off-campus groups for different events like poetry slams, movie nights and karaoke.

While the project will not be tangible for a few years, ideally it will be open to students, alumni, faculty, staff and the entire WSU community, according to Bailey and Taylor.

Adam Randolph, a two-time graduate from WSU, said that as an alumni, the sports bar facility is an interesting idea because of its potential to bring people together through sports, but ultimately it’s not of major interest.

“As just alumni, I would kind of say that honestly I don’t care. Just honestly,” Randolph said. “As a student, yeah, I think that would be a nice little hangout spot.”

The sports-themed dining facility is still in the preliminary phase, with no further updates on its development.

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“It’ll be open to anyone, ideally, but again that’s nothing we’ve planned yet,” Bailey said.

Dayton's Not Dead: Peifer Orchards and Farm Market

- Elayna Storts
- September 28, 2022
- Wright Life

Peifer Orchards in Yellow Springs is a family-owned and operated farm that grows and locally sources a variety of produce, including pumpkins, apples, berries, peaches, sunflowers and much more.

How the business started

Emma Peifer-Burns' father, John Peifer, started the orchard in 1994, the year Peifer-Burns was born. According to Peifer-Burns, Peifer realized how much fun it was, seeing that the project could become a business and a way to earn a living wage.

The initial project started as a hobby with only 200 apple trees; now, the business has 4,000 apple trees.

As the business grew larger in 2004, the orchard moved to its current location on route 68.

Family

According to Peifer-Burns, family and friends band together to help run the farm, especially in the busy fall season.

"It's always been a family thing. I'm a homebody. I actually went to Wright State and my husband, he went there too. We both love being in this community. I love working with my family and getting to be with my family," Peifer-Burns said.

Peifer-Burns mentioned a great experience growing up on the farm and an excitement to share that with others, especially kids.

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“I have a four-month-old, so we’re really excited to have her grow up here and be a part of this too,” Peifer-Burns said.

Peifer-Burns’ mother-in-law, Margaret Burns, also helps with the business.

“I just love being here, it feels good to be here, you know. The customers are fantastic overall, and it keeps me in touch with my son, my granddaughter and my daughter-in-law,” Burns said.

Activities

During the fall, the orchard has U-pick pumpkins and apples, where customers can pick crops or buy from the pre-picked items.

The main barn houses the farm market with locally sourced goods and produce, such as maple syrup, honey and baked goods. According to Peifer-Burns, the family and workers press apples from the orchard to make fresh cider as well.

The orchard is open from June through December and is located at 4590 U.S. 68 North in Yellow Springs. The current hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the orchard’s [official website](#).

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WSU Welcomes New Director of Choral Studies

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Wright State University performing arts school welcomes new professor Dr. Nathan Nagir, who oversees all choral programs in the new fine and performing arts school.

Background and goals

Nagir began a 15-year journey of music education in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean, joining choir at just eight years old.

“I was very bossy as a kid, so I needed to find a career that would allow me to tell people what to do, and what other better opportunity than to be a choir director, telling choirs how to fix their sound, how to shape certain things, just pretty much telling them what to do,” Nagir said.

At the age of 25, Nagir moved to the United States to pursue music, which was unavailable in the twin isles, at Texas State University in 2017. In the spring of 2022, the director finished doctoral studies at The University of Texas at Austin, which accepts one person to the Doctor of Musical Arts – Choral Conducting program.

Despite offers from an alma mater, Nagir chose WSU because of the director position and potential of the program.

“When I came here and I auditioned, I really liked hearing the stories of some of these kids, or at least from faculty,” Nagir said. “There are a lot of kids here who are not as privileged or not as wealthy or come from wealthy families, and I understand that because I came from that sort of system as well, where you want to help as best as you can. Kids and students who have that potential, you want to give them the same resources.”

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Nagir hopes to provide resources and support that were personally unavailable growing up. One way that Nagir is expressing this is through separation of choirs by vocal tone, such as tenor and treble-bass, rather than gender.

“A lot of students are identifying differently and rightly so. We need to make these accommodations for so that we all feel more comfortable,” Nagir said.

Assistant Director of the LGBTQ+ Center Emily Yantis-Houser agrees with this new approach.

“I think it makes a lot of sense to follow the music and the tones rather than the gender. It opens up the possibilities or opportunities for folks because outside of being inclusive of all genders, there may be folks that have varying tones that present as one gender or the other, but they can’t be a part of it because it’s ‘men’ or ‘women,’” Yantis-Houser said.

Students of choral studies

Voice Performance and Music Education major Cyerra Pemberton voiced positive thoughts about Nagir.

“Dr. Nathan Nagir has been such a wonderful addition to the WSU choral program. He is energetic, friendly and very dedicated to pushing our ensembles toward greatness. Dr. Nagir does a wonderful job of sharing his experiences and wisdom with students,” Pemberton said.

Nagir finds that one of the most rewarding parts of the position is seeing how students grow over time.

“It’s sort of interesting to me to see where the students have started, where they come from at the beginning of the semester, all of the habits, all of the things that they might not know how to do and have an idea but not know how to execute it, as opposed to getting to the end of the semester where they are now,” Nagir said. “Sometimes they fail and then have to rebuild, which is all a part of it.”

WSU to Apply for Campus Safety Grant

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- Angela Davis
- September 29, 2022
- News

Wright State University plans to apply for a new Ohio safety grant to fund security updates throughout the campus community.

The grant

On Sept. 12, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the Ohio Campus Safety Grant Program with an application period for the state's public institutions of higher education.

The new program makes available five million dollars in grant funds to any public institution that completes the application and takes the required security and vulnerability assessment, according to the press release. The application to receive grant funding is currently open and will run until Oct. 12.

"These grants will help fund vital safety and security upgrades to assist campus law enforcement agencies and area first responders," Director of Ohio Department of Public Safety Tom Stickrath said in the release.

University application

According to Wright State University Director of Communications Seth Bauguess, the university plans to apply for the grant but has not yet completed the vulnerability assessment or submitted the application.

Between August and September, four of 13 reports on the campus crime logs were related to theft, property damage or breaking and entering. DeWine noted in the press release that eligible expenses

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for campus safety grant funds include security cameras and secure doors, among other uses, which may help prevent the aforementioned offenses.

WSU Director of Public Safety Kurt Holden hopes the university will receive a campus safety grant.

“We are always looking for ways to make Wright State safer, and this grant will provide us an opportunity to do just that,” Holden said.

Governor Dewine explained the reason for the grant initiative.

“Everyone should be able to learn in a safe, supportive environment so they can succeed both inside and outside the classroom,” Governor DeWine affirmed in the statement.

WSU and Inclusivity: Issues and Opportunities



- Alexis Lewis
- September 30, 2022
- Wright Life



One local organization is promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace on Wright State University's campus and beyond.

About the organization

Since its founding in 1978, nonprofit National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton's mission has been opposing bigotry and discrimination while promoting inclusion and justice. According to the official NCCJ website, the principles of the organization are inclusion, integrity, justice and potential for change.

NCCJ Executive Director Adriane Miller explained how NCCJ can intersect with college settings through interactive workshops, which create a foundation of common language through small and large group discussions.

Adriane Miller noted that the diversity of WSU creates opportunities for inclusive dialogue.

"So, being able to bring people together and help them realize that we're more alike than different and that those things that make us unique make us beautiful, you know, versus a reason to not connect, you know, whether that be a language or a physical disability, you know, so seeing that we are a lot more alike than different," Adriane Miller said.

Emilia Ranalli, member of Asian Student Association and Asian Native American Council, echoed these sentiments about diversity in the Culture and Identity Centers.

"It's really nice to just see, like, a bunch of different people with a bunch of different backgrounds, and, like, a lot of intersectionality because a lot of us don't just belong in one either, you know. I think for me, it's just like a wide spread of people with, like, different experiences," Ranalli said.

Adriane Miller described the impact of discussions about similarities, differences and inclusion.

"If [students] can become a strong advocate, then they can pass it along to other people, which will hopefully then help permeate into many different parts of the community," Adriane Miller said.

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NCCJ Director of Education Lake Miller acknowledged the discomfort of conversation and advocacy.

“The important piece about this is, it’s not going to be easy, right? And, like, going into the understanding that it’s going to be hard. There’s going to be times that are going to be uncomfortable, but those discomfort moments are growing pains, right?” Lake Miller said.

Struggles for inclusion on campus

Lake Miller expressed the most frequent discrimination issue in and out of the classrooms.

“One of the biggest issues that I’m seeing right now is microaggressions or just this disconnect between intent and impact,” Lake Miller said.

Ranalli expressed struggles outside the individual perspective, focusing on organization- and institution-based difficulties.

“I’ve definitely noticed that with administration or like bigger orgs it’s been really hard to, like, get our voices out there and, like, be taken seriously. I feel like we’ve had to jump through a lot of hoops since I’ve been around to get stuff done,” Ranalli said. “I know I felt pretty ignored and just like not taken seriously.”

Despite these feelings, Lake Miller mentioned positive opportunities for places like WSU to be places for students to express true identities to a receptive community.

Moving forward

Lake Miller mentioned different opportunities for students to increase awareness and involvement with diverse and inclusive programs. NCCJ welcomes college student interns, with other local grassroots opportunities available; Lake Miller encourages students to be educated, pursue change and do work in these organizational and individual areas, including on-campus programs.

“It doesn’t matter who you are, how old you are, where you come from, what your experiences are, you have something of value to add. You have important experiences to share.”

NCCJ is located at 118 W First St Suite 630 in Dayton. Students can contact NCCJ Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 937-222-6225. WSU Inclusive Excellence is located in 280 University Hall with a contact number at 937-775-2087.

Hispanic Heritage Month

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This Hispanic Heritage Month, the Wright State University campus community can get involved and attend a number of events on and off campus to celebrate the achievements, influence and culture of Hispanic Americans.

What is the month about?

Hispanic Heritage Month takes place from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

The celebration runs mid-month because many Spanish-speaking countries experience independence days within that time frame and is in-place to remember and recognize the contributions of the Hispanic/Latino community, according to Assistant Director of the Latino Center Catherine Hernandez-Hogan.

The Latino population continues to be the largest growing population in the nation, with Wright State University being 3.6 percent Latino, according to Hernandez-Hogan.

With that knowledge, the lack of representation and support across the country puzzles Hernandez-Hogan.

“[NHHM] benefits [Hispanic students] because they are seeing themselves represented. Oftentimes, they do not see themselves represented in the classroom, whether it be faculty or, I mean, oftentimes students will tell me ‘I’m, like, the only Latino in my class, or in my major,’” Hernandez-Hogan said.

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This month is about showcasing the contributions and experiences of the Hispanic/Latino community coupled with culture, music and food.

Events

There are many ways to get involved and show NHHM support this month.

On Saturday, Oct. 8 from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Latino Center and the Amigos Latinos Alumni Society will sponsor a gala to raise money for scholarships specifically for Latino WSU students, according to Hernandez-Hogan.

Additionally, a variety of festivals took place this past week. Second year student Markus Perry commented on one such event.

“I attended one in Cincinnati where there was live music, there were games, lots of good food. The food is always the best part. It was just a great time to interact and mingle,” Perry said.

How to show support

There are additional ways that students can be involved and show the Latino community support.

“Try to find some shows that showcase Latino creatives, whether they be the artists or the writers. Those who love to read books, be intentional about finding a Latino, you know, writer or author,” Hernandez-Hogan said.

According to Perry, student’s should immerse themselves in something new, make a new friend that is Hispanic/Latino, learn about the culture or stop by the Latino Center to get involved.

All students can join in on the celebration and fun.

“You do not have to be Latino to be a friend,” Hernandez-Hogan said.

Students can join vast amounts of events happening on and off campus celebrating NHHM, El Mes de la Herencia Hispana. For more information, visit the [WSU Latino Center website](#).