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Winter Activities to Partake In

- Elayna Storts
- December 1, 2022
- Wright Life

As winter approaches and the holiday season beckons, here is a guide detailing what activities are occurring in the coming months.

Five Rivers MetroParks Ice Rink

The outdoor ice skating rink is located under the pavilion at RiverScape MetroPark, 237 E. Monument Ave. The rink will be open from Nov. 25, 2022 to Feb. 26, 2023.

Visitors can enjoy skating on the rink for \$7, and for those under three years of age, admission is free. Season passes are also available via the MetroParks [website](#). Ice skates are also accessible to rent for \$3.

Pictures with Santa

The Greene Town Center located in Beavercreek will offer pictures with Santa between Nov. 19 and Dec. 24.

Sledding

There are many areas in the community where folks can enjoy sledding. Some of those spots include the Community Golf Course by Hills & Dales MetroPark, Englewood MetroPark, Germantown MetroPark, Indian Riffle Park, Taylorsville MetroPark and Wright Memorial Park.

The Cincinnati Zoo

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Take a trip with the family or a significant other to Cincinnati to see the zoo and botanical garden. The Festival of Lights will surely make it an extra special visit. The festival is open now until Jan. 8, 2023. There is even a sensory-friendly Santa for the little ones to experience.

The Dayton Art Institute

Head over to the Dayton Art Institute where children can go for free and students get discounts with student identification cards.

Now through Jan. 15, 2023 there is a special exhibit on “American Myth & Memory” with a focus on the photography of David Levinthal, as well as exhibitions from Joe Fig and Netsuke and the Art of Little Wonders.

Victoria Theatre

Victoria Theater in downtown Dayton features special events and live theater.

From Dec. 16 to Dec. 18, 2022, performances of the “Million Dollar Quartet Christmas” will be open to the public, and from Jan. 12 to Jan. 25, 2023, “Disney’s The Little Mermaid”.

Tickets can be purchased via Dayton Live.

Sexual Assault Awareness on Campus

- Zachariah Smith
- December 1, 2022
- Wright Life

With recent sexual assault crimes on campus, Wright State University staff share resources to help victims and provide education.

Sexual assault on college campuses

Since Sept. 1, 2022, there has been four incidents of sexual offences on the Wright State campus, with a fifth account of voyeurism occurring on Nov. 10 in Rike Hall. Two of these cases occurred within a week of each other, on Oct. 21 and 25, according to the WSU Police Department crime log. For three of the four sexual assaults, the victim was female with a the forth victim being a male. Three of the four assaults are also currently under investigation with the fourth having all leads exhausted.

Isabel Harney-Davila, a graduate assistant at the Culture & Identity Centers, voiced an insight into the resources the Women's Center provides.

"The Women's Center is a designated space for women, or those who identify as women, with the intended purpose to be a safe space for women on campus," Harney-Davila explained.

The center also provides women and gender programs, feminine hygiene products at the personal care pantry and sexual assault victim resources, according to Harney-Davila, who also expressed the need to take precautions in light of the two recent October cases.

"It's more of a reminder that it's still an issue on campus. I also walk to and from class early in the morning and late at night, so that reminded me, even though I haven't had any issues with it, that it still exists," Harney-Davila expressed.

Harney-Davila also exhibited personal precautions, such as asking WSUPD for a ride or taking an uber home, while urging other people on campus to do the same, especially at late times.

WSU alum Jules Mae communicated the predictability of these incidents on campus.

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“I’m honestly not surprised, which is terrible. It’s so common, these aren’t the first two times this has happened, and it just continually enforces the idea that being on campus isn’t safe,” Mae said.

WSU response

Wright State is currently working on a partnership with the Young Women’s Christian Association of Dayton, according to Emily Yantis-Houser, the Assistant Director of the LGBTQA Center.

“We’re working on a partnership through the university to provide sexual violence advocacy for students on campus. What that means is we would have a sexual violence advocate on campus several times a week to meet with survivors,” Yantis-Houser said.

Furthermore, Kurt Holden, Chief of Public Safety at Wright State, provided events and resources for people following the cases.

“The police department works closely with Student Advocacy & Wellness and Counseling & Wellness to assist with support and resources,” Holden said.

The WSUPD are currently offering Sexual Assault Awareness and Power Based-Violence & Online Dating educational training every Monday. WSUPD also collaborates with Fairborn Police Department for people interested in self-defense classes, according to Holden.

Holden also commented on the Police Departments’ take on the recent cases.

“I can tell you that the police department takes these incidents very seriously and are actively looking into the matters,” Holden said.

For more information on the resources for sexual assault victims, visit the [gender-based violence webpage](#) or the [Women’s Center page](#). Contact WSUPD at 937-775-2111 or local police at 911 in emergency cases or when immediate care is necessary.

Columbus Blue Jackets Battling Injuries, Will Make a Comeback?

- Alexis Lewis
- December 2, 2022
- News

With a new superstar addition to the team this year, the Columbus Blue Jackets are navigating injuries with the leadership from some veteran standouts.

Recent injuries

Defensemen Zach Werenski will likely be out the rest of the regular season with a separated shoulder and torn labrum suffered on Nov. 10. Werenski had eight points before the injury, playing about 17 minutes per game.

Goalie Elvis Merzlikins sustained a hip injury on Nov. 15 and is expected to be out one to two weeks. The mononymous goalie known simply as “Elvis” posted 1,742 saves in the 2021-2022 season, standing out as a fan-favorite.

Left wing Patrik Laine is expected to miss three to four weeks after a collision with teammate Cole Sillinger caused an ankle injury on Nov. 16. Laine has a history of injuries, being out over 20 games last season.

Other notable injuries include Alexandre Texier for personal reasons and right wing Justin Danforth with a torn labrum.

Superstar to the rescue(?)

After spending the past nine years with the Calgary Flames, and scoring 210 goals while there, left wing Johnny Gaudreau made the blockbuster move to Columbus.

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In the first 18 games, Gaudreau has given the Blue Jackets 18 points, with 12 points in the first 14 games, according to the team's official statistics page. While Gaudreau is still getting used to the vibes in Columbus and throughout the league, the winger shows potential to lead the team, even as a newcomer.

Injuries and losing streaks have made the Columbus team fall to eighth place in the Metropolitan Division. Although Gaudreau has broken through to be a team-leading scorer, the outlook for the rest of the season is unknown and even shaky; the team has fallen to the bottom of the barrel on both offense and defense.

Despite the numbers, the aura in Columbus seems to point onward and upwards.

Aye aye, captain

After a rocky start to the season, captain Boone Jenner, leader of the first line and member of the top power-play unit, might just be the backbone that will help provide stability and durability throughout the season, if the injury curse does not hit the 6-foot-2 center.

As the second-leading point scorer and highest goal scorer for the team, Jenner's history has shown that the captain can lead the Blue Jackets through murky waters, including during the 4-0 series win against the Tampa Bay Lightning in the 2019 Eastern Conference first round.

Season outlook

With upcoming games against the Winnipeg Jets, Detroit Red Wings and Pittsburgh Penguins, the Blue Jackets will need to press forward, capitalizing on scoring opportunities and utilizing man-advantages.

Without Laine, Werenski and Texier, the rest of the season might lay in the hands of a newcomer and a veteran.

Breaking: Area Filmmaker and Former Faculty Member Julia Reichert Passes

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- Jamie Naylor
- December 2, 2022
- News

Former Wright State University faculty member and award-winning area filmmaker Julia Reichert passes, leaving a legacy of activism and inspiration for future documentarians.

Legacy

According to a Tweet from WSU's College of Liberal Arts, Reichert passed away Thursday while in Hospice care. As her loved ones and those who knew her grieve, her fans reflect on the legacy the activist left behind.

Reichert, originally from New Jersey, was a WSU professor in the motion pictures department teaching film production for 28 years, according to a newsroom release. In addition to teaching, Reichert was a filmmaker specializing in documentaries and nonfiction films.

Her films include "American Factory," which won an Oscar, one of the most prestigious academy awards, "Growing up Female," "Seeing Red" and "Union Maids," among other works. Due to her work and focus on minority communities, the filmmaker is dubbed the "godmother of documentaries."

A handful of Reichert's films focused on issues and stories in the Dayton area, such as her work on "American Factory," which focused on a local General Motors plant.

She is survived by her daughter Lela Klein.

Amigos Latinos Host Festive End-of-Semester Event

- Emily Mancuso
- December 2, 2022
- Wright Life

Amigos Latinos collaborated with the Latino Center to host the third La Comida this semester, concluding the series with a festive theme on Thursday, Dec.1 in the Pathfinder Lounge.

Event

The event began with dozens of students of all ages ready for the 12 p.m. start time, when students sang Christmas karaoke while enjoying tamales and Brazilian chocolates.

According to President of Amigos Latinos Mariangely Bonilla Custodio, La Colombiana, a local Latin restaurant, catered food for the event. In previous La Comida events, this catering sold out in just 20 minutes.

Students also enjoyed the various cultural presentations on Latin countries and territories such as Mexico, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Brazil and Guatemala, which highlighted the diversity of Latino culture through holiday traditions.

According to the Amigos Latinos leadership, the organization has planned the event since the beginning of the semester. A few weeks ago, the group started seriously putting the event together.

Significance

While La Comida translates to “food” in English, it means a lot more to Amigos Latinos and the Latino Center.

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“Celebrating Christmas is very important to the Latino culture,” Assistant Director of the Latino Center Catherine Hernandez Hogan said. “We wanted to be able to showcase our traditions.”

These traditions included catering Latino food, playing games like dominoes and singing Christmas carols.

According to Hernandez Hogan, Latinos represent approximately three percent of the student body, emphasizing the need to represent this group and provide a safe space for the Latino population.

President Bonilla Custodio echoed this sentiment in a reflection of the first La Comida.

“La Comida is an event where we celebrate different moments in the semester with our campus family and friends by giving free food to students and faculty on campus,” Bonilla Custodio said. “Doing this provides a sense of belonging to all of our Latino students.”

Students can look forward to more La Comidas next semester and attend the Latino Graduation on Dec. 6. For more information about the organization and its events during the upcoming semester, visit [Amigos Latinos' Engage page](#).

Men's Basketball Suffers Upset in Conference Opener

- Noah Kindig
- December 4, 2022
- Men's Basketball
- Sports

The first night of Horizon League play did not bring the start to the season that Wright State men's basketball had hoped for as the Robert Morris Colonials upset the Raiders 59-80 on Thursday night.

Meaning of the loss

The loss was the first time in history that RMU had beaten WSU in men's basketball.

After the loss, both players and coaches for WSU were impressed with the performance of the Colonials but were disappointed with how the Raider team played in front of its home crowd.

"They were hungry, and we weren't," Scott Nagy, head coach for WSU, said. "It was really clear. I've not watched one of our teams very often in my career, just, I don't know [what] the word is, just in terms of being out-hustled and outplayed."

What went wrong

The season opener going this badly for WSU points to struggles on both sides of the court, but especially defensive issues. Aside from a double-overtime loss to Davidson, this score had the highest points from an opponent all year.

The Colonials shot a 52.5% clip from the field on Thursday night, which all comes down to poor defensive effort on WSU's part. The Raider team did not track down loose balls like it usually does and left 3-point shots wide open.

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The Raiders have averaged 53% shooting so far this season, but struggles on defense diminished the momentum of WSU's offense, with the team shooting only 41.5% from the floor.

For Keaton Norris, sophomore guard for WSU, some bad practices leading up to the game took WSU out of its flow.

"I think it just started with practice, honestly," Norris said. "After Thanksgiving break, we didn't have any good practices. We just can't have that leading up to big games like these, and it showed out there tonight."

That momentum translated to all aspects of the game as well, with RMU out-rebounding the Raiders 33-23 and totaling 11 steals to WSU's 4.

Turn to Sunday

The Raider team might need time to reflect on its opener, but it will not be afforded that luxury. The Youngstown State Penguins will come to the Nutter Center on Sunday, and both WSU and YSU will be hungry for a first conference win.

For senior Tim Finke, difficult losses are a part of the sport. The next few games will show how the Raiders respond to the frustration of losing its conference opener.

"Every team I've ever been on, stuff like this has happened," Finke said. "It's just how we'll respond to it now. That's the most important thing, we've got to get past it."

The Raiders started off worse last season but still ended up winning the conference tournament. Recovering from these losses means sticking together and remembering there is a long season ahead.

"I think it's just sticking together, not coming in with our heads down moping about it," Finke said. "It's a long season, and I always think back to the previous years, every year stuff happened."

Events on Campus Week of Dec. 5

- Alexis Lewis
- December 5, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Dec. 5 include Late Night Breakfast, organization meetings and Hot Cocoa with Delta Zeta.

Monday, Dec. 5

7:30 p.m. | Hospitality Services Late Night Breakfast | Student Union Market

Tuesday, Dec. 6

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7

4:30 p.m. | Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity Study Tables | Rike 060

Thursday, Dec. 8

10 a.m. | Hot Cocoa with Delta Zeta | SU Market Table 01

Saturday, Dec. 10

7 a.m. | Campus Recreation 10,000 Islands Sea Kayaking | 10,000 Islands, Florida

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Sunday, Dec. 11

11 a.m. | Catholic Campus Ministry Mass | CCM

Women's Volleyball Falls to Georgia Tech 0-3

- Noah Kindig
- December 5, 2022
- Sports
- Volleyball

A historic season for Wright State volleyball has come to an end after a 0-3 loss to Georgia Tech in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The loss

The Horizon League powerhouse with 23 wins in a row was not enough to break through the Yellow Jackets, as the Atlantic Coast Conference team was too fast and too tall for the Raiders.

“It was a great opportunity for our team to play a great opponent in Georgia Tech,” Travers Green, head coach for WSU, said. “I don’t think it was anything we did. It was just, the Georgia Tech team was a really good team, and they certainly challenged us in a lot of different areas.”

The match

The Raiders went into the match knowing it would be the most difficult of the year, but that still did not help against the quick attack and height advantage of the Yellow Jackets.

The 6-foot-2 Erin Moss and the 6-foot-5 Julia Bergmann were too dominant in the middle for WSU to handle, especially with its quick setting, as Georgia Tech would total 41 kills to WSU’s 27.

WSU’s best set was its final of the night, as the team jumped to a 4-2 start in the third, but even after some adjustments, the Yellow Jackets were still the dominant side; but, the Raiders showed some confidence and grit against No. 13 Georgia Tech.

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“It was our last shot to go out there and give it all that we got, and we had a little better of a mentality going into it,” Jenna Story, a fifth-year senior for WSU, said. “I think that helped with our confidence and our composure and everything.”

As the set would be the last for several players on the WSU roster, it was important to play for each other and keep fighting for the whole team.

“We went out there playing for each other,” Sam Ott, an outside hitter for the Raiders, said. “For our seniors, that could possibly be their last set, and so we talked in the huddle, and we were like, ‘Let’s just go out and play for each other, we have nothing to lose.’”

Look to next season

From a win streak record to individual player records, this season has brought a lot of success to Green’s first year as a head coach. For Green, that comes from how welcoming the team was to new ideas.

“We’ve had some unbelievable accomplishments throughout the season, and then you’re looking forward to winning our conference championship and then looking forward to this,” Green said. “I think what will always stand out about this group is how welcoming they have been.”

Jenna Story grabbed the third place spot this year for career digs in NCAA history, and the whole roster would combine in the conference tournament to take home a championship.

For Green, in order to keep building this program forward, it comes down to facing tougher opponents in non-conference to continue the experiences the team gained in the NCAA tournament.

“We faced some tougher opponents, but we didn’t really face a lot of teams like Georgia Tech,” Green said. “I’ll try to schedule in a way so that we can experience some of that, but I think the team is also aware of some things that we have to get better at to play at this level.”

News Round-Up Week of Dec. 5

- News Team
- December 5, 2022
- News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Dec. 5, 2022.

Local

Julia Reichert passes

Julia Reichert, documentary and nonfiction filmmaker and former WSU film production teacher, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 1 in Hospice care.

Reichert is known for Oscar-winning “American Factory,” which details how one Chinese company reopens an abandoned General Motors plant. Readers can learn more about Reichert in the breaking story.

Division VII OHSAA Championship

The New Bremen Cardinals won the Division VII Ohio High School Athletic Association state championship on Dec. 3 against the John F. Kennedy Catholic Eagles with a score of 38-6, according to a Tweet from the Cardinals.

National

The Mauna Loa volcano on the island of Hawaii began erupting on Nov. 28 for the first time in 38 years, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Four vents opened over the course of the next few days, and lava began to flow from the volcano. As of Dec. 1, two fissure vents remain active.

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The eruption is causing disruptions to the lives of many Hawaiians. Governor David Ige issued an emergency proclamation on Nov. 28 to address anticipated concerns.

According to Ige, the eruption includes the spread of volcanic gasses and ash plume over the counties of Hawaii and Maui, as well as possible continued seismic activity.

Ige's proclamation allows for the activation of the Major Disaster Fund, the protection of critical infrastructure, appropriate actions for emergency management and assistance in emergency response efforts.

Global

President of the United States Joe Biden and President of France Emmanuel Macron met on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022 in Washington, D.C. to discuss a variety of issues ranging from economic integrity to space travel and climate change, according to a joint statement from the White House.

"This special occasion reaffirms a relationship founded on more than two centuries of friendship, economic partnership, defense and security cooperation, and shared commitment to democratic principles, values, and institutions," the statement reads.

According to the statement, this meeting allowed the two leaders to build on a prior joint statement established on Oct. 29, 2021 regarding security, climate change and democracy.

How University Policies Change: Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee

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- Trey Brown
- December 6, 2022
- News

The Undergraduate Academic Policy committee makes decisions about policies regarding undergraduate academic experience. Here are some voices from the committees that play a role in this process.

Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee

According to Dr. Geoffrey Owens, co-chair of the UAPC, the group is a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate, which is a much larger committee that makes decisions about curriculum.

The UAPC makes decisions in consultation with the provost, Dr. Amy Thompson, and the president of the university, Dr. Sue Edwards. Owens explained that the flow of deliberation typically starts with a request from either the executive committee of the Faculty Senate or from the provost.

“If they feel like we need to change policy regarding curriculum, what they’ll do is ask us to update, review, draft new policies that affect undergraduate academic stuff,” Owens said.

The co-chair of the committee said that these items could revolve around the kinds of classes offered, grade point average calculation information, syllabus requirements, graduation requirements or other areas of academic rework.

Example of the committee at work

The Faculty Senate approved a revision that the UAPC provided, which matched policy 3370.1, the Fresh Start Policy, with the requirements of policy 3640.1, which covers graduating with Latin Honors.

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The committee and senate made the revision to the Fresh Start Policy based on the language used in the Graduating with Latin Honors policy; college credits that a student received from a different university will now factor into the graduating with honors calculation.

The Faculty Senate approved the revision to the Fresh Start Policy during a meeting held on Sept. 19, 2022.

According to Faculty Senate President Dr. Brian Boyd, the committee put the recommendation to change the requirements in the Fresh Start Policy on the senate's agenda in April 2022, after the committees revised the Graduating with Latin Honors policy on Feb. 2, 2020.

Owens suggested that the change was all about timing, stating that the revised Latin Honors policy had to go through the approval process, which included Faculty Senate voting. Once the senate approved that revision, the next task was to make sure other policies matched accordingly.

"We change a major policy, and then we have to go and scan through all the other policies to see if they need to be adjusted to match the new language of the policy," Owens said.

Staying updated about policy changes

The WSU policy index, which provides the details of all of the policies that apply to the university, is available for public viewing.

Individuals who are interested in curriculum decisions from the Faculty Senate can attend a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. in the Endeavor Room of the Student Union. This is also available for attendance through WebEx. For more information about this meeting, see the senate's agenda and schedule [here](#).

Rural Family Medicine Residency to Welcome First Cohort

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- Angela Davis
- December 7, 2022
- Wright Life

Wright State University's Rural Family Medicine Residency program will welcome its first cohort of three residents beginning in 2023 with funds from government grant.

Rural family medicine

In 2020, the Health Resources Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, awarded a grant to the WSU Boonshoft School of Medicine. The Rural Residency Planning and Development Program grant, a value of \$750,000, provided funds to establish a new residency program in rural family medicine.

The WSU BSoM was the only grant recipient in the state of Ohio, according to the HRSA grant awards database.

According to Dr. Carlos Menendez, program director of the rural family medicine residency, the residency program that Wright State and Greenville establishes will be the only rural family medicine residency in the state.

The HRSA grant is an ongoing program, meaning that other parties in Ohio could apply and start other rural residency programs in family medicine as well as other practices.

Menendez, a family medicine practitioner, explained that the family medicine program trains residents in an "all-encompassing" speciality covering maternity care through geriatrics; the rural program will specifically address needs for rural communities.

"There's a lot of areas that are considered deserts, medical care deserts," Menendez said. "The other issue is we're seeing a lot of physicians getting older. So, a lot of us are nearing retirement age, and so it would be helpful to replace a lot of us that are retiring soon."

The first cohort

Since 2020, WSU has been working to make this plan a reality and is now ready to welcome the first cohort of residents to the program in 2023, according to Menendez.

Three residents will be accepted into the program in its first year. Menendez explained that 94 prospects have already applied as of Nov. 29.

According to the program website, residents in the three-year program will spend the first year in Dayton studying in WSU's Family Medicine Residency program. Students will spend the second and third years on rotations at Family Health in the rural community of Greenville.

Menendez also shared some other opportunities in the field of rural medicine, both in residency and for those still in medical school.

"I believe other residency programs do offer electives where a resident can choose to spend in a rural area," Menendez said. "A similar opportunity is present for medical students as they go through medical school, spending time with a rural family practitioner."

Menendez said that the program coordinators are looking forward to residents applying to the program. The director encouraged anyone interested in the program to reach out at 937-548-3806.

WSU Receives Safety Grant, Plans to Install Cameras

- Alexis Lewis
- December 9, 2022
- News

On Nov. 21, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced safety support for colleges and universities throughout the state. Wright State Public Safety plans to use this funding for cameras, among other possible security devices.

DeWine's support

Across the state, DeWine is granting 33 places of higher education \$5 million for increased campus safety, according to a press release from the Governor's office.

Jeff Robinson, director of communications at the Ohio Department of Higher Education, explained that the Capital Budget, HB687 of the 134th General Assembly, provided funding support for the 2022 Campus Safety Program.

Each school completed a security and vulnerability assessment to identify places where public safety officials could utilize more security devices, such as cameras, alarms or public address systems.

WSU Director of Public Safety Kurt Holden explained the process, which included analyzing security systems, such as door lock versus swipe card systems, and safety levels, including natural security inhibitors like bushes or other landscaping covering an office window. WSU public safety officials noted these areas of possible improvement to include in the application.

After three independent reviewers from the Ohio School Safety Center evaluated and scored each application, OSSC collaborated with ODHE to review and confirm that the agencies awarded the adequate amount of funds to each institution, according to Robinson.

Robinson also explained when and how each institution can acquire the awarded funds.

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“ODHE transferred the funding out to all the institutions at the Nov. 21 Controlling Board meeting. The institutions have to finalize agreements with our office, and then they can go to [the] Controlling Board to release the funding when they are ready to start their projects,” Robinson said.

Safety at Wright State

The WSU Police Department crime log and fire report shows 38 listed incidents cross-campus between Oct. 2 and Nov. 14, including two instances of voyeurism in Rike Hall one report of rape in Jacob Hall, both on the Dayton campus.

Holden believes that Wright State is a safe campus, but explained a desire to make it safer through grants, donations and other resources.

The governor awarded WSU \$147,930 in campus safety grants, and Holden explained the importance of DeWine’s funding for a campus like Wright State.

“It’s extremely important, especially for Wright State, because Wright State is a commuter campus, but we also have residential students, we have so many visitors that are here at Wright State,” Holden explained. “So, to make sure that Wright State continues to keep up with the times and stay safe, I think that it’s extremely important.”

Holden believes that cameras are beneficial devices that can increase security in parking lots and buildings. While Holden’s goal is to have improvements by next semester, the director assured that Public Safety will have plans at that time.

“The project [will] probably be done over the summer, and that’s only because I’ve seen so many things backordered lately that it might be difficult to get all that equipment,” Holden clarified.

Public safety offices will collaborate with other campus services, including government affairs and the facilities department, to strategize the best applications for the funds, according to Holden.

For more information about the 2022 Campus Safety Program, including a full list of campus recipients, visit the governor’s website, ODHE or OSSC.

Wright State Public Safety is located at 118 Campus Services Building. Callers can contact 937-775-2111 for emergency and non-emergency purposes and 937-775-2056 to connect with the administrative office.

Board of Trustees Approves New College; Gives Financial Outlook for University

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- Jamie Naylor
- December 12, 2022
- News

Wright State University's Board of Trustees met to discuss various topics, such as university finances and union relations, while approving resolutions, including the creation of a new college.

New college

The Board of Trustees canceled the original Dec. 8 committee day meeting. The committees presented information and reports, along with the regularly scheduled public session agenda, at the Dec. 9 public session.

One of the largest resolutions the board passed at the Dec. 9 meeting was the reorganization and merger of WSU's graduate school and the undergraduate honors program.

University Provost Dr. Amy Thompson championed the new school, and the merger combines graduate programs and undergraduate honors programs along with the departments staff, faculty and students.

Thompson, who originally presented the idea in September 2022 to the Faculty Senate and Student Government Association, explained how lack of staffing in the individual departments coupled with decreased enrollment numbers are factors that went into the decision to combine the departments.

"We've had some challenges in our graduate and honors programs. We have seen a decline in our graduate enrollment, particularly in our domestic students and also in our honors program," Thompson said during the meeting.

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According to the Provost, there are currently 2,762 graduate students and 797 undergraduate honors students. Total university enrollment for the fall is 10,798 students, according to the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness.

The administrator went on to explain how both the graduate and honors programs are understaffed with vacant positions.

“So, in essence, now we have one person doing honors, and she will be retiring in May,” Thompson elaborated.

The administrator is hopeful that the merger will strengthen both programs and provide new opportunities for students. The merger will go into effect in January 2023.

Financial standing of WSU

The Finance, Audit, Governance and Compliance Committee also presented an update on the university’s financial standing.

According to monthly financial performance reports, sales and service revenue increased by \$854,000 this semester due to increased activity on campus post-COVID. However, WSU’s finance team is projecting for FY 2023 revenue to be \$11.8 million lower than FY 2022 due to the continuance in decreasing enrollment numbers.

[Enrollment (thousands) Related to Revenue (millions)]

WSU enrollment numbers rounded in the thousands and the revenue made from tuition and fees in the millions.

| | enrollment | tuition and fees |
|------|------------|------------------|
| 2019 | 16 | 163.4 |
| 2020 | 14 | 150.2 |
| 2021 | 12 | 138.8 |
| 2022 | 11 | 135.6 |
| 2023 | 11 | 134.4 |

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Additionally, the reports show a \$9.4 million savings for the university in compensation, as the university did not fill all vacant positions on campus for the fall. Overall, the university is expecting to use \$7.2 million in reserve funds for fiscal year 2023 and has a projection of 182 days cash on hand.

Union relations

During public comment, Robert Rubin, president of the American Association of University Professors – Wright State Chapter union, reminded the board that the current collective bargaining agreement between the union and the university expires in 2023 and that negotiations for a new agreement will begin soon.

The president also expressed a desire to continue the collaborative relationship with university administration.

“While it is true that the nature of [the union’s] relationship is, by definition, at times adversarial, I don’t believe we need to be adversaries,” Rubin said.

Board chair Tom Gunlock responded by modifying a quote from former U.S. President John F. Kennedy.

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“Ask not what your university can do for you, but ask what you can do for your university,” Gunlock said. “So, I hope what you say you’re ready to do, that it will put the university and students ahead of the faculty and union.”

Remembering WSU community members

Among the professional business atmosphere, the board took a moment to honor and recognize Don Borowy Jr., who passed in November and was the Directory of Treasury Service for the university.

Brownny was one of several WSU staff and alumni members to pass this fall. Computing and Telecommunications Services staff member Jeff Zentner passed in October, and former faculty member Julia Reichert, who the Faculty Senate honored at the Dec. 5 meeting, passed in late November.

WSU Board Approves New Graduate and Honors College

- Dylan Collison
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- News

Wright State University's Board of Trustees approved a merger of its graduate school and honors program on Dec. 9, creating a new "College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies."

Overview of merger

According to Shu Schiller, interim dean of the graduate school, the newly formed college will introduce new interdisciplinary programs and provide synergy between graduate and honors students through living-learning communities and mentoring.

The university intends to complete the merger in January 2023.

Currently, more than 22% of the university's honors students continue into a graduate program, according to an Oct. 7 **announcement**.

According to the university's provost's office, reorganizing the units provides a unique opportunity to improve its pipeline programs and services to honors and graduate students.

"The graduate school and the university honors program support the university's mission by developing intellectual breadth and depth and providing comprehensive academic and social experiences for successful careers and professions," Schiller said. "Our graduate and honors programs attract high-ability students who share a passion for learning and research and provide an atmosphere that fosters original scholarship and creative inquiry."

Schiller noted that the new college will have a better financial structure with new positions to support graduate and honors students' success and career advancement.

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The provost illustrated the new structure to the trustees, exemplifying that the current honors program is understaffed.

An associate dean, a new position in the college, will lead graduate and honors programs. The honors coordinator will be filled soon, according to Schiller.

Student opinion

Honors student Makenzie Hoeflerlin echoed the concern of understaffing.

“At the current moment, I feel that the honors program, from my experience, does not provide an adequate experience,” Hoeflerlin expressed. “In my experience, the honors department is understaffed and overworked.”

Hoeflerlin also remarked on struggles with undergraduate research in the current honors program configuration.

“One of the requirements for my honors program is to do research. Throughout my time doing research for my program, my point person for honors in the [School of Social Sciences and International Studies] has been entirely unreachable. But, like I said, this could be a different story for other students.”

Challenges

“We’ve had some challenges in our graduate and honors programs. We have seen a decline in our graduate enrollment, particularly in our domestic and our honors [students],” Amy Thompson, university provost, said.

In Thompson’s presentation, the provost showcased that the university currently has 2,762 graduate and professional students. That number has declined 36% since fall 2015.

Subsequently, there are 797 registered honors students, a 24% decline since 2015.

Schiller said that the graduate school and honors program staff have significant institutional knowledge and strengths in given areas.

The interim dean describes the challenge of the merger as bringing people together to form a high-performing team with a growth mindset but clarifies the challenge is also a great opportunity.

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One of Hoeflerlin's concerns is the disruption that may come with a reorganization.

"When combining these two colleges, it may cause more confusion to everyone involved than anything else," Hoeflerlin said. "I would also wonder what else will change with the combination of these two departments. Will scholarships change? Will graduation requirements for honors students change? Is the university just doing this to encourage more honors students to go to graduate school at Wright State?"

Graduate student Thanh Monnin explains that there has always been a disconnect between the graduate school and graduate students.

"I recently met with Dean Schiller at a luncheon to hear student feedback. In the meeting, she seemed very engaged and heard our feedback," Monnin said. "Asking your consumers, that's a wonderful start."

The Student Government Association unanimously approved a resolution supporting the merger on Nov. 22.

In the resolution, which student body president Blake Bailey sponsored, the merger would be unique to any higher-education institution in Ohio and make the program more attractive to prospective students.

"As far as honors classes go, I have enjoyed my honors courses and believe they provide a great experience with smaller class sizes and wonderful professors," Hoeflerlin explained. "I think this move could be beneficial—if it reallocated resources and made it so professors actually had time to work with their honors students. Other than that, I am not really sure what effect combining these schools is going to have."

College leadership

Once a merger is complete, a dean from a national search in early 2023 will supervise the new college.

Less than a week before the university's Oct. 7 announcement, the provost announced that Schiller would begin as interim dean of the graduate school effective Nov. 1.

In the same statement, Thompson announced that Barry Milligan, the school's dean and interim dean since 2017, had decided to return to the faculty. Milligan teaches English at Wright State's School of Humanities and Cultural Studies.

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Previously, Schiller served as chair of the Department of Information Systems and Supply Chain Management and academic director of the Master of Information Systems Program.

WSU Offers Award-Winning Gilman Scholarship

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Wright State University receives recognition for the number of recipients of the Gilman Scholarship, a federally-funded study abroad program, for 2022.

The award

According to a United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs press release, WSU was among one of the institutions to send the most Gilman scholars abroad in 2022. The list includes other institutions, including Mercer University in Georgia and the University of California, Berkeley in California.

The Bureau explained the magnitude of the national study abroad program.

“During the academic year 2020-2021, nearly 300 Gilman participating institutions sent nearly 800 Gilman recipients to 48 U.S. states, D.C, and Puerto Rico to study or intern abroad, including virtually in 77 locations around the world,” the release states.

About the scholarship

According to Megan Trickler, the Education Abroad Coordinator for the University Center for International Education, the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship is a federally-funded scholarship congressional award through the U.S. government and is designed to help students who might not normally be able to study abroad due to financial obstacles.

The scholarship is available nation-wide to students who are U.S. citizens and receive a Pell grant, a government grant that does not require students to repay the awarded amount.

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At Wright State, more than 50% of the applicants who apply for the scholarship receive the aid because UCIE staff works very hard with students to apply, Trickler explained.

“It can be up to a \$5,000 award, but if you are studying a critical language, then they can add an additional \$3,000 award. So, you can win up to \$8,000 if you are studying a critical language,” Trickler stated.

According to Trickler, a critical language is described as a language that the government has decided that there are not enough speakers in the workforce speaking those languages, such as Arabic, Korean and Russian. A more comprehensive list of critical languages is available on the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship website.

Trickler explained that students can apply for the scholarship twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall.

“[Wright State University] were awarded for the most recipients in the nation for mid-sized institutions this year,” Trickler said. “It’s definitely more work on our part, but it’s 10 times more rewarding to be able to help students that are from [minority] groups be able to achieve study abroad.”

Students can study abroad for a semester, summer or half-summer with programs that are always a part of a group of U.S. students with classes taught in English. Wright State tuition is waived, so students only pay the fee of the program. The classes are always Wright State classes, Trickler explained, so it is never a matter of transferring credits, that way students can still graduate on time.

For more information on the Gilman Scholarship or study abroad, visit the University Center for International Education [page](#).

Winter Safety Tips

- Emily Mancuso
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- Wright Life

When winter comes, so does the extreme weather. Here are some tips to stay safe during the holidays and the beginning of the spring semester.

Invest in a carbon monoxide detection system

Hundreds of people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning in the United States according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Symptoms include headaches, confusion, nausea and other flu-like symptoms. If you already possess a carbon monoxide detector, make sure it is working by holding down the “test” button and waiting to hear four beeps (may vary by manufacturer).

Check on pet health

Cold weather may exacerbate health issues in your feline companions. No matter your pet’s health condition, regular vet visits are important during this time. As an additional precaution, regularly check under the hoods of your cars to make sure there are no animals there that are attracted to its warmth.

Avoid snow shoveling when possible

Snow shoveling may cause cardiac arrest in those with preexisting conditions, of older age, and the inactive. If you must shovel snow, go slow and make sure there is someone else there to help out or check up on you regularly.

Pack an emergency kit for your vehicle

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Even the most cautious of individuals should be prepared for the possibility of being stranded in wintery conditions. Things that should be included in the kit can be found online, but they should definitely include a flashlight, non-perishable food and extra clothing. This kit should stay permanently in vehicles in case of emergency. When driving to campus, do not use cruise control because it can make it harder to control your car on slippery surfaces.

Wear proper winter clothing

Wear multiple layers of clothing that are loose-fitting and lightweight. Boots should be tight-laced and gripping and paired with gloves, hats and scarves. Symptoms of hypothermia are shivering, confusion, stiff muscles, sleepiness and difficulty sleeping. Don't go out alone. Please check up on loved ones and individuals that may need your help in instituting these measures as well. If you would like to know more about how to stay safe in winter and other weather conditions visit the [National Weather Service website](#).

Winter Holidays from Around the World

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These winter holidays from around the world range from Africa to Mexico and incorporate a multitude of traditions, activities, food and more.

Saint Nicholas Eve

Also referred to as “The Feast of Saint Nicholas,” this holiday is on Dec. 5 or 6 in Western Christian countries and Dec. 19 in Eastern European countries. This holiday honors Saint Nicholas as a bringer of gifts. Celebrations include a Christian festival and the attendance of church services, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. Other traditions vary by country; in countries like the Netherlands, children will put carrots or hay in their shoes for St. Nicholas’s horse.

Winter Solstice

This holiday is not attributed to a single country and is widely celebrated worldwide on Dec. 21 as the longest night and shortest day of the year. This holiday is traditionally celebrated with ceremonies and festivals. In Iranian tradition, solstice (Yaldā) marks the return of longer days. Iranians celebrate the winter solstice by staying up all night with their family.

Three Kings Day

Three Kings Day, also known as Epiphany or Día de Los Reyes, is a Christian feast day on Jan. 6 that celebrates the revelation of God incarnated as Jesus Christ. Three Kings Day is the concluding day of the Twelve Days of Christmas and is primarily celebrated in Latin America and Spain. Observers will often celebrate with a “King’s Cake” with a hidden coin or baby Jesus inside.

Maslenitsa

Maslenitsa is a Slavic holiday, and the date depends on that year's Easter holiday, which can greatly differ from a traditional Western Easter date. Traditional marks of this event include an effigy, sleigh rides and other festivities. In Russia, Maslenitsa is also called Pancake Week, where Russians eat blinis, thin pancakes covered in toppings. In Belarus and Ukraine, people may cook pierogi and syrniki.

Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a multi-day winter holiday, traditionally ranging from Dec. 16 to Dec. 24. Hispanics in the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras and Cuba mainly celebrate this holiday. A religious holiday, Las Posadas celebrates the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. The celebrations culminate with the Christmas Eve dinner that include dishes such as baked shrimp, fish and roasted turkey.

Saint Lucia Day

Saint Lucia Day is a "festival of lights" honoring Saint Lucia, one of the first Christian martyrs who died defending her religious beliefs, but is said to also incorporate some pagan traditions, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. This holiday, which people in Norway, Sweden and Finland traditionally celebrate on Dec. 13, marks the start of the Christmas season. A notable tradition of St. Lucia day includes having one of the daughters of the family dress in white and serve coffee and baked goods to family and visitors.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa was born as a uniquely American holiday celebrating African family and social values from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. Even as an American-born holiday, people in the Caribbean and other African countries celebrate as well. Each day represents one of seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Families will light one of the candles of the kinara (candleholder) to represent one of the values each passing day.

Top 5 Christmas Horror Movies To Watch

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“The Lodge” (2019)

In “The Lodge,” Grace, who is not officially a stepmother yet, wants to deal with the stereotype as soon as possible. Played by Riley Keough, Grace wants to spend more time with her boyfriend, Richard, and his children, who are still mourning the suicide of Richard’s wife months earlier. The family does so by taking a holiday to a remote cabin in the woods.

The children reject Grace, and when left alone with her, the brother and sister decide to show Grace how they really feel about her connection to their mother’s death and about her history as a cult member. The kids obsess over their mother’s legacy and blame Grace for ruining their parents’ marriage and for their mother’s suicide.

As time continues in the lodge, progressively uncanny events begin to occur for Grace. The mother of the kids’ presence haunts the lodge both in spirit and through religious emblems, which brings back horrific memories of Grace’s cult involvement.

“The Lodge” can be compared to “Hereditary” due to its more disturbing than scary aura. The eerie ambiance of the lodge mixed with the cruelty of the children makes the film a true terror to watch.

“Anna and the Apocalypse” (2017)

“Anna and the Apocalypse” is a British horror musical film. Although some see this film as corny, it has a fanbase of enthusiasts.

The film is set in Little Haven, United Kingdom, where Anna is about to finish school and travel for a year before attending university. John, Anna’s best friend, is secretly in love with her and works at the

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local bowling alley with her. One night, while Anna and John bond over post-graduation work – you guessed it – a zombie infection breaks out.

The next day, Anna and John head to school, completely oblivious to the zombie apocalypse around them. They continue for a while before coming across a zombie dressed as a snowman and, realizing the severity of the situation, Anna and John decide to head to their school to try and meet up with fellow classmates to survive this apocalypse.

The film follows this group around Little Haven as they attack progressively larger amounts of zombies.

If you are looking for a light-hearted Christmas film that still has hints of scares, “Anna and the Apocalypse” may be a good fit.

“Better Watch Out” (2016)

“Better Watch Out” is a psychological Christmas horror film that follows the disturbing events that occur to 17-year-old Ashley and 12-year-old Luke.

While the pair watch a horror film, Luke’s best friend, Garrett, visits the house. After hearing a window break upstairs, the trio finds a brick inscribed with “U Leave U Die.” This causes Garrett to run out of the house in a panic.

The film then follows a ‘cat and mouse’ game between Luke, Garrett and Ashley across the house.

“Krampus” (2015)

A Krampus is a horned, anthropomorphic creature said to punish misbehaving children at Christmas time. According to Central and Eastern Alpine folklore, this half-goat, half-demon monster drags children to the underworld.

The film opens with a large family gathering in a rural location, where a freak blizzard comes out of nowhere, leaving the family without heat, electricity or a phone line.

As Beth, the teen daughter of the family, ventures out to visit her boyfriend and does not return, Tom and Howard go out looking for her. While searching in the midst of a snowstorm, the pair suffers an attack from a creature hiding under the snow.

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After rushing back into the house, Tom's elderly mother explains the legend of the Krampus and her own encounter with the creature when she was a child. From this point on, the now split family endures attacks from demonic dolls, unholy elves and finally the Krampus itself.

"Krampus" manages to fit into PG-13 horror due to its bloodless violence, but the movie is the opposite of family-friendly.

"The Mean One" (2022: TBA)

"The Mean One" is a new parody of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" with some classical elements of the Dr. Seuss tale twisted into a blood-thirsty horror film. Although not officially announced, the film has a projected release date of Dec. 15 in the United States, according to [IMDb](#).

"In a sleepy mountain town, Cindy has her parents murdered and her Christmas stolen by a bloodthirsty green figure in a red Santa suit – The Mean One," the film's [IMDb](#) page reads.

David Howard Thornton, famous actor of Art the Clown in "Terrifier," plays the Grinch, who terrorizes the town and forces Cindy Lou Who to try and save it.

If you were a fan of "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" starring Jim Carrey, this horror film is definitely one to look out for this Christmas.

These films can be viewed on various streaming platforms.

5 Apps to Play with Friends

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- Wright Life

These multiplayer apps allow for connection with friends and family.

Bunch

This social app boasts over one million downloads, allowing groups of friends to create customized avatars and homes. Players can play games together supported by a voice and video chat function through the app. Bunch rates 3.9 stars on Google Play.

Mario Kart Tour

Students may remember the widely popular release of Mario Kart Tour as a mobile app a few years ago but may not know that this mobile app now has a multi-player function. After adding a friend's player ID or Nintendo account, friends are now able to have their own races on mobile devices. Mario Kart Tour rates 4.3 stars on Google Play.

Kahoot

This app (or website) is not only for class quizzes or exam reviews but can make for an entertaining night with friends. Anyone can make multiple-choice or true or false quizzes to play with friends or find pre-made quizzes through the search function on a variety of topics from trivia to cats. Kahoot allows for up to 10 players at once on the free version. Kahoot rates 4.7 stars on Google Play.

Sky: Children of the Light

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According to an Apple press release, this game was voted as the 2019 iPhone Game of the Year. Sky: Children of the Light boasts both quality and fun. In this social adventure game, friends must explore an animated landscape to return fallen stars of their constellations. A video-game-like experience, Sky: Children of the Light is often praised for its stunning visuals. Sky: Children of the Light rates 4.7 stars on Google Play

Exploding Kittens

This card game app simulates the real game of strategy where players must avoid the exploding kitten card, at which point players are out of the game. Two to five players in the same room can take part in this game of card Russian Roulette. Exploding Kitten rates 4.5 stars on Google Play.