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# Events on Campus Week of Sept. 2

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September 2, 2024  
Wright Life

Meet all sorts of clubs and find your passion at Wright State University at this week's list of events!

## Monday, Sept. 2

Labor Day; University closed.

## Tuesday, Sept. 3

11:00 a.m. | General Meeting | Social Work Club | Millett Hall 499

11:00 a.m. | CECS Involvement Fair | College of Engineering and Computer Science | Russ Engineering Center, 1st Floor Lobby

12:00 p.m. | The Guardian Open House | The Wright State Guardian Media Group | Student Union 015

6:00 p.m. | Society of Women Engineers Information Meeting

## Wednesday, Sept. 4

3:00 p.m. | Psychology Department Open House | Psychology Club | Fawcett Hall, 3rd Floor

6:00 p.m. | Semester Setup: Planner Organizing and Decor | Residence Life and Housing | Honors Hall, 2nd Floor Plaza

6:00 p.m. | Table Tennis Practice | Club Table Tennis | Student Union Gym

## **Thursday, Sept. 5**

11:00 a.m. | Student Legal Services Open House | Student Legal Services | Student Union 022

12:00 p.m. | Tie Dye-versity | Residence Life and Housing, Culture and Identity Centers | North Lawn

6:30 p.m. | EWB Interest Meeting | Engineers Without Borders | Joshi Research Center 292

## **Friday, Sept. 6**

8:00 a.m. | TransOhio 15th Annual Trans and Ally Symposium | LGBTQA Center | Student Union Conference Wing (Apollo, Endeavor and Atlantic)

2:00 p.m. | VAL Weekly Meeting | Visual Arts League | Creative Arts Center Room 335

2:00 p.m. | Meet and Greet – Undergraduates | University Center for International Education | Student Union Atrium

## **Saturday, Sept. 7**

8:00 a.m. | TransOhio 15th Annual Trans and Ally Symposium | LGBTQA Center | Student Union Conference Wing (Apollo, Endeavor and Atlantic)

12:00 p.m. | Potential New Member Orientation | College Panhellenic Council (CPH) | Student Success Center 009

1:00 p.m. | WSUDT Tryouts | Dance Team | Creative Arts Center, Studio C

## **Sunday, Sept. 8**

8:00 a.m. | TransOhio 15th Annual Trans and Ally Symposium | LGBTQA Center | Student Union Conference Wing (Apollo, Endeavor and Atlantic)

9:00 a.m. | Women's Club Soccer vs OSU | Women's Club Soccer | Ohio State University, Lincoln Tower Park

11:30 a.m. | Women's Club Soccer vs CW | Women's Club Soccer | Ohio State University, Lincoln Tower Park

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## News Roundup: Week of Aug. 26

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September 2, 2024  
News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing from the week of Aug. 26, 2024.

### Local

#### Wright State announces two schedule changes, fall break for 2025-2026 calendar

On Friday, Aug. 30, Wright State Provost Amy Thompson announced two schedule changes to the 2025-2026 academic calendar, according to a campus-wide email communication.

The changes include the addition of a two day fall break, starting in fall 2025. The break will be on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and 10, 2025.

“Fall break will provide a short and necessary breather midway through the semester, allowing students and faculty to catch up and prepare for their midterms.

Fall break is not a vacation period for university employees. Faculty and advisors will be available during their regular office hours during fall break, but no classes will be held,” Thompson wrote.

The other change to the calendar is the extension of time between spring and summer semesters from one week to two weeks.

## **National**

### **Grand Canyon’s only water pipeline fails**

On Thursday, Aug. 29, the main pipeline bringing water to the Grand Canyon National Park failed after a series of breaks, according to the [Associated Press](#). Overnight hotel stays had to suddenly shut down during the busiest times of the year.

Water restrictions will run throughout the Labor Day weekend when hotels are near or at capacity. As of Friday, Aug 30, no water is being pumped to either the canyon’s south or north rims, officials said.

### **Columbus Blue Jackets Star Johnny Gaudreau and his brother killed in accident**

On Thursday, Aug. 29, NHL all-star Johnny Gaudreau and his younger brother, Matthew Gaudreau, were killed by a suspected drunk driver while riding bicycles in their home state of New Jersey, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Gaudreau played for the Columbus Blue Jackets for the last two years and previously played for the Calgary Flames for eight years. The brothers were set to be groomsmen in their sister’s wedding the following day.

Police said the driver was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and has been charged with two counts of death by auto, reckless driving, possession of an open container and consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle.

# Global

## Protests erupt in Israel after six more hostages were found dead

On Sunday, Sept. 1, tens of thousands of Israelis took to the streets to protest after six more hostages were found dead in Gaza, according to the [Associated Press](#). The protesters are demanding that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reach a cease-fire with Hamas to bring the remaining captives home.

Israel's largest trade union, the Histadrut, is also pressuring the government by calling a general strike for Monday, Sept. 2. It aims to shut down or disrupt major sectors of the economy, including banking, health care and the country's main airport.

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## Brick Cafe Event Sees Overwhelming Success

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Students flooded the Student Involvement and Leadership office to attend the Brick Cafe event, which was hosted to give students the opportunity to bond and play with Legos.

## Turnout

The hosts of the event, the Commuter Student Association (CSA) and Residence Life and Housing, were expecting a much smaller number of attendees than the amount that showed up at the door. Dozens of students had lined up to get a chance at building legos more than half an hour before the event was meant to start.

By the time the event's start time arrived, students were lined up from the SIL office to the front entrance of the Student Union.

Oscar Garcia Pineda, secretary of CSA and the Indigenous American Culture Student Association, was astounded at the outcome.

"... we were expecting a good turnout, like maybe 60-75 students. You know, something small and casual. But when we saw the line outside the door before the event even started, we were shocked to say the least," Garcia Pineda said.

Despite the large turnout and consequential long wait time, students still had a fun time at the Lego Brick Cafe.

## **Renting Lego sets**

Lego, the company from which the Brick Cafe's sets were bought from, is entirely focused on the goal of consumers having fun and enjoying both the journey and the product of building Lego sets.

"The name 'LEGO' is an abbreviation of the two Danish words 'leg godt,' meaning 'play well.' It's our name and It's our ideal," says the official Lego [website](#).

True to the ideals of Lego, attendees had fun gathering into groups to then build set after set together. There were many options for sets, including florals and more.

Students flooded the SIL office and took their seats in groups of four or more to work on building the sets.

After students were done, the hardest part was to take these projects apart so that they could be returned to the front desk, where waiting students could then take them.

## Bonding experience

Overall, students had a fantastic time getting the opportunity to hang out and chat over a relaxing activity like Lego building.

Students would love to see another Brick Cafe event; with the outcome of this year's, it would not be shocking to see another pop up on campus sometime soon.

"Another Brick Cafe would be a splendid idea, I hope we can do one again next year. It was a lot of fun and I [think] very relaxing and nostalgic for some of the first year students," Garcia Pineda said.

While a potential repeat Brick Cafe has not been confirmed, there are still events from both hosting organizations for students to keep an eye out for.

## Future events

Students can stay updated on potential events with the CSA by checking their Engage page. Membership is open to any commuter student, but non-commuters are welcome to attend events!

Residence Life and Housing offers a variety of events throughout the entire school year.

Overall, the Brick Cafe was an overwhelming success. Maybe this is a sign to all clubs that this is the type of event students want to see!

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## Karaoke with the Women's Center

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On Friday, Aug. 23, the Women's Center held a Karaoke night in the Cultural Identity Center that saw wide success, with over 250 students in attendance.

## The event

A little before 8:00 p.m., the doors to the event opened, and students began coming in, socializing and enjoying the snacks available near the entrance.

Bobbie Szabo, Assistant Director of the Women's Center, shared that she was thrilled with the outcome. Szabo explained that last year's Karaoke Night had about 75 students in attendance, making the growth to this year's 250 shocking and exciting.

A sign-up sheet was floating around for students to sing, but Szabo shared that they had to shut it down after only about an hour due to having too many people sign up, and not enough time left in the event.

"Some of my favorite moments were, someone, sang 'Country Roads', and everybody was singing along, and they turned the flashlights on their phones, and they were waving it back and forth. And it was such a nice moment of connection and community," Szabo said.

"Our job is so much better when people want to engage with us. It makes me feel very optimistic about this school year and about the work that the Women's Center can do."

## Attendees' experiences

Grant Rynders, a freshman computer science major, was the first one to sing at the event. He broke the ice by singing "I'm Just Ken," from the hit 2023 movie "Barbie."

Rynders explained that he and one of his friends in the audience had previously performed the song for a lip sync battle with their youth group. While he said he felt uncomfortable at first, he settled in eventually.

“We choreographed that thing for days,” Rynders said. “It was very awkward doing it on my own, since I was usually just back up.”

Despite his feeling awkward internally, the crowd was enthused by his great performance of the beloved song, with people cheering Rynders on throughout his performance.

James Pamer, a freshman acting major, performed “My Way” by Frank Sinatra, earning phone flashlights being waved at him and people clapping along as he belted the tune, hitting every note perfectly.

“I want to do voice acting, so naturally I figured, I’m so into messing with my voice and doing stuff like that, [I] might as well go for singing,” Pamer said.

The crowd loved his performance and was blown away by the control he had over his voice.

Natalie Hayward, a sophomore English major, did not perform but shared her great experience soaking in the atmosphere.

“Watching new freshmen break out of their shells and be vulnerable enough to perform was such a cool experience,” Hayward said. “Bobbie [Szabo] does such an amazing job of cultivating a safe and accepting environment in the WSU Women’s Center.”

## Behind the scenes

Elizabeth Harvey is the Student Worker for the Women’s Center. She is an acting major, with a minor in women, gender, and sexuality studies.

“[I] had such a great time getting to see how many freshmen came to sing and additionally getting to know more about the Cultural and Identity Center,” said Harvey.

Harvey explained that later in the event, which went past 11:00 p.m., students all started to sing and dance along with each other’s performances. “It was really special to see,” Harvey said.

The Women's Center will be holding more events soon, including Tie Dye-iversity, which will be Thursday, Sept. 5 at noon on the North Lawn.

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# Wright State University Moves in Over 2,300 Students

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On Aug. 21 and 22, WSU students and faculty came together to welcome over 2,300 new residents to campus.

## Volunteers

Roughly 270 volunteers throughout the two days of Operation Move In were present to welcome students. Volunteers ranged from student organizations to faculty and alumni, ready to bring in the new students to resident life at WSU.

Volunteers gathered the evening before, Aug. 20, to go through a brief training to prepare for the next day. Each volunteer received a t-shirt to stand out as a part of the group. ReyRey Cafe also generously provided coupons for everyone volunteering their time.

Maggie Mann, an undergraduate student who lives on campus and is a part of the Chemistry Club, volunteered.

"I chose to volunteer to help get the freshmen oriented and help them out, just like I was helped out on my first day," Mann said.

Volunteers assisted in unloading cars, directing traffic and transporting personal items into different dorm rooms.

Mann explained that with all of the volunteers, it seemed to ease the stress that moving into a new place could bring. The process helped students learn a little bit about what campus life is like.

## Incoming students

While dorms are not just made up of freshmen entering their first semester of college life, there are many freshmen that make up dorm residents.

Addie Kepplinger is a first-year nursing student at WSU. Kepplinger had first-hand experience moving in during Operation Move In.

“I feel like Wright State had a really organized system when it came to getting the students in, getting things moved quickly, and making sure that everyone was comfortable,” Kepplinger said.

Kepplinger also enjoyed the welcoming environment including streamers, music, and excited RAs who were there to welcome everyone.

## Faculty perspective

Jennifer Attenweiler, Director of Residence Life, explains that the volume of students is the largest that Wright State has seen in about a decade. In 2023, Wright State accommodated roughly 2,000 students, while in 2022, there were only 1,700 students residing on campus.

“There’s a lot of different departments that help us out on this day, between police and facilities, the Nutter Center and representatives from all over. We’re just very thankful that it’s all hands on deck and people are willing to come out and help welcome our students,” Attenweiler said.

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# Katharine Wright 150 Year Anniversary

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Katharine Wright, the younger sister of the Wright brothers, turned 150 on Aug. 19. Her work and family letters were on display in the Dunbar library to celebrate.

## About the event

Wright State University, which was named after Wilbur and Orville Wright, has special collections and archives that are kept in the Dunbar Library. This includes primary sources from the Wright family, documenting their flight journey.

Toni Vanden Bos, the WSU special collections archivist, has gathered some of these documents and Wright family memorabilia to put together a gallery, honoring the memory of Katharine Wright and celebrating her accomplishments.

## Who was Katharine Wright?

Katharine Wright was the younger sister of Wilbur and Orville Wright. She was born on Aug. 19, 1874, sharing a birthday with Orville.

Sadly, their mother died of tuberculosis when Katharine was only 14-years-old, leaving her to look after the household. Although she spent so much time taking care of her family, she continued to go to school.

Toni Vanden Bos had some details to share about Katharine's life.

"Known for excellence, Katharine was the only of her siblings to attend college, graduating from her beloved Oberlin College in 1898, where she had made life-long friendships," Bos said.

After graduating from college, Katharine returned home to Dayton. She continued to look after her family, including running their bicycle business, while working in her field.

Katharine became an English and Latin teacher at Steele High School. Katharine led an incredible life outside of the family.

“In 1909, not only did the French award Wilbur and Orville the French Legion of Honor, but they recognized the important role Katharine had in their success by awarding her a French Legion of Honor medal as well,” Bos said.

## **Life with the Wright brothers**

Growing up, Katharine was very close with her brothers. They also had two older brothers, Reuchlin and Lorin, but they were not as close as Katharine was with Wilbur and Orville. She spent her life supporting them and their dream of flight.

Katharine ran the bike shop for her brothers so they could travel and do flight experiments. When Orville had a serious flight injury, she left her life in Dayton, Ohio behind to go be with her brother.

Once he had recovered, she continued to stay with him and Wilbur to help with their plans.

She became a very important part of their journey. Included in this exhibit were letters from Katharine to her husband, Henry Haskell. She wrote to him about the family business.

“Orville is planning to go to the Island at the end of this week. I may go, too, if I hear that the meeting is to be postponed,” Katharine said.

She often attended meetings, talked to the press, and handled issues her brothers were not always able to take care of. It is because of Katharine Wright’s sacrifices and support that the Wright brothers were able to succeed.

More information on Katherine Wright can be found on [Wright State University Libraries’ Special Collections and Archives website](#).

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# Students Drink Mocktails and Learn About Hazing Prevention and Alcohol Awareness

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Some of the most important information college students should know, including alcohol and hazing awareness, was taught at Counseling and Wellness and Title IX's "Mocktails and Trivia" event on Saturday, Aug. 24.

## Mocktail options

Students started the afternoon with a variety of mocktails and flavored drinks—including the most popular drink of the event, the Shirley Temple. After students chose their drinks, they took their seats around the venue's offered seating.

Once drinks were chosen and students had relaxed as they talked to their fellow attendees, the hosts passed out a sheet of paper. The paper contained spaces for 30 questions to be answered, as well as a blank space for one "tiebreaker."

While the mocktail reserve began to dry out within an hour, most attendees were able to get themselves a second drink to truly explore the different drinks that Counseling and Wellness and the Title IX office were kind enough to provide.

Isabella Taylor, an economics major and someone passionate for sweet drinks, personally liked the mocktail options that were provided.

"I think it's amazingly inclusive that [underaged people] can have fun drinks too," Taylor said.

## The trivia

Trivia ranged from a variety of important topics, including underaged drinking, hazing and hazing prevention as well as sexual assault awareness.

Some questions asked for percentages– which students could count as right if they were within a certain percentage amount– as well as true and false questions pertaining to these topics.

The game was separated into three rounds, all consisting of ten questions. Including the final tiebreaker, there were 31 questions for students to answer throughout the event.

To win prizes, students had to have the most amount of questions right. Students used the honor system when announcing how many questions they got right or wrong, and those who got tied for the most got to answer a quick-time question about basic topics, such as the names of certain people from Counseling and Wellness Services.

## College drinking awareness

While the topics of the questions varied throughout the event, the main topics were college drinking, hazing and sexual assault. All three of these topics are incredibly important for students to be aware of, especially with the recent influx of freshmen.

With the first week out of the way, and as students begin to become more involved in organizations like sports, Greek Life and on campus clubs, keeping this information in mind is still important.

Many students come to college with the mindset that drinking is an expected and anticipated aspect of their new life. However, underage drinking in college can lead to drastic consequences. The National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism has conducted and compiled numerous studies about this.



“About [one] in [four] college students report experiencing academic difficulties from drinking, such as missing class or getting behind in schoolwork,” the NIAAA reports.

Many students also quickly become binge drinkers, a habit that can lead to fatal outcomes such as alcohol overdose.

## **Hazing awareness**

Hazing is a problem that affects every organization on campus. Despite popular belief, studies have shown that sports clubs have a higher chance of hazing than Greek Life. More information about this topic can be found at the Hazing Prevention Network.

There are a variety of ways a student can be hazed; these methods include alcohol consumption, isolation or humiliation, sleep deprivation and even sexual acts.

All ages are at risk of being hazed, but, according to the Hazing Prevention Network, “Younger adults (ages 18-34) indicate experiencing more hazing and older adults (ages 55+) less.”

Participating in hazing often involves putting yourself or others at risk by doing illegal activities.

While bonding with new college friends and members of organizations is important, falling into a hazing scheme because you are afraid of being left out or disappointing these organization members is a harmful path that will negatively impact the rest of your college career and beyond.

## **Sexual assault awareness**

Perhaps one of the most crucial trends to be aware of is “The Red Zone.” The Center for Women and Families provides an excellent explanation for what this time period actually is.

According to their website, “The Red Zone is the period of time from the beginning of fall semester to Thanksgiving break when sexual assaults on U.S. college campuses spike.”

While sexual assault is most likely to happen to young female students, it is important to keep in mind that anyone can be assaulted. Being careful and staying safe should be a top priority for all students on campus this Fall semester.

The Mocktail and Trivia event explained these details and more, including information on where to get emergency help if the situation ever calls for it.

Students should keep in mind the blue light poles around campus, where you can quickly get in access with campus police with the press of a button. Also, the number for public safety is (937) 775-2111.

Staying informed is the most important thing anyone can do. Attending events like Mocktail and Trivia can provide students with a fun way to educate themselves so that their Fall semester goes smoothly.

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## Monkeypox Resurgence Declared “Public Health Emergency”

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News

The World Health Organization declared monkeypox a public health emergency after cases in Africa, Asia and Europe increased. Here is what you need to know.

**Mpox: what is it, what are the symptoms and where is it?**

On Aug. 14, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency as a result of the upsurge in cases in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and emergence of cases in new countries.

Over 14,000 cases of mpox have been documented in 2024 alone, with a reported death count of 457, a number that is growing higher each day.

“It is a viral infection which can spread between people, mainly through close contact, and occasionally from the environment to people via things and surfaces that have been touched by a person with mpox,” [WHO website](#) reads.

There are two different types of mpox, characterized as clade 1 and clade 2. Clade 1 is more severe, with more documented deaths as opposed to clade 2, and is most likely the cause of the recent outbreak.

Mpox’s clade 1 is spread through skin-to-skin contact, and most commonly is sexually transmitted.

The most notable symptom of mpox is the rash those infected experience. [WHO](#) lists additional symptoms associated with mpox including fever, headache, muscle aches, low energy and swollen lymph nodes.

With proper treatment, the virus typically lasts a few weeks and symptoms will disappear. The severity of the virus is dependent on various factors, including if those infected have a compromised immune system and access to healthcare.

Receiving care for mpox is essential to treating the virus and ensuring a speedy recovery, so as to avoid worsening of symptoms. Left untreated, mpox rash will become more widespread and severe and may lead to health complications, and, in extreme cases, death.

Treatment of mpox consists of a vaccination, but no antiviral treatments currently exist for mpox. Managing symptoms and preventing future health complications are a priority in ridding the virus.

Much concern for the virus has come from the number of cases that arose in a short period of time, and the emergence of mpox in African countries, such as the Republic of Congo, Kenya and Ghana.

Since the resurgence, cases in Asia and Europe have been reported. The origin of some cases remains unknown, while others are linked to traveling in countries that harbor the virus.

Mpox is not currently documented in the US, but the deadly virus remains an international concern.

## History of the virus

The virus originated from Africa, with the first notably dangerous outbreak documented in 2022. The 2022 outbreak was the first time the virus was declared a public health emergency. The upsurge in Aug. 2024 is the second time the virus has been declared an emergency.

Mpox initially was reported in humans in the DRC in 1970. Reported cases continued to steadily increase since the emergence in 1970, eventually spreading to neighboring countries and continents.

Clade 1 and 2 transmitted throughout Africa several decades before becoming a public health emergency in 2022. The rapid mpox spread in 2022 was cause for concern as the virus traveled to Europe through close contact, with more severe cases reported.

## Greene County & campus safety

Preparedness and taking action to stay informed on the status of mpox is of the utmost importance to personal safety. As the virus continues to spread, Greene County Public Health (GCPH) and Wright State University are ensuring safety of the community and students.

The communicable disease team at GCPH services the community through preventing and controlling communicable diseases, while promoting health and wellness and protecting the environment for residents.

As the WHO claims the virus to be an international concern, the communicable disease team reassured residents that risk of mpox in the U.S. is low.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “The risk of mpox coming into the United States is low. CDC has made this assessment due to the limited number of travelers and no direct commercial flights from DRC or its neighboring countries to the United States.”

The team added that close or intimate contact is necessary for the virus to spread, which is unlikely to occur when traveling.

In the extreme case that mpox were to spread to the US, GCPH plans to recommend or provide vaccinations to at-risk groups, educate residents and promote prevention practices and share isolation messaging and CDC and Ohio Department of Health protocols.

Wright State University has taken steps to educate and reassure students, staff and faculty on personal health and safety since the mpox upsurge. The university would follow guidelines provided by the CDC, as well as local and state public health guidelines.

WSU has made sure to communicate up-to-date information on the virus to keep students educated on the matter through various outlets accessible to the campus community.

“Students should become familiar with the university’s safety protocols, visit our [Emergency Preparedness webpage](#), sign up for [Wright State Alert](#)”, said Bob Mihalek, WSU’s Interim Director of Communications.

The university has set up a [web page](#) to educate students on the virus.

“If you have been exposed, wear gloves and a mask when you are near others and avoid close contact with anyone, including sex or other intimate contact until you have been checked out by a healthcare provider,” the [website](#) reads.

Mihalek stated that WSU is capable and prepared to handle any outbreaks and keep the community safe.

The possibility of mpox in the US remains unlikely currently, but WSU and the surrounding community has made it their mission to prioritize health and safety.

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# Black Pit Stop: Highlighting Black Student Organizations

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On Monday, Aug. 26, the Black Student Union hosted an event where student organizations active in the Black community could table to garner interest from students looking for their homes on campus.

## Black Student Union

Brea Goines, a sophomore at Wright State University, has recently joined the BSU. She shared that she noticed all of the things BSU does on campus, and wanted to be part of that.

“What personally made me join was because of how outpouring of a community that it is, and they want everybody to feel included and have a place to go. We do a lot of different events,” Goines said.

She went on to discuss some of the different events that they have that she has attended, such as informative and social gatherings.

“It makes me feel overwhelmed, emotionally, to have that community here on campus.”

India Hector, President of the BSU, decided to bring back the tradition of hosting the Black Pit Stop, which had not been held at WSU in the past few years.

“I wanted to bring it back because I feel like our organizations were, I wouldn’t necessarily say divided, but I feel like they needed to just be brought back together. And it’s kind of like a mini Fall Fest, so, it’s just catered to the Black organizations. So people will come down and get to see all the orgs, instead of having to go to each other,” Hector explained.

“I feel like this is a good event to have, just to have us in one place.”

## **Student leaders**

Amber Cornist-Bordeneau is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho and a former president of the Association of Black Business Students. She is also involved in the BSU and has a lot of praise for it and its events.

“Our main focus is always service and making our community a lot better, a lot brighter in general, and it’s so important for us to stick together as a community,” Cornist-Bordeneau said.

“This event showcases us as Black orgs, and so our students would know that we’re here.”

Ken Ware is the treasurer of the Association of Black Business Students and a member of In His Presence Ministries.

When talking about IHP Ministries, Ware said “For me, it means being able to get deeper in my faith and go further and just praying, talking to the Lord more. So that organization helps me get deeper in that progress.”

“Since I am in business, I like to be at a certain level in corporate life. So being with ABBS and being a treasurer, it fits into my role of what corporate life is, for me to control the money and also distribute it through the organization properly,” Ware said.

Daleasha Moore, President of Black Women Striving Forward, was tabling at the event with several other women in her organization.

“We’re trying to make it all-inclusive to every woman on campus. We want everybody to feel included, have a safe space, and just to be heard,” Moore said.

## Organizations present

Black Women Striving Forward is an organization focused on moving the community forward and forging bonds and networking opportunities.

Black Men on the Move is focused on finding young Black men who are looking to find a place to socialize and work on themselves both personally and professionally.

The National Society of Black Engineers focuses on networking. They also practice professional skills so they feel prepared when going into interviews and the workforce. The NSBE also works on engineering-related projects to benefit local schools.

The Association of Black Business Students is open to all students of all majors. They focus on professional development, charitable work, and socializing with their peers.

In His Presence Ministries is a Christian student organization that welcomes all students. They hold weekly meetings on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

National Pan-Hellenic Council, or the Divine Nine, is a collection of nine historically African American fraternities and sororities.

WSU has, at some point in time, featured six of the nine included in the Divine Nine. At the Black Pit Stop, four of these chapters were present, being Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and Delta Gamma Rho Sorority.

The Black Pit Stop was an engaging event where Black organizations were able to showcase themselves to all students who were interested in getting involved. The BSU will be holding more events throughout the semester.



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# Wright State University and Local Food Bank Team up in Massive Distribution for Greene County Residents

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News

On Thursday, Aug. 29, The Foodbank Inc. and Wright State University joined up to distribute food to over thousands of Greene County residents in need. Students at the event were able to get involved and give back to the community.

## Food distribution

Food distribution started on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. Participants were able to line up for the distribution at 9 a.m.

Once able to, they were instructed to move through lot 8 at the Nutter Center. WSU alum and volunteer Cameron Bolden explained this process.

“We wanted to create a flow that didn’t disrupt traffic in any significant way. But we also were able to get the system where people were able to get things they needed,” Bolden said.

Bolden has been volunteering with The Foodbank Inc on and off for a few years.

“It is a great cause and a good way to get involved,” Bolden explained. “I feel useful giving back to the community.”

This food distribution is an annual event that started during the Pandemic. Greene County resident Brenda Anderson is one of many people who have been helped by the organization.

“This has really helped my family in their hard times. The economy is [very] rough right now and I’m so thankful for this community for coming together and helping those who aren’t as fortunate,” said Anderson.

## **The Foodbank Inc.**

The Foodbank Inc. is a Dayton-based network of food pantries that create partnerships with other organizations to supply things that may not be found at typical food pantries.

The Foodbank Inc. partners with produce partners, SICSA and Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to supply limited amounts of fresh produce, pet supplies and books at the distribution.

Michelle A. Riley, the CEO of The Foodbank Inc. made a statement about the organization.

“Our commitment to serving the community goes beyond just providing food; it’s about ensuring every family has the resources they need to thrive. A special thanks to Wright State University and CareSource for making this distribution possible, and to Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library of Ohio for providing their resources as well.”

To get involved with The Foodbank Inc., students can visit their [website](#).

If a student needs assistance, they are more than welcome to get in contact with the Wright State Food Pantry on their [website](#) or by calling (937) 260-0167.

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## **Student Resources: What Every Wright State Student Should Know**

Julia Kirk

As the school year kicks off, it is important for students to be informed about the many different resources available to them on campus.

## Counseling and wellness

One service that is offered on campus is the Counseling and Wellness office. This is located at 053 Student Union. There are several different kinds of help available, including one-on-one therapy, group therapy, psychiatric services and health promotion programming.

The cost of counseling is included in tuition fees each semester; however, if a student has chosen to waive the fee, they can still access the services for \$20 a session. Sessions can be booked on the Wright State Counseling and Wellness website.

## Tutoring

Another resource that is available to students is tutoring through the Academic Success Center. There are many different options depending on what kind of tutoring students are looking for.

Sasha Beard, the tutoring services program coordinator, has provided some details about how to meet with a tutor.

“Tutoring Services [includes] traditional tutoring in one-on-one in-person or virtual appointments. We offer a wide variety of courses from science to modern languages. Appointments are available from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m., the appointments are virtual only,” Beard said.

With traditional tutoring, students can sign up with a tutor either in person or online to go over details from whatever class they need help with.

In addition to this traditional tutoring, there are other groups offered for help. One includes Supplemental Instruction (SI). A leader will attend a specific class and hold

meetings outside of class to go over the material in further detail for those who need more instruction.

“These sessions are shared with the students, and they are encouraged to attend,” Beard said.

The Math Center and the Writing Center are also a part of the Academic Success Center. These are open to students who need help in these specific areas.

At the Math Center, students can meet with a tutor and rent out a calculator if needed. The Writing Center can help with drafts of papers, and brainstorming for their writing process.

## **Legal Services**

Legal services are also covered in the Wright State tuition. There are 2 full-time licensed attorneys and other legal professionals to assist students with any legal issues that may come up. Their whole goal is to provide assistance to students who otherwise could not access the help they need.

Some of the legal services they provide include consumer transactions, criminal misdemeanors, document drafting, landlord/tenant disputes, traffic offenses, uncontested domestic matters and other miscellaneous matters.

## **Library**

The Dunbar Library, of course, has books for students to check out. However, in addition to this, they have several other resources for students.

One of these resources is appointments for research. If students need help finding specific sources, they can book an appointment with one of the librarians online and they can help find sources and books for research projects.

Jane Wildermuth, one of the librarians, has shared several different ways to get help from the library.

“The best way is to come to the library for help. If the student is unable to make it in person, they can use our ‘Ask Us’ chat service, or schedule an appointment with a librarian. Additionally, they can schedule directly with a librarian by going to their online calendar then clicking on the button that says schedule an appointment,” Wildermuth said.

Some other resources offered at the library include accessing course reserve books for classes, printing/copying, the educational resource center and other workshops and events.

## Places to study

Classes can be demanding, and it is easy to become overwhelmed with work. Getting out of your dorm and having a change of scenery to study can help you focus. There are several great places around campus to do so.

There are small lounges in each academic building that are open for students. In addition to this, there are also lounges located near campus dining areas. This includes ReyRey Cafe, Union Market, the Hangar and more.

There are designated areas for school work and studying, but each student is different. One student, Shelby McCoy, shared where she likes to study.

“If the weather is nice outside, go find a table. I really liked the lights outside of the dorms,” McCoy said.

Take time to explore campus and find out which studying area works best for you.

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## News Roundup: Week of Sept. 2



Monica Brutto  
September 9, 2024  
News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing from the week of Sept. 2, 2024.

## Local

### 22 Ohio counties declared natural disaster areas due to drought

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has designated 22 Ohio counties as natural disaster areas due to drought, according to the [Associated Press](#). Most Ohio counties are experiencing abnormally dry conditions this summer, with those in the state's southeast being the hardest hit.

The counties in the declaration include Athens, Belmont, Fairfield, Fayette, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Highland, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Vinton and Washington.

## National

### Shooting at Georgia High School

On Wednesday, Sept. 4, a 14-year-old student opened fire at Apalachee High School in Winder, GA, killing four people, according to the [Associated Press](#). The dead were identified as two students and two teachers.

At least nine other people — eight students and one teacher — were taken to hospitals with injuries. All were expected to survive, Barrow County Sheriff Jud Smith said.

Two school resource officers encountered the shooter within minutes after a report of shots fired. The suspect, a student at the school, immediately surrendered and was taken into custody.

The FBI interviewed the suspect in May 2023 after receiving tips about online threats to commit an unspecified school shooting. The FBI found no probable cause for arrest and referred the case to the local sheriff.

## Global

### Ugandan Olympic athlete dies after being attacked

On Thursday, Sept. 5, Ugandan Olympic athlete Rebecca Cheptegei died at a Kenyan hospital where she was being treated for burns after being attacked by her partner, according to the [Associated Press](#). 80% of her body was covered in burns. She was 33.

Cheptegei competed in the women's marathon at the Paris Olympics. She finished in 44th place.

Her father, Joseph Cheptegei, told journalists that he hoped to get justice.

"As it is now, the criminal who harmed my daughter is a murderer and I am yet to see what the security officials are doing," her father said. "He is still free and might even flee."

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## Events on Campus Week of Sept. 9

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Whether you are interested in Greek Life or Club Sports, this week is jam packed with events to keep you busy!

## **Monday, Sept. 9**

4:00 p.m. | Left of Center's Buffalo Chicken Dip Social Event | Left of Center | Allyn Hall 259

4:15p.m. | UAB Social | University Activities Board | Dunbar Library 1st Floor

5:30 p.m. | Create a Home Protection Ward | Mindful Magic | Oelman Hall 132

7:30 p.m. | Troupe: First Monday Meeting | Troupe | Oelman Hall 109

## **Tuesday, Sept. 10**

12:00 p.m. | Making Strides Mini-Walk | Counseling and Wellness Services, Campus Recreation | Meet at BART Sculpture

3:00 p.m. | Habitat For Humanity Information Session – Student Group Interest | Student Involvement and Leadership Center | Oelman Hall 306

4:00 p.m. | Free Donuts! – Marketing Major Kickoff Meeting | American Marketing Association at WSU | Rey Rey Cafe

5:00 p.m. | Presentation by Dayton VA Biomedical Engineers | Biomedical Engineering Society | Joshi Research Center 292

## **Wednesday, Sept. 11**

9:00 a.m. | CECS Donuts with the Dean | Russ Engineering Center, 1st Floor Lobby

10:00 a.m. | PA Appreciation Coffee Hour | Abilities | Student Union 023

6:00 p.m. | Yay or Nay | Association of Black Business Students | Rike Hall 166



8:00 p.m. | NPHC Pj/Movie Night | National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) | Honors Plaza

## **Thursday, Sept. 12**

12:00 p.m. | Global Raider Meet-Up | University Center for International Education | Student Involvement Lounge

4:00 p.m. | NPHC Carwash | National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) | Wright State Foundation Building

4:30 p.m. | “Why the Future Will Be Less AI and More Human” | Schuster Hall, Creative Arts Center

5:00 p.m. | Club MMA Practice | Club MMA | Wright State University Recreation Center

7:00 p.m. | Girls, Gays & Theys Climbing Night | Campus Recreation | Student Union Rock Climbing Gym

## **Friday, Sept. 13**

10:30 a.m. | A Voteless People is a Hopeless People | Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. | Student Union Market Table 01

2:00 p.m. | Meet & Greet – Graduates | University Center for International Education | Student Union Atrium

3:00 p.m. | IEEE Seminar with Dr. Ren – Micro Electronics in the Digital World | Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers | Joshi Research Center 292

8:00 p.m. | NPHC Icebreaker | National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) | Apollo Room

## **Saturday, Sept. 14**

11:00 a.m. | Wright State Vs UD Double Header | Club Fastpitch Softball Team |  
Wright State Varsity Softball Field

3:00 p.m. | Men's Soccer vs. IU Indy | Athletics Department | Alumni Field

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# CWS Hosts Painting Signs Event to Promote Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

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On Wednesday, Sept. 4, the Counseling and Wellness Services staff put on the Painting Signs and Making strides event. Hosted at the outdoor seating area of ReyRey Cafe, students let their creativity show as they contributed to an important cause.

## The purpose

Sara Baker is the Health and Wellness Program Manager with CWS. She is a registered nurse and public health professional, and her job focuses on health education and promotion.

“We have been tasked with creating a Wright State Raiders team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk,” Baker said.

Baker explained that the purpose of the event was to make signs for the upcoming Making Strides Mini-Walk at WSU.

“We made sure the route is just on sidewalks. We’re not crossing any streets or going into the grass or anything, so it is wheelchair accessible. We want everybody to be able to participate,” Baker said.

She continued to explain that leading events such as this one were part of the campus’s efforts to contribute to the cause.

“If you can’t make the big walk, you can still participate in big ways. Helping make a sign is huge,” Baker stated.

## **Making signs**

When the signs were handed out to students, they each had a post-it note with an arrow, indicating which direction their sign would be pointing to on the path for the Mini-Walk.

Olivia Hurley, a freshman psychology major, loves to do crafts and express herself creatively. She painted a detailed butterfly over her pink arrow.

Hurley shared that she plans to attend the Mini-Walk, but she first is hoping to come up with a good outfit for her service dog, Clarence.

“I’m thinking I’m gonna try to see if I can get him in mostly pink gear,” Hurley said. She shared that she likes to dress Clarence in headbands for events.

Brooklyn DeLawn Thomas is a senior psychology major who just transferred to WSU this year.

“I didn’t know about [the event] until I stepped into ReyRey. A woman was like ‘Do you want a free drink?’ and I feel like that’s a great tag to start with,” Thomas said.

She may have come for the free drink, but she stayed for the entertainment. Thomas even painted her sign with a pink breast cancer ribbon and the words “for her” written at the top.

“I like how they have it outside. I love the painting, and I love what it’s for. I thought this was a really good idea, even if it wasn’t for breast cancer awareness. Stuff like this is very interactive,” Thomas shared.

## **The cause and next steps**

Shannon Moorman, a junior social work major, was one of the first people in attendance at the event.

“I always do stuff with counseling and wellness, and painting is good for my mental health,” Moorman said.

“It makes me feel good, really connected with other people, and a chance to talk with other people and things like that,” Moorman said in regards to attending the events held by CWS.

Audrey Akers is a staff therapist at CWS. She will be running the women’s therapy group soon and identifies herself as a feminist clinician.

“I hope to empower women, advocate for women [and] speak up for their rights,” Akers said. “These are helpful things to do to take care of your reproductive health, and it’s very meaningful work.”

The event saw greater success than anticipated, running out of signs to paint after only about thirty minutes. The painting went on for a while, though, with students talking and sharing in the experience.

The Mini-Walk will start at BART, leaving at noon on Sept. 10.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk is on Oct. 12 and takes place at the Dayton Dragons Stadium.

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# CECS Involvement Fair Promotes Engineering Clubs and More

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Hosted on Tuesday, Sept. 3, the CECS Involvement Fair consisted of tabling opportunities for engineering and computer science clubs. Here are some of the many clubs who attended the event.

## Association for Computer Machinery

The Association for Computer Machinery focuses on anything within the computing realm, though they have three main topics for this year: a yearly programming contest, a homelab workshop and a group created to attend the National Cyber League.

The programming contest is open to undergraduate students, though graduate students are encouraged to join as well. Regionals have proven to be a worthy challenge for Wright State University students, but there are various reports of people enjoying the event!

Kayleigh Duncan, the faculty advisor for the Association for Computer Machinery and an instructor for computer science, talked about the programming contest.

“Regionals are usually a very humbling experience– which, nothing against it, everybody has a good time, and the whole way home last time they blabbered on about ‘how are we supposed to solve this problem,’” Duncan said.

The club hopes to have this event sometime in October or November of this year.

A student who is a part of the club is also hosting his own homelab workshop.

“In essence, the best way to learn is by doing, so he has set up his own server cluster, his own networking, routing, firewalls and everything, and he would really love to

help students build their own. So he is creating a series to build up that skillset, so that students could walk away over winter break and put these things together and see what they can create,” Duncan said.

Finally, the club has started attending the National Cyber League competition. There are individual and team games, as well as a “gymnasium” where students will offer to teach and mentor each other on subjects they may not be too aware of in preparation for this game.

“It’s a great way for [students] to build each other up,” Duncan said.

Students interested should check out their [Engage!](#)

## **Biomedical Engineering Society**

The Biomedical Engineering Society hopes to offer a large variety of events and opportunities during the school year, especially since the club had gone into decline after the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Vera Peters is the president of the club and went down a complicated yet simple path to decide on her major of biomedical engineering.

“I started undecided, and it was the first semester and I was like ‘well, I should pick something.’ I just went on Wright State’s undergrad programs and opened any tab for all the programs that sparked an interest... I picked BME as the final one because I [felt] like it’s gonna challenge me enough where I don’t get bored, but it will keep me interested,” Peters explained.

“My grandma had a total knee replacement, so my background with living with her during her recovery was interesting to me. Eventually as I got through the program, I started to gain more interest in different medical devices and implants, and now I want to actually pursue medicine.”

The Biomedical Engineering Society has many upcoming events. Their next event, which will be a presentation by Dayton VA Biomedical Engineers, will give students the opportunity to learn more about the current BME field while making connections for their future careers.

The club will also see a visit from Dr. Emily Davidson, a professor of biochemistry and bioengineering. Peters is very excited for her upcoming webinar, which should be held with the club on Nov. 2.

“...she is an associate professor at Princeton University, and she has done a ton of amazing research that’s very appealing to mechanical engineers, and she does a lot of 3D printing as well. When I was reading up [on] some of the papers she has and I was like, ‘this is the woman in STEM. Like, this is the girl,’” Peters exclaimed.

The best way to stay updated on the variety of events the Biomedical Engineering Society has planned is by joining their [Engage page](#).

## Collegiate eSports Club

eSports Club is a club meant for gamers of all skill levels and interests. Jacob Litten, an IT and cybersecurity major, is currently the president of the club, and was happy to talk about what the club has to offer.

“Our main competitive games are Overwatch, Valorant, Call of Duty, League of Legends, [Rainbow Six Siege], [Counter-Strike 2] and a couple more. [Those] are our main competitive games, that’s when we go out and face other schools,” Litten explained.

Beyond competitive games, the club room offers spaces to play more relaxed games on the computer and on Nintendo Switch. There are lots of club members who are more relaxed and looking to make friends to play games with!

Students interested can become a member on [Engage](#), where there is also information for the group’s Discord. The eSports room is open from 12-6p.m. every weekday; they are located in the Student Union Lower Atrium.

## National Society for Black Engineers

The National Society for Black Engineers is dedicated to career development, but also has the occasional social event. Current President Divine Eziole explained the biggest yearly event the club has.

“We have a [yearly national] convention we go to each year. Usually it’s somewhere in the Midwest like Chicago, so it’s like a fun little thing, but it’s also good for students who put themselves out there. The conference basically has a whole lot of companies in the Midwest who are looking for people to hire, so it’s a massive job fair pretty much. There’s tons of companies [we] usually can’t get through all of them in one day,” EzioIise said.

For those interested in this convention or attending other meetings hosted by the club, join their [Engage!](#)

## **Tau Beta Pi**

Rachel Ballentine, a mechanical engineering major and member of Tau Beta Pi, explained the primary purpose of the club.

“Tau Beta Pi is the engineering honors society, it is one of the oldest honors societies in the U.S. and was formed in the 1800s,” Ballentine said.

Tau Beta Pi hopes to cultivate integrity and excellence in engineering, as well as liberal culture and distinguished honor amongst members. While the society is limited to students in engineering or computer science, it is an excellent organization for the top students of each year.

## **Other organizations**

Almost every club for CECS that a student could think of attended the CECS Involvement Fair. While some may not have had people actively tabling, all offered some sort of handout for attendees to take as they walked by.

There were also clubs that simply did not have as much information as others. However, these are clubs that students should still consider joining as they have a variety of opportunities!

Beyond the previously mentioned clubs, the Society of Hispanic Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the



Institute of Industrial and System Engineers and Engineers Without Borders were all there. The best way to learn more about these clubs is through [Engage](#).

The study abroad program was also there, boasting two WSU Ambassador Programs for engineering students to go to Taiwan or Germany. Students interested in these opportunities– or any study abroad programs offered by WSU– can email [studyabroad@wright.edu](mailto:studyabroad@wright.edu) or visit the UCIE at 334 Student Union.

There are lots of opportunities available for students from the College of Engineering and Computer Science. Join a club today to learn more about your passions and any opportunities you may have missed!

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## Small Business Farmers Market

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During Fall Fest, which took place on Friday, Aug. 30, six student and alumni entrepreneurs gathered outside Rike Hall to share their businesses with Wright State University. The market is expected to return to April Craze in the spring.

### Keirstyn Thriftz

The market had six vendors set up during Fall Fest, which consisted of vintage clothing, handmade goods, baked items and more. Students could pursue the shops and explore the variety of what these small businesses had to offer.

One of these businesses included Keirstyn Thriftz, a thrifting and reselling business that the owner, Keirstyn Meisner, started six years ago.

Meisner is a senior at WSU studying Business Management. Besides having her own shop, she also helped organize the Small Business Farmers Market after attending various other markets at other universities.

“I’m a business management major, so I’m able to learn so much for my business and especially because there are small business management classes to learn things like ethics and financing,” Meisner said.

Meisner’s WSU education has been very beneficial in running her business and has landed her sources of support and networking opportunities.

When she graduates, the Entrepreneurship Club will take over running the Small Business Farmers Market.

## **Micharre Bakes**

Michael Mathews is a graduate student at WSU getting an MBA with an expected graduation in May of 2025. Mathews mostly bakes for fun, but has baked for a variety of organizations and fundraisers across Dayton, Ohio.

Micharre Bakes is known for their unique baked goods creations. They sell everything from chocolate chip cookie cupcakes to sugar cookie brownies. These delicious goods are ones you do not want to miss.

## **Perseverance the Brand**

Tracy Wilson is a WSU marketing student who was inspired by hard work and determination to create Perseverance the Brand.

Wilson’s business is a clothing brand that he started a year ago. Wilson’s goal is to have the entire university wear Perseverance the Brand.

## **Aerian’s Closet**

Aerian Ellington is a 2019 WSU graduate. He graduated with a degree in finance and participated in the market.

Ellington sells vintage clothing from all over. His education at WSU has helped him network and find like-minded people to surround himself with.

## **Hand Painted Totes n' Such**

Jayne Retter is a first-year student studying mechanical engineering at WSU. She is involved in CRU on campus and is originally from Beavercreek.

Retter has wanted to start a business for a while and took the chance when she saw the flyer for the small business market. She hand paints tote bags and other miscellaneous items.

## **Wrinkle Frinkle LLC**

Christine Moser is a 2022 WSU graduate, with a degree in entrepreneurship. She currently runs her business, Wrinkle Frinkle LLC, full time.

Moser has crafted a variety of goods throughout the span of her business but focuses on wood burning on a variety of items.

She started her education in biomedical engineering, and during her last year switched to entrepreneurship to follow her heart.

“If anybody is in the business world, just seriously follow your gut instinct. You know in your heart when something is right and you just have to go with that,” Moser said.

The Small Business Farmers Market is set to return during April Craze in the spring of 2025.

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## **FAFSA Issues Delay Financial Aid Disbursement Nationwide**

In November 2023, the process for the FAFSA was changed for the 2024-2025 school year. The overhaul was meant to help students. Instead it has caused more problems, including delays in financial aid disbursements. Students are not happy about it.

## FAFSA changed

In November 2023, it was announced that the opening of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) would be pushed back to allow for a complete overhaul of the application. The date was later pushed back to Dec. 1, 2023.

These changes include the option to make corrections to the application after submitting and a new parent portal, where parents can enter their information themselves.

The overhaul was intended to make the whole process of FAFSA easier to everyone involved, streamlining the experience and creating more eligibility of aid for students.

In reality, [this caused many issues](#) that has led to several students to pay out of pocket for their school when originally they were eligible for a Pell Grant. This has led to the decision to push the opening back again for retooling.

When contacted, The Wright State Guardian received this press release from the U.S Department of Education:

“The system we now have is fairly new, we have noticed some obvious issues with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and we want to work and correct these issues.”

## Effects on students and their families

This issue is still affecting thousands of students throughout the country, and they are demanding changes. One fine arts major from Ohio University, Rex Anderson, has struggled with the effects of the FAFSA.

“My school has already started. I’m not able to take any classes because they are being so slow. It started with me mistakenly saying that I wasn’t a dependent student, they let me correct it and I thought I was fine. I haven’t heard anything from them, my financial aid office hasn’t. I can’t go to school because I rely on the Pell Grant, so I’m stuck,” Anderson said.

This is a common issue that many students are having. Due to unclear instructions, many dependent children claimed independence on accident, causing an additional correctional period to be created.

Additionally, with how they have changed the calculation of aid, many students are no longer eligible for the FAFSA. This system also does not take into account that most students may be dependent, but are paying for their own college.

Elizabeth Alig, an accounting major at WSU, has personally been paying for her own education.

“I’m in a lot of debt. My mom and dad don’t help me with school, I do that. I’m a dependent because they take care of me otherwise. Then they changed the financial requirement and decided that my parents made too much. Now I have to pull money I don’t really have out of [nowhere] or go into debt.”

The U.S department of education promises that these issues will be fixed in time for the proposed pushed back date of Dec. 1, 2024.

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## **The Importance of Suicide Prevention Month**

September is national suicide prevention month, a time to highlight the importance of prioritizing mental health. For college students, this is especially an important time to raise awareness as the back-to-school season can be very stressful and is often plagued by great change.

## College mental health: triggers & preventative measures

The month of September is dedicated to suicide prevention, and raising awareness to those struggling with mental health issues and those who know someone struggling.

College is a major life adjustment, making areas of a student's life that once felt familiar and comfortable new and scary. Without proper guidance on how to handle major life changes, students often fall victim to the dangers of poor mental health and the issues that follow with this.

The ability to recognize mental health triggers and the best way to deal with a crisis could save a life.

Young people are especially susceptible to the many triggers of stress, anxiety and depression, all of which can lead to suicidal thoughts. The many transitional phases experienced and uncertainty of the future makes college students at risk for poor mental health.

“44% of students reported symptoms of depression, 37% reported anxiety disorders and 15% reported having seriously considered suicide in the past year—the highest recorded rates in the history of the 15-year-old survey,” a [2021 study](#), taken by 96,000 U.S. college student, reports.

Having access to resources and becoming more educated on prevention methods and mental health is important to improving the quality of life on campus and learning to navigate times of crisis.

## Counseling and Wellness Services

Wright State University is spreading the importance of mental health this month and next through new and established measures.

WSU's Counseling and Wellness Services works hard to provide mental health services to students. CWS offers individual and group counseling, psychiatry services and limited psychological testing services.

WSU prioritizes affordability, with services included in students' bills each semester for \$20. For this amount, students can attend one-on-one services, group therapy, walk-in/crisis services and more. A full list of services can be found on [CWS's online page](#).

The [Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Emergencies](#) page provided by CWS lists campus, national and self-help resources to those in a crisis. Campus resources vary from Raider Cares' 24 hour crisis line, in-person counseling and contact information for university police.

The numbers for effective national resources are listed on CWS's page as well. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline, Trevor Project and crisis text lines are included so students are aware of the many options for an emergency.

CWS is dedicated to keeping students informed on the many factors that contribute to mental health issues and suicidal thoughts.

Information sheets, workshops and self-help checklists are provided on common mental health disorders including anxiety, depression and eating disorders for those interested in a self-help approach in 053 Student Union and online.

## Mental Health Task Force

On Aug. 28, Provost Amy Thompson announced the Mental Health First Aid Training programs that will be taken by WSU employees.

The program will be conducted by the Health and Wellness Task Force in efforts to incorporate mental health support to students in a class setting.

Barb Marsh, Director of CWS, talked about the mission of the Health and Wellness Task Force.

“The Health and Wellness Task Force consists of a comprehensive and collaborative group of individuals across [WSU] who will implement policy, systems and environmental change strategies,” Marsh said.

The task force aims to promote positive student and employee mental and physical health, and also address substance misuse.

The Mental Health Training Program became a requirement to be taken by all WSU employees in Jan. 2024, with training offered throughout the year.

The latest training session took place on Sept. 7, and aimed to be a comprehensive guide on navigating mental health issues and how to deal with emergencies.

“This program aims to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to provide crucial support to individuals who may be experiencing mental health challenges,” Provost Thompson said.

More specifically, the program is a course, which teaches employees to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

“It helps us to also engage in conversations and help support engaging in conversations about mental health and reduce that stigma around mental health,” Marsh said.

Continued prioritization is important to WSU in creating a safe environment in which students and faculty can speak openly about mental health. With more funding, the university hopes to further increase resources and even offer training sessions to students.

Additionally, Provost Thompson announced that WSU is to celebrate World Mental Health Day on Oct. 10. Faculty is encouraged to incorporate mental health support activities and sessions in class on this day.



## Montgomery County resources

Montgomery County offers many accessible online and in-person resources to anyone in need of counseling or additional forms of mental health care. College students commonly face the issue of the high financial costs associated with therapy and treatment.

Montgomery County's National Alliance on Mental Illness is dedicated to providing the community with free mental health support, online groups, resources and education.

"Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education and advocacy," the website's mission statement reads.

NAMI offers many resources for the community including preventative measures and crisis lines.

A comprehensive list of resources, which explains each organization and lists contact information, can be found on NAMI's website, allowing people to choose a resource that would be most beneficial.

## Breaking the stigma

To further the mission of suicide prevention, the stigma associated with mental illness needs to be broken.

Talking about mental health struggles often appears uncomfortable and intimidating. Engaging more frequently in conversations about health and wellness is crucial to normalizing mental health struggles, rather than making an individual feel isolated.

As a family member, friend or peer, being educated on what to do if someone is having a crisis or is displaying symptoms of mental illness is a useful skill to have.

CWS provides extensive information which explains how to support a student who requires support. Information on properly engaging in conversation with the student and what action is required depending on the severity of the situation is provided on [CWS's page](#).

Marsh explained that breaking the stigma is a group effort, which involves creating a “culture of caring,” and continuing to increase mental health awareness in all environments.

“If we can increase people having the conversation, that will help reduce stigma, and it will help people to feel more comfortable to talk about it and also to access resources when they need them,” Marsh said.

Education and awareness are crucial to getting to the root of the issue with individuals’ mental health. Through proper knowledge and increased awareness, WSU and the surrounding communities continue to further the mission to prevent suicide and enhance mental health.

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## 2024 Election: A Guide to the Presidential Candidates

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News

With the Presidential Election just around the corner, it is important for students to remain informed. There is a lot of misinformation that gets spread around during election time. From the mouths of the presidential candidates themselves, this is everything students need to know about each candidate.

### Donald J. Trump

Donald Trump was the 45th president of the United States. Trump was elected in 2016 and ended his presidency in 2020. He had a controversial run in his winning election due to his run on reality television and his business background, as well as several of his campaign promises that were deemed excessive.

Trump had no prior political experience before his presidency, which was another controversy. Despite that, Donald Trump won his presidency against democrat and former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton.

During his presidency, Trump seemed to focus on business. Some highlights of his presidential work include trade negotiations abroad and a major tax reform bill that allowed taxes to become less federally regulated. He focused of foreign relations, like having a political summit with North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un.

Trump was known to be controversial during presidency as well, with at one point, both houses of congress trying to impeach him due to alleged obstruction of Congress and abuse of power.

In 2020, the Coronavirus (COVID) pandemic hit the U.S., killing over 400,000 Americans by the time Trump ended his term. This caused criticisms that Trump waited too long to do anything about the Pandemic and about his behavior surrounding safety precautions.

When Trump lost to the 46th President Joe Biden, he held a rally to protest that quickly turned violent and led to supporters storming the capitol to “punish congress.” Trump denied any wrongdoing in this.

He is running for re-election for 2024 against Vice-President Kamala Harris. Trump is pushing for a more aggressive stance this election. Hitting hot button issues like taxes on workers, immigration, securing election ballots, social issues and college reform and regulation.

His campaign this time around has a bigger emphasis on his christian beliefs. In a statement given to The Wright State Guardian by the Trump campaign, they explain that they are intending to go back to basics with politics.

“America needs determined Republican Leadership at every level of Government to address the core threats to our very survival: Our disastrously Open Border, our

weakened Economy, crippling restrictions on American Energy Production, our depleted Military, attacks on the American System of Justice and much more,” the campaign said.

“To make clear our commitment, we offer to the American people the 2024 GOP Platform to Make America Great Again!”

Trump’s Running mate is J.D Vance.

## **Kamala Harris**

Kamala Harris is the current Vice President of the United States. She was running mate with President Joe Biden.

Most of her views in 2020 were tied to Biden’s race and campaign promises. Some of those include Decriminalizing marijuana usage, making unionization easier, codifying Roe v. Wade and other social issues.

Harris’ Campaign also has some controversy. Harris was made the Democratic nominee shortly after the former nominee and current project Joe Biden had to drop from the race due to health concerns. This was unpopular because there was no vote from the people and was deemed unconstitutional by the public for a while.

Harris has several different campaign promises on offer. Some of those are supporting low income families, tax credits and other social issues.

Her policy on foreign affairs includes being tough on authorian governments and dictatorships.

“Vice President Harris has proudly represented the United States on the global stage in meetings with over 150 world leaders and bolstered vital alliances against tyranny abroad — and she is just as committed to stopping would-be authoritarians and dictators at home,” her campaign states.

Before becoming the Vice President in 2020, Harris was elected the District Attorney of San Francisco in 2004, Attorney General of California in 2010 and U.S. Junior Senator for California in 2017.

Harris is the first woman, first Black American, and first South Asian American to serve as vice president. Her campaign champions a quote from Kamala's mother, a renowned breast cancer researcher.

"Kamala, you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you are not the last," her campaign website reads.

Harris' running mate is Tim Walz.

## Student reaction

There is generally a divide on what students think of these nominees. This lines up with trends nationwide.

For example, Noor Abuzer, a sports science major, has not made up who she would vote for, but has criticized Kamala Harris and the lack of clarity on her policies.

"Other than social issues, I don't entirely know what she wants to do," Abzuer said. "I have tried to look up her policies, [but] it is impossible to find what she stands for."

Hannah Layton, a marketing major, thinks Trump is extreme and weary of a second Trump presidency.

"He started a whole riot, and we are just supposed to not be nervous that he'll do it again," Layton stated. "I mean I looked it up because I was curious, and I saw some of what he thinks and was like 'well, that's not bad'. But then he says and does some of the dumbest things I've ever heard."

Either way, it is very important for students to do their research when choosing their presidential candidate.

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## Wright State University Welcomes Two New Board of Trustees Members

WSU welcomed two new members to the Board of Trustees to fill in for members whose contracts have ended. These members were appointed by Governor Mike DeWine on Aug. 2. Here is what you should know.

## What is the Board of Trustees?

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of WSU. The members are appointed by the governor and are intended to work in the best interest of WSU. There are several committees that meet within the Board that discuss various topics. They also appoint National Trustees that join meetings but cannot vote on separate issues.

Anyone is allowed to address the board at a meeting if they have concerns, as long as they give at least a 72 hour notice.

Stephen Jacquemin is a biology professor from the Lake Campus that proposed the Wetlands project back in February.

“It was fairly easy to get the board to hear my concerns,” Jacquemin said, “The key in your proposal is to come prepared and have any piece of data you may need.”

The next Board of Trustees meeting is on Friday, Sept. 13, at 9 a.m.

## Ricky Peters

Ricky Peters is a 1984 Alumni of WSU with a bachelors in systems engineering. He was a part of several committees during his original 2000's run as a National Trustee.

Peters is Vice Chair on Aerospace and Defense and a member of the Finance, Audit, Governance and Compliance Committee, the Special Committee on Medicine and Health and the Special Committee on Athletics and Campus Recreation.

Outside of WSU, Peters is the chief strategy officer of Tenet3, a cyber security company in Dayton, Ohio. At Tenet3, he works with leadership to develop and implement the company's vision.

WSU's office of communications sent a campus-wide email detailing the background and work of the two new board members. The communication highlights Peters' work with the Air Force.

"He previously served for 35 years as a civilian leader in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2015 as the executive director of the Air Force Research Laboratory. He was responsible for leading a workforce of 10,000 and guiding the Air Force's \$2.5 billion science and technology program and an additional \$2.75 billion in customer-funded research," the email reads.

Students feel he is fit for his position overall. Cory Agler, an integrated science studies major, is one of the many that agrees.

"It sounds like he should know what he is doing. I would at least hope that he knows what he is doing, given his credentials," Agler said.

Peter's Term ends June 30, 2027.

## **Ellen Miller**

Ellen Miller was recently appointed as the Community Relations for CareSource Foundation Associate Vice President. She is working towards helping create initiatives to help the community.

Miller has a history in leadership and risk management as highlighted in the office of communications' email.

"Before joining CareSource in 2022, Miller was the director of development at Altafiber, where she was responsible for establishing and increasing market share. She also spent more than 16 years at Fifth Third Bank where she served in multiple capacities and areas, including risk management," the email reads.

She is active in the Dayton community and is to bring her expertise to the Board of Trustees.

Students like Autumn Abney, a psychology major, are generally positive about Miller's addition.

"Personally I think that she is an amazing addition. She sounds like she has everything she needs in order to be successful. I didn't even know we had a position like this on the Board of Trustees, so I hope she is active and brings in Public outreach," Abney explained.

Miller's term ends on June 30, 2033.

## Sue says

Wright State President Sue Edwards and Board of Trustees Chair Tom Gunlock expressed their approval and excitement of the appointment of these new members.

"The appointees from Gov. DeWine possesses expertise in areas of strategic importance to the university," Gunlock expressed in the email. "We sincerely appreciate the governor's careful selection of appointees with leadership experience in both health care and defense industries."

Edwards praised the appointments and expressed her excitement.

"I am very thankful to Gov. DeWine for appointing two strong community leaders from the Dayton region to the Board of Trustees at such an exciting time for the university," Edwards said in the email.

The Wright State Guardian reached out to the new trustee members for interviews, none were provided.

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# Horoscopes: What Genre of Music Are You?

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Music genres have expanded significantly over the past few decades; there are now hundreds of genres for you to listen to. Based on your zodiac, which genre of music are you?

## Aries

An Aries would be the hyperpop genre. With the loud, over-the-top beats and lyrics that make hyperpop so distinct, the genre is similar to the rambunctious and energetic Aries.

## Taurus

A Taurus would be the lo-fi genre. Most people put lo-fi on to relax or to do a focused task, like studying. The calmer, relaxed genre definitely represents the personality of a Taurus.

## Gemini

A Gemini would be the experimental genre. Whether it is experimental rock, hip hop, or any other genre, as long as it is experimental, it matches the personality of a Gemini perfectly!

## Cancer

A Cancer would be any genre originating from Asia, including K-pop or J-pop. No Cancer can deny it; they most likely had a K-pop phase growing up. Even today, the genre still fits the personality of a Cancer!

## **Leo**

A Leo would be the pop genre. Imagine going to Spotify and putting on the top pop hits– the vibe of those songs perfectly encapsulates the energy and personality of a Leo.

## **Virgo**

A Virgo would be the classical genre. As a dedicated and hardworking sign, a Virgo will appreciate how classical music is most often used to focus when doing work. The older style of the music also fits the personality of a Virgo.

## **Libra**

A Libra would be the jazz genre. The upbeat and unique Libra will appreciate jazz for its unique style of sound, as well as the history behind the genre.

## **Scorpio**

A Scorpio would not be any specific genre; instead, their personality can be seen in any romance song. This sign is incredibly romantic, and no matter what emotions are behind the love song, a Scorpio will be all over it.

## **Sagittarius**

A Sagittarius would be the country genre. As explorers, a Sagittarius has probably experimented with all sorts of music genres before. Country perfectly represents this adventurous personality– and how you should never judge a book by its cover!

## Capricorn

A Capricorn would be the metal genre. Most Capricorns appear calm and unassuming from the outside, but once you get to know them, they reveal their true personality. Like loving metal!

## Aquarius

An Aquarius would be the indie genre. Putting aside the unique sound that comes with each indie band, an Aquarius would jump at the opportunity to support a small artist. Listening to indie music satisfies both that need to help and the want to find new styles of music!

## Pisces

A Pisces would be the alternative genre. With the creative mind that every Pisces has, comes true appreciation for alternative music.

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# News Roundup: Week of Sept. 9

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From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing from the week of Sept. 9, 2024.

## Local

**Father of slain Ohio boy asks Trump not invoke his son in immigration debate**

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Nathan Clark, father of an Ohio boy killed last year when a Haitian hit a school bus, is asking Donald Trump and other politicians to stop using his son's name in the debate about immigration, according to the [Associated Press](#).

"This needs to stop now," Clark said. "They can vomit all the hate they want about illegal immigrants, the border crisis and even untrue claims about fluffy pets being ravaged and eaten by community members."

## National

### Taylor Swift endorse Kamala Harris

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, Billionaire Superstar Taylor Swift endorsed Kamala Harris for president, according to the [Associated Press](#). The endorsement was announced on Instagram following the presidential debate between Harris and Donald Trump.

Swift wrote that her endorsement was partially prompted by Trump's decision to post artificial intelligence-generated pictures suggesting that she had endorsed him.

"It [Trump's posts] brought me to the conclusion that I need to be very transparent about my actual plans for this election as a voter," Swift wrote. She added that "I've done my research, and I've made my choice."

### Hurricane Francine makes landfall in Louisiana

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, Hurricane Francine made landfall in Louisiana as a Category 2 storm that knocked out electricity to more than a quarter-million homes and businesses and threatened widespread flooding in coastal communities, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Francine slammed into the coast with 100 mph (155 kph) winds in Terrebonne Parish, battering a fragile coastal region that has not fully recovered from a series of devastating hurricanes in 2020 and 2021. The system weakened to a tropical storm as it moved toward New Orleans, lashing the city with torrential rain.

# Global

## Flash flood sweeps away entire hamlet in Vietnam, storm death toll rises

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, a flash flood swept away the entire hamlet in northern Vietnam, killing 30 people, according to the [Associated Press](#). Over 60 people are still missing. The flash flood is an after effect of Typhoon Yagi which hit Vietnam last week.

The death toll from Typhoon Yagi and its aftermath has climbed to 197. Another 125 people are missing and hundreds were injured, Vietnamese state broadcaster VTV said.

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## Wright State Cross Country Team Season Preview

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Wright State University Men and Women's Cross Country teams opened their season on Sept. 6 at their home meet, the Mike Baumer Invitational.

### Men's Cross Country

The men's cross country team has a lot of depth going into the 2024 season.

The Raiders finished second out of nine teams at the Mike Baumer Invitational, only losing by one point. It was the first time in a long time that the men's team had beaten the University of Dayton.

Ethan Neblock is a senior member and captain of the cross country and track team. He is currently studying math and plans to return next year to get his MBA in economics and continue competing for the team.

"We have a really young and really fast team," Neblock said. "It's the best team finish we've had since I've been here."

Neblock explains that overall the team had nearly 20 personal records. Personal records typically come towards the end of the season, so having this large of a number for their opening meet shows the competitive nature that the men's team is expected to bring this season.

WSU's top five runners at the Mike Baumer meet include Blake Rodgers (7th), Evan McPherson (11th), Preston Jackson (13th), Patrick Statzer (15th) and Andrew Bugner (16th). Multiple freshman runners made appearances on the varsity team, which generally only includes the top ten runners.

Rodgers, who finished first for the team, set a new WSU freshman record and was named Horizon League Male Freshman of the Week.

The team's top two runners from 2023, Noah Sharp and Alex McCarty, are out for the season. With everyone returning next year, the Raiders will have a greater chance to compete for a Horizon League title.

Looking into the future, we expect that the WSU men's team will become well-known in the Horizon League and a recognizable team for the school as a whole.

## **Women's Cross Country**

The women's team is also looking competitive going into the 2024 cross country season.

The team finished fourth out of eight teams. There were several personal records on the women's team as well.

Reece Barnitz is a sophomore runner at WSU studying biology on the pre-med track, with plans of becoming a physician. She has competed on both the cross country and track teams throughout the last year and a half.

"Compared to last year, the women's team this year is much larger and much younger," Barnitz said.

Barnitz explains that the team has twelve freshmen this year, making a lot of room for improvement throughout the season and in the coming years.

The top five finishers for the women's team include Emma Johnson (6th), Shelby Hept (21st), Reece Barnitz (22nd), Samantha Seas (23rd) and Anna Johnson (35th).

"Our goal is to continue building and progressing from week-to-week and race-to-race throughout the season," Barnitz explained.

Hept, who finished second for the women's team, set a personal record and was named the Horizon League Female Freshman of the Week.

The Raider cross country teams will toe the line next at Cedarville University on Sep. 20 and John McNichols Invitational on Sep. 21.

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## Events on Campus Week of Sept. 16

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September 16, 2024  
Wright Life

Looking for something to do? It's never too late to get involved! From Latin Dance classes with Amigos Latinos Student Association to the Pink Pony Listening Party with WWSU 106.9, here are all the events happening on campus this week.

## **Monday, Sept. 16**

3:00 p.m. | Weekly Meeting | Progressive Students Coalition | Emerald Room (Student Union 010)

5:00 p.m. | TTC Presents: Game Nights | Tabletop Club | Health Sciences 134

6:30 p.m. | EWB General Meeting | Engineers Without Borders | Joshi Research Center 292

## **Tuesday, Sept. 17**

7:00 a.m. | Wright State Club Cheer and Bluesky Coffee Shop Fundraiser | Club Cheerleading | Blue Sky Coffee, 3070 Presidential Drive, Fairborn, OH

5:00 p.m. | ALSA Latin Dance Classes with Lauri Chaves | Amigos Latinos Student Association | Student Union 019

5:00 p.m. | Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) General Meeting | Biomedical Engineering Society | Joshi Research Center 292

7:00 p.m. | Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Illinois | Athletics Department | Alumni Field

7:30 p.m. | Fall Festivities, Fun & Food! | Woods Basketball Court

## **Wednesday, Sept. 18**

11:30 a.m. | Study Abroad Fair | University Center for International Education | Student Union Atrium



1:00 p.m. | Present Moments: Mindfulness Group | Counseling and Wellness Services | 053 Student Union

2:00 p.m. | Mapping out the Semester and Meeting the Crew | Indigenous American Culture Student Association | Student Union 023E

4:00 p.m. | An Evening with Emily Hanako Momohara | Asian and Native American Center, University Center for International Education | Creative Arts Center 280

## **Thursday, Sept. 19**

5:00 p.m. | SWE General Meeting | Society of Women Engineers | Joshi Research Center 499

5:30 p.m. | Book Club Online Discussion – Behind You is the Sea, by Susan Muaddi Darraj | Dunbar Library | Online

6:00 p.m. | Blood Cancer Awareness Month LLS – WSU Women's Soccer Game | Leukemia and Lymphoma Society | Alumni Field

7:00 p.m. | Scholarship Workshop | African-American Residential Caucus (AARC) | Student Success Center 009

## **Friday, Sept. 20**

7:00 p.m. | Pink Pony Listening Party | WWSU 106.9 FM | WWSU Lobby, Student Union 018

7:00 p.m. | Raider Bingo Night | National Residence Hall Honorary, Residence Life and Housing | Student Union Atrium

## **Saturday, Sept. 21**

11:00 a.m. | Volunteer at the Dayton Hispanic Heritage Festival/ Join Parade! | Amigos Latinos Student Association, Latino Center | Riverscape Metro Park, 237 E Monument Ave, Dayton, OH

6:00 p.m. | Crafts and Cocoa | Maple Hall, second floor lounge

## **Sunday, Sept. 22**

1:00 p.m. | Fall Hike | Society of Women Engineers | Russ Nature Reserve

1:00 p.m. | Women's Soccer vs. Milwaukee | Athletics Department | Alumni Field

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# **FDA Continues to Review Ban on Hair Straightening Products Containing Formaldehyde**

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News

The Food and Drug Administration is being pushed by lawmakers to ban harmful hair straightening products for people of color. Some of these products have been found to have formaldehyde.

## **What is happening?**

In October of 2023, The FDA proposed a ban on hair straightening products that contain formaldehyde, due to its toxic properties. These “relaxers” have been known to release formaldehyde in the chemical reaction made to straighten the hair.

## **What is a hair straightening product?**

A hair straightening product (or “relaxer”) is a product that chemically straightens your hair for a long period of time. It is mainly used in Black spaces and on people with extremely textured and curly hair.

It chemically changes the makeup of the proteins in hair to make it straight.

The issue comes during the chemical process. According to the [FDA](#), for most of the styles this product is used with a flat ironing tool. When the solution comes into contact with the heat, it activates the formaldehyde in the product. Then it releases it in the form of smoke.

Formaldehyde is a very toxic substance that can lead to several short and long term issues. Some of these include things as small as watery eyes and dermatological issues or as big as cancer.

Sherri Powell, a family practitioner at Rocking Horse Medical Center, talks about this issue.

“Formaldehyde is generally not a good substance all around, and any sensible doctor will tell you that it is unsafe to be [in contact with]. It is one of those things that is hard to avoid [because] it is a product of a lot of chemical reactions, but it becomes a problem when there is too much of it or directly inhaled,” Powell said.

The potential FDA ban would require companies that make these products to change formulation to remove this reaction.

## Community reaction

The community is widely divided on this issue. Some are strictly for the ban, like local resident Athena Croker, who says that they are happy about the ban.

“I think that it’s a good thing. I’ve had friends that have had burns on their scalp and their hair pattern changed forever. I feel like there needs to be more industry standard on healthy hair products in the Black community,” explained Croker.

Some agree that there needs to be more work done in the community, but are brought down by choices, like social work major Eunice Akinade.

“I’m guilty of using it, I think any Black person who has had their hair straightened has. But we have to start using better products and setting an example. The problem is that we don’t have a lot of products to choose from that don’t have the same problem,” Akinade said.

The FDA is still going over the ban, passing their original date of April 2024.

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## Nexus 2024: Chaos & Control

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The Wright State Guardian Media Group is enthralled to continue the Nexus Literary Journal, and we are ready to see your submissions!

### What is Nexus?

*Nexus Literary Journal and Advocate for the Arts* dates back to the 1960s at Wright State University. The word “Nexus” means a *connection* or series of connections linking two or more things. After a hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Wright State Guardian Media Group decided to revive and add the journal to its portfolio to do precisely that; to *connect* people through advocacy for the arts.

Reborn into a digital publication, Nexus Literary Journal features writing and artwork following a semesterly theme. WSU students, alumni, faculty and staff are all encouraged to submit their work to be featured online.

### Nexus 2024

The theme Chaos and Control explores the relationship between authority and disorder in both the natural world and in humanity. From climate change to political polarity, as humans we are experiencing turbulence of our own making. In choosing

this theme, it is our goal not to divide us further, but find commonalities in our emotions, opinions and experiences.

## Submissions

Submissions are now open from Sept. 6 to Dec. 31. All Wright State students, faculty, staff and alumni are encouraged to submit their work. Accepted works: poetry, short fiction and nonfiction, plays, photos, and artwork

Any and all works submitted to Nexus undergo consideration for publication on a rolling basis to our website. Please reach out to our team if you have any questions or concerns.

Submission can be made [here](#).

For questions and inquiries, please email [guardian1@wright.edu](mailto:guardian1@wright.edu).

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# Staying Informed on Cancer Awareness: How Making Strides Is Making Educated Students

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To celebrate and advertise the Making Strides of Greater Dayton Breast Cancer walk, CWS and Wright State University's walking team held a tabling event and mini walk to recruit walkers and raise awareness about breast cancer.

## What is Making Strides?

Making Strides is an event dedicated to raising funds to fuel the fight against breast cancer.

“The American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is a celebration of courage and hope, a movement uniting communities to end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone,” the website states.

Participants can sign up to join a walking group and then work to raise funds while representing that team. Finally, the event leads to a 3-mile walk.

Students wanting to participate in this year’s Making Strides of Greater Dayton walk can find out more at the [Making Strides website](#).

Sara Baker, the manager of the Wellness and Health program at WSU, was excited to get involved in Tuesday’s tabling event.

“I got involved when I heard that [WSU] would have a team for the Making Strides walk in October. It is in line with my professional responsibilities, but also let me get involved with a cause that I’m personally interested in, and work with a great team of folks on campus,” Baker said.

“This is our first time hosting a [WSU] team, so we’re working to build momentum towards something important.”

## **Tabling and Mini Walk**

Members of the tabling team set out to BART and prepared two tables with various informational packets and goodie bags. Students could take goodie bags with held pins and even a rubber duck, all adorned with breast cancer imagery.

Campus also had signs to signal to participants where to go during the course of the mini-walk; in total, the walk was roughly one mile, compared to the official walk’s three.

During the few hours the table was up, the group managed to gain exactly 50 signatures from those interested in doing the main walk in October.

The event's popularity could not have been done without the help of those on the planning team, including members like Bobbie Szabo, Marietta Orlowski, McKenna Gaarsland, Katherine Meyer and Evelyn Oktavec.

## How to stay informed

While the walk primarily focuses on breast cancer, informing yourself on all types of cancer detection and prevention is essential to living a happy, healthy life.

Information can be found at [cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org); here is a short summary of detecting and treating breast cancers in all individuals, with facts found from the website.

Those with breast cancer often do not display any symptoms, which is why consistent cancer screenings are especially important. However, there are some **signs** that can be found before official diagnosis. This includes lumps, swelling, nipple discharge, breast pain and more.

Also, keep in mind that anyone can get breast cancer. This includes those who were assigned male at birth. Everyone has breast tissue, and anyone with breast tissue has a chance of getting breast cancer, no matter the amount of tissue.

Family history can also affect how at risk you are of certain cancers. Consult with your doctor about your family history and potential screenings that can be done to check for these cancers.

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## Tie Dye-Versity: Opportunities to Network and Relax

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On Thursday, Sept. 5, several Wright State University organizations came together to host an event where students could grab a bite to eat while they tie-dyed anything from hair ties to t-shirts, all completely free.

## **Accessibility**

The event was started up by Residence Life, who went on to recruit the Latino Center, LGBTQA Center, Asian and Native American Center, Amigos Latinos and the Women's Center.

Bobbie Szabo, Assistant Director of the Women's Center, worked to promote this event alongside other staff.

"We were super pleased with the turnout," Szabo said.

She went on to explain that they had students from all different identity groups come out and socialize, and how exciting this was for her and all of the other staff members, as this is their goal in organizing all events.

"We try our best to organize our programming with universal designs so that every single person can access it, versus having to provide accommodations for things," Szabo explained.

Tables were set up offering the students all of the supplies that they could need for the event, along with information for students looking to join any of the communities present.

Empanadas were also handed out to students by the Latino Center, free of charge but full of tasty nutrients.

## **Relaxing atmosphere**

With how overwhelming classes starting up can be, along with all the other responsibilities that students and staff members have, Tie Dye-Versity was intended, in part, to serve as a pause from all of life's crazy stressors.



“The beginning of the school year is such an overwhelming yet exciting time, and students need the opportunity to take a brain break,” Szabo said.

Long lines formed the moment the tables for supplies were set up and open for students. Many people flooded into the tables and chairs that were provided, working on their crafts, while others simply enjoyed the free food.

Kat Sprowl, a junior elementary education major, came to the event with their service dog, Maaza.

“I like to tie-dye, I love the Cultural Identity Centers and they’re my comfort people,” Sprowl said.

They went on to explain how they first got involved and felt at home there, saying it all started when they were given a free pronoun button.

Sprowl also shared that they liked the opportunity to be creative. They grabbed a white scrunchie, a pencil pouch and all the materials to tie dye and then got to work twisting and tying the fabric and covering it with pigment.

“I get to do whatever I want with it,” Sprowl said. “In the end, it’s gonna make something pretty and cute that I can remember, and probably use even when I do student teaching.”

## Networking

One of the many opportunities that attending events can bring is the opportunity to meet people within WSU who will be able to help you in your time here, or even long after.

“It was very cool to sort of introduce the students to one another while they were at the table,” Szabo said. “I think that one of my biggest duties in the Women’s Center is connecting students to other people. To other students, to campus resources and to staff and faculty that they should know. So it’s a great opportunity to help build those relationships and connections.”

In addition to faculty, students were able to meet student leaders for organizations that they may be interested in joining.

Felipe Perez, President of Amigos Latinos, handed out free limited edition t-shirts for the members of his organization and shared that from this technique, they were able to get around twenty new members within the first hour of the event.

“Our whole mission with the Cultural Identity Center is to be an inclusive environment, and an event like this helps bring together everyone on campus. It doesn’t matter where your background is, you know who you are. This is a fun place to interact with our centers and learn about our different cultures,” Perez said.

Attending events, such as Tie Dye-Versity, is a great way to take a break from your monotonous routine by having fun. It also creates great networking opportunities, sometimes with free food.

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## Antics with Ashley: the Woods

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During our camping trip, the cub scouts and I found things in the woods we were not supposed to see. The parents of the trip ended up staying on lookout the rest of the night. Warning Sensitive Content.

### The background

My little brother Patrick had been in Pack 173 of the Cub Scouts of America since he was in the 1st grade. Our mom was his Den Leader, which meant my Older sister Julia and I had to go on many trips with them and help out. While I could tell many stories from this period in time, the one that sticks out is the time we found a creepy man and his ‘materials’ in the woods during a camping trip.

## The story

It was like most summer camps that were held by my Mom's Den. Tons of activities for belt loops planned, hikes, swimming, all of it meticulously planned out. It was going to be held at Buck Creek State Park in Springfield Ohio, Mom had taken me and Julia to scope out the perfect camping spot a week prior. It was shaping up to be a great time.

Everything was going to plan, all of the boys came around to set up tents and camp. Patrick and his friends decided that they wanted to go into the woods to play. They were still fairly young so my mom sent Julia to go with them to play unsuspectingly. I was being nosy, as most sixth graders are, and getting in adult conversations when Julia approached me with a concerned look on her face.

"Ash, come with me real quick," said Julia in a low, frightened tone.

I excused myself and we went off. We weren't but three feet in the woods when we found it. Someone had made a camp in the woods. The remnants of a camp that was filled with trash and debris, that wasn't concerning. What was concerning was the copious amounts of explicit pictures and magazines scattered everywhere.

This was not here when we scoped the spot out and what was worse was all of the boys were surrounding the spot, asking questions no sixth grader should have to explain. So we went and got the adults.

It took a second to get the adults' attention. They were busy cooking the camp food and laughing in jovial conversation. It wasn't until Patrick's friend Skyler went up to his mom holding one of the pictures did it register with the adults just what Julia and I were trying to say.

After this the adults wrangled all fifteen of the kids together and rushed into the woods to clean up the mess.

We were not allowed in the woods without an adult the rest of the trip. The dads all stood watch, in case the person were to come back.

Despite all of that, and definitely not bragging or anything, my Mama planned an amazing camping trip. It ended up being one of the best Cub Scout outings I've been on.

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## Residence Life hosts “Semester Set-up: Planners and Preparation”

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College can be quite stressful, from balancing school work to personal lives, students need to be organized to be successful. Residence Life and Housing hosted the Semester Setup event on Sept. 4, in which students received a free planner and learned about ways to stay organized.

### Setting up the semester set-up

Residence Life and Housing puts on many different events for students throughout the school year. Most of the time, these events are held in the lounge of the Honors dorms, making it convenient for students to attend.

Harley Paul, the coordinator of this event, bought planners and different utensils to decorate them. She also provided an assortment of snacks and drinks. Students could come, hang out with their friends, get something to eat and decorate their planners.

Paul wanted students to be better prepared and have more opportunities.

“It can be hard to keep everything straight. I wish there was an event like this when I was an underclassman,” Paul said.

Not every student comes to college with a good organization system, and it is easy to get overwhelmed and for things to start piling up. Setting up these good habits early on can cause greater success throughout the rest of students' college careers.

In addition to the free planners, there was also a presentation about the Student Success Center, giving students access to information about their resources. They are there to help students at any part of their academic journey.

"You can start anywhere, there's no wrong time to ask for help," Paul said.

The Student Success Center is where students can access tutors, academic advising, peer coaching and more. It is important for students to know about it.

## Student impact

The hope for this event was for students to get a better understanding of their learning styles and connect with students who are similar to them.

Residence Life and Housing is very good at communicating with students when events are taking place. They send out emails to all students, not just those who live in the residence halls. In addition to this, they also post their events on [Engage](#) and post flyers around campus.

Ameer White, a student who lives in the dorms and attended the event, shared how he heard about it.

"I got an email from Residence Life and Housing about the event and decided to come," White said.

All students receive emails and updates from Residence Life and Housing, so be sure to watch for their future events.

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# Upcoming Festivals: a Beginner's Guide to Planning Ahead

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Dayton and the surrounding area are ringing in the fall season with plenty of town festivities. To get the most out of each festival experience, it is important to go with proper preparedness.

## Oktoberfest

Toast to good beer, food and entertainment at the Dayton Art Institute's Oktoberfest.

The annual festival takes place on museum grounds and will kick off Sept. 27 with a Lederhosen Lunch from 11 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by a 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. preview party.

The Oktoberfest celebration begins Sept. 28, from 12 to 11 p.m., and closes out Sept. 29, from 12 to 7 p.m.

For the most cost-saving approach, it is recommended that tickets are purchased ahead of time online. General admission advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for seniors and youth. A weekend pass is even cheaper, with a total of \$15 for both Saturday and Sunday.

Guests can expect a weekend of entertainment, including many different musical groups featured on the main stage and in the food tent. The list of entertainment is [provided by the Art Institute](#), with the days and times of each.

The festival would not be a true celebration without a wide variety of beer, wine and delicious food options.

Over 50 traditional, craft and international beers are offered on draft, as well as in cans and bottles for each person's preference.

For those not interested in beer, a variety of wines and some seltzers are available. A full list of alcoholic beverages is provided on the [Art Institute's website](#).

The festival includes a wide variety of food options for guests, ranging from German foods to Greek, American and several others.

Oktoberfest is very accommodating to guests who may not have a car or cannot afford to pay for expensive parking. Guests are welcome to park in downtown Dayton and take a free RTA shuttle to the event. Those not interested in shuttling to Oktoberfest can park in areas around the event, but spaces are very limited.

Packing ahead is an important part of ensuring a perfect Oktoberfest experience. It is best to bring a small bag to the event, with only the essentials, as backpacks are prohibited. Make sure to pack ID, cards and cash in case vendors do not accept cards.

## Renaissance Festival

The Renaissance Festival in Waynesville is the farthest for WSU students, but worth the drive. Held on the weekends and Labor Day from Aug. 31 to Oct. 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., there are many opportunities to attend the festival at least once each year.

Every aspect of the festival takes people into a truly fantastical world. Medieval entertainment, delicious food, drinks and plenty of unique vendors reside at the Ren Fest to provide people with the full experience.

The festival is a favorite in the area due to the many options of activities and entertainment. For Ren Fest beginners, it is important to know what to expect and properly prepare to get the most out of the festival.

This year, the Ren Fest is urging guests to buy tickets ahead rather than at the gates due to the high demand.

Another way to plan ahead is checking on the festival's website for food and drink options, what time entertainment will take place and having a map of the festival prepped and ready.

The festival offers a variety of vendors with both historically accurate and modern food options.

The Ren Fest is known for being an event where people have the opportunity to showcase intricate Renaissance-esq attire. Dressing up is not required, but may add to the experience.

One perk of the Ren Fest is the free parking that is offered. The festival is held in the country, so there are plenty of spots to park in the field provided.

As for budgeting time and getting the most recommended food and events, the Ren Fest has several recommendations.

"Theatre In The Ground (aka The Mudde Show) presents literary classics with a comedic twist performed in Ohio's only Muditorium, where comedy meets Earth," Ren Fest's website reads.

The Mudde Show is one of many "must-see" events recommended by the festival. Others include the Full Armored Joust and the Cincinnati Barbarians, both of which are great forms of entertainment that Ren Fest newbies do not want to miss.

Although some events and activities are recommended more than others, the Ren Fest caters to all preferences. Guests and beginners to the festival cannot go wrong with good old-fashioned walking around and seeing what piques their interest.

## **Germantown Pretzel Festival**

Enjoyers of unique entertainment and pretzels have the pleasure of enjoying both whilst being able to walk around the beauty that is historic Germantown at the annual Pretzel Festival.



The festival, held on Sept. 28, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sept. 29, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., celebrates tradition with good food, entertainment and several contests for people to enjoy.

A major plus of this festival is that admission is free. Bringing credit cards and cash is recommended, but ATMs are provided on-site for convenience.

According to Susan Miller, President of the Germantown Pretzel Festival, the festival has over 140 vendors, over 25 being pretzel vendors. Other vendors include a variety of craft vendors and food options.

“Crafters include everything from wreaths, clothing, sublimation items, homemade soaps etc. In addition, the food vendors include ice cream to pork chops to homemade caramel apples. There is also pie, ice cream, kettle corn, homemade cupcakes, candy etc,” Miller said.

Students 21 and over planning to attend should bring ID, to check out the festival’s Beer Garden.

The festival also offers plenty of entertainment for guests, the most popular being musical group McGuffey Lane, which will play from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sept. 28. Other entertainment includes the Country Legends Band, Buck the Magic Cowboy, Cloggers, Pat Arnold and the Spittin’ Image.

Additional events and activities to look out for include Master Blasters, a paintball activity for guests, and the festival’s annual Pretzel Contest and Queen and Princess Crowning. The contest begins after the festival’s opening ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, which guests will not want to miss.

Free parking spots can be found all around town. Possible areas to park include the hill at the former Miami Military Institute and the Baptist Church, both of which are located by the park where the festival is held.

Making sure to show up early is key to scoring a good parking spot and attending the festivities on time. Packing water, along with dressing comfortably would be preferable for those planning to stay all day.

For more information and specific festival scheduling, visit the [Germantown Pretzel Festival's website](#).

## **Yellow Springs Street Fair**

On Oct. 12, the small village of Yellow Springs welcomes over 250 vendors to the downtown streets.

The Yellow Springs Street Fair lasts from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and features food and craft vendors for visitors of the festival to enjoy.

Guests attending have the pleasure of shopping, eating and enjoying entertainment provided for no cost to get in.

“We promote arts and craft vendors that create goods varying from handcrafted wood furniture to tie dye t-shirts to permanent jewelry to hand-painted canvas art pieces,” Street Fair Coordinator Joslyn Miller said.

Miller reassured that there is a wide variety of crafter vendors, but also food vendors, so guests have many options to choose from.

“Whether you like fine art, ceramics, face or body art, custom jewelry, glass art, metalwork, 3D printed goods, or wellness items, we guarantee you will find at least a couple vendors with something you will love,” Miller said. “As for food trucks, our cuisine runs the gamut with BBQ trucks, gourmet donuts, Polish, Lebanese, Korean and Greek cuisine in addition to some returning fan favorites.”

For entertainment, the fair expects to host 15 artists among the two stages at the event. Details of specific artists remain unknown, but guests can expect to see local artists perform.

For those who have not attended the street fair before, Miller suggested the beer garden, stating it is a hot spot all guests should experience.

“This year, we have a full lineup of musicians, two beer trucks, a wine slushy truck, a lemonade truck, and a Celsius rep table in addition to two food trucks all within the beer garden,” Miller said.

The street fair has also taken the stress of parking away from visitors. A shuttle from Young's Dairy is provided to get people to the street fair. Paid parking lots are also offered, but are limited in quantity.

More shuttle information, as well as a map of vendors and parking, will be on the fair's [website](#) as the event approaches.

Additional tips for new street fair-goers from Miller include bringing cash to the event and wearing good walking shoes.

Attending outdoor fairs and festivals is a great perk of the fall season, ensuring that the experience has no mishaps and that guests go into each event prepared is the key to a successful festival season.

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## Create a Home Protection Ward: Intentions Focusing on Good Energy

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On Monday, Sept. 9, Mindful Magic held an event where they provided the supplies for attendees to create a ward intended to protect a person's energy within their home.

### Mindful Magic

Kit Rheyne-Vanderpool, a double major in English and Philosophy, has been a member of Mindful Magic for around two years. In that time, they have come to every event that they have been able to attend.

Vanderpool considers themselves to be a Hellenistic pagan but explained that one of the cool things about Mindful Magic is that they do not have any official ties to any one belief or subset of beliefs.

“A lot of us in here, we practice magic or witchcraft, or we’re pagan. However, we do have some Hindus, we have some Christians, atheists [and] agnostics. We’re kind of a catch-all,” Vanderpool explained. “We do consider ourselves a spiritual club, just because a lot of what we do are spiritual practices.”

When elaborating on what they love about the club and their practices, Vanderpool shared that they felt so much freedom within them.

“The biggest rule of anything is intention,” Vanderpool explained. “I am a very firm believer that intention is basically the basis of any practice and all practices, even when it comes to things like religion.”

The President of Mindful Magic wishes to keep her name out of the press, but she is very excited about all things related to the club that she leads.

“It’s just a good event to do first, [because] protection is really important to spirituality,” the President explained. She wanted people who were just settling into their new residential spaces to be able to create something that would make them feel safer and more comfortable.

## Creation process

“We have some sticks from the woods outside, and we are [smoothing] them out,” the President said. “So we’re really putting our energy in them and focusing on the feeling of being protected, or like visualizing something that makes you feel protected.”

She explained that for visualization, some people choose an object like a thick iron wall, while others think more about cuddling by a fireplace. The ward is intended to help protect feelings and energy, as opposed to physical entities, so it can be vastly different for everyone.

After people were done smoothing out the wood to the shape they wanted, they moved on to the next step of creating their ward.

“People are carving runes into them. Some people, I think, are choosing to carve different things into them, just depending on their own personal practice,” the President said.

On the board of the room, she wrote up what she said was a basic protection ward. She wrote it up three times, due to the “rule of threes,” which she and many others believe in.

“Then you can seal it with whatever you choose. What I suggested for the nature of the event is that you can breathe into it. It gives it [its own] little life, and you can recharge that afterward by just continuing to breathe into it,” President remarked. “A lot of people put it on their altar. You can put [the ward] in your drawer, just somewhere that’s safe and kind of tucked away.”

## Atmosphere

There was a high level of attendance at this event, with many students going to this club’s event for the first time to try it out. The members and people who had experience were very open and willing to explain how everything worked, and what the purpose was.

Ryan Ferguson, a third-year elementary education major, went to the event, making it the first he had ever attended with Mindful Magic.

“I find it very fascinating, even though I don’t believe in it. Like I love watching ghost shows, and love to get into the occult sort of stuff,” Ferguson said.

When expanding upon what specifically interests Ferguson regarding the occult, he shared that he was mainly interested in ghosts, and was looking forward to Mindful Magic’s Paranormal Investigations, which is an event that they sometimes hold around campus.

“I feel like I hope something’s out there, even though I don’t really believe it. You know, maybe I’ll see something,” Ferguson explained. He shared he had a good time, and signed up for the club’s email list.

As the President and other members helped the new attendees, everyone returned the favor and helped clean up the event. Overall, the event had a welcoming feeling, as could be expected from a club that is so open to people of all different beliefs.

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## Left of Center Starts Semester off with Social Success

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On Monday, Sept. 9, Left of Center debuted its club for the Fall 2024 semester with a Buffalo Chicken Dip Social. The event gave students the opportunity to learn more about the club and its plans for the school year.

### Buffalo chicken dip

The club decided on buffalo chicken dip as the main food item for a variety of reasons. AJ Allen, a psychology major and President of Left of Center, talked about this.

“We chose to make buffalo chicken dip for the event because it’s... something we haven’t seen on campus before, and thus a great way to get people interested,” Allen said.

The strategy worked, with over forty students attending the event. It was such a success, in fact, that the club ran out of dip within twenty minutes. Allen had to leave the event to make another batch, which again ran out quickly.

With so many students interested in the event, Allen and the rest of Left of Center managed to share lots of information about the club and their upcoming plans for the semester.

## Motivations of the club

According to their Engage profile, Left of Center's goals are to increase political participation and raise awareness of progressive issues while serving the community. The club is primarily for left-leaning individuals, but all political beliefs are accepted.

In fact, Left of Center used to be called "College Democrats," but was changed to be more inclusive to a wider range of political beliefs, especially those who may not identify as Democrats.

"Our mission statement is 'Progress over Party,' meaning that we prioritize social, economic and political progress over the widely accepted two party system. Anyone is welcome to join Left of Center, as long as they also prioritize progress and agree to be accepting and open to other perspectives," Allen said.

Preston Holton, a political science major and the Public Relations Chair for Left of Center, recommends the club for any student interested in politics.

"Left of Center is a great opportunity for anyone with progressive values who wants to get politically involved at [WSU]," Holton said.

## Upcoming events

On Sunday, Sept. 22, Left of Center is participating in a student day of action event. The event will see democratic students from WSU, University of Dayton and more.

Attendees will be able to meet Rose Lounsbury, a candidate for the Ohio State House of Representatives, while eating pizza and canvassing.

The club will also have bi-weekly meetings on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 19.

Even if you cannot attend all of the meetings, Abby Boyd, a communication major and Secretary of Left of Center, recommends you attend some.

“I think students should join, or at least attend a meeting or two. I think it’s incredibly important to be politically informed, so you’re able to make educated decisions when it comes time to vote, locally and federally,” Boyd said.

## How to join the club and get involved

Students interested in joining Left of Center can visit them on [Engage](#) or [Discord](#).

“We’re really excited to keep this energy up and get really involved in the campus community and beyond this semester,” Allen said.

Left of Center hopes to expand to allow students even more involvement in politics. Joining the club and staying informed on political topics is important, especially with the rapid approach of election season.

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## Men’s Soccer Game Ends in Tie

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Sports

On Tuesday evening, the Wright State University men’s soccer team took to Alumni field to host Eastern Illinois University. Neither team managed to put up enough points to come out on top.

### Background

Entering the match, WSU held a 3-3-0 record in their overall season games. Last season, EIU and WSU went head to head during their season and ended with a 1-1 tie.



WSU came into Tuesday following a 2-0 win against IU Indy the previous Saturday.

“It was a big win for us on Saturday against IUI, so we felt confident going into the game against Eastern Illinois,” head coach Alex Van Der Sluijs said.

## The match

The match started off with EIU having possession of the ball. Within the first two minutes of the match, WSU fouled an EIU player in the box resulting in a penalty kick for EIU. This resulted in EIU starting the match off with a 1-0 lead.

The Raiders were holding their own on the offensive side and managed to put up eleven shots before reaching halftime. The match up was very physical, with WSU drawing three yellow-cards and EIU drawing two yellow-cards.

Going into halftime WSU was trailing 1-0, at the start of the second half WSU came in ready to work and put themselves on the board. In minute 76, senior Cole Werthmuller scored the first goal for WSU off an assist from sophomore Edwin Espinal-Elvir.

“After scoring the first goal, the whole team’s focus shifted to getting the second and trying to get the third after that,” Werthmuller said.

Shortly after, in minute 88, Werthmuller headed an assist from freshman Brian Burkett, securing the second goal for the Raiders.

“Two great services from [Espinal-Elvir] and [Burkett] set me nicely to do my job and score,” Werthmuller added.

With only seven minutes left of the match, WSU was going hard and tough to reach that third goal.

“The game was extremely physical and chippy between both teams. Seeing [WSU] come back from down 0-2 was incredible, and it shows the toughness and leadership skills of the team,” stated audience member Ovid Wilson.

Following the second goal from WSU, neither team managed to attack, ending in a 2-2 draw.

## Heading into the next match

Although the Raiders did not finish with a win in this match, the team is going into the next match ready to work hard, and are prepared to take on Milwaukee.

“You can’t control winning but we can control our preparation,” coach Van Der Sluijs stated.

With a 3-3-1 record in their overall season so far, the raiders will take to the road September 21 at 2 p.m. against Milwaukee.

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## News Roundup: Week of Sept. 16

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News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing from the week of Sept. 16, 2024.

### Local

#### Ohio officials approves language for anti-gerrymandering measure that calls for the opposite

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, Ohio election officials have approved ballot language that will describe this fall’s Issue 1, a redistricting measure, as requiring gerrymandering

when the proposal is intended to do the opposite, according to the [Associated Press](#). The Republican-controlled Ohio Ballot Board approved the language in a 3-2 party-line vote.

Citizens Not Politicians, the group behind the Nov. 5 amendment, sued last month, asserting the language “may be the most biased, inaccurate, deceptive, and unconstitutional” the state has ever seen.

The amendment in full can be found [here](#).

## National

### **UCLA Board approves more non-lethal weapons for police after Israel-Hamas war protests**

On Thursday, Sept. 19, The University of California board of regents approved additional non-lethal weapons requested by UCLA police, according to the [Associated Press](#). UCLA handled some of the nation’s largest student protests against the Israel-Hamas war.

Clashes between protestors and counter-protestors earlier this year on the campus led to more than a dozen injuries, and more than 200 people were arrested at a demonstration the next day.

The equipment UCLA police requested and the board approved included pepper balls and sponge rounds, projectile launchers and new drones.

## Global

### **Two waves of deadly explosions hit Lebanon and Syria**

On Tuesday, Sept. 17, pagers used by hundreds of Hezbollah members exploded almost simultaneously in parts of Lebanon and Syria, according to the [Associated](#)

Press. The attack killed at least 12 people, including two children, and wounded thousands more.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, another wave of deadly explosions were triggered in Beirut and parts of Lebanon. At least 25 people were killed and more than 600 were wounded.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant made no mention of the explosions of electronic devices, but praised the work of Israel's army and security agencies and said "we are at the start of a new phase in the war."

## **Israel strikes Beirut after Hezbollah rockets land in northern Israel**

On Friday, Sept. 20, Israel launched a rare airstrike that killed a senior Hezbollah military official in a densely populated neighborhood of southern Beirut, according to the [Associated Press](#). At least 12 people were killed in the attack.

The Israeli military's chief spokesman, Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari, said the strike on Beirut's southern Dahiya district targeted and killed Ibrahim Akil, a commander of Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force, as well as 10 other Hezbollah operatives.

The strike comes after Hezbollah launched rockets into northern Israel. Hezbollah said that its attacks had targeted several Israeli military sites along the border with Katyusha rockets, including multiple air defense bases as well as the headquarters of an Israeli armored brigade.

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## **Springfield, Ohio Facing Challenges After Presidential Candidate Donald Trump Highlights Haitian Immigrants During Debate**

During the national debate on Sept. 10, Republican candidate Donald Trump made claims that the Haitian immigrant population in Springfield, Ohio was “eating pets,” which sparked an uproar throughout the nation. This has been followed by a media frenzy throughout the small town, which leaves the nation wondering: are these founded claims?

## What happened?

“They are eating the cats, they are eating the dogs, they are eating the pets in Springfield,” Republican Candidate Donald Trump said during the national debate.

This phrase sparked a frenzy that showed light on the small town of Springfield, Ohio.

Springfield has seen what has been described as a large influx of Haitian immigrants over the last few years. While there are claims of almost 20,000 new Haitians in Springfield alone, this has been disproven slightly, as the US Census and The City Commissioner has stated that this number is lower.

“Although it is impossible to provide an exact number, based on data provided from numerous sources, such as Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Springfield City Schools, area healthcare providers and social services agencies, the total immigrant population is estimated to be approximately 12,000 – 15,000 in Clark County,” City Commissioner and Mayor Rob Rue said in a public statement.

The [US Census](#) estimates the actual number of Haitian Immigrants in the 5,000-8,000 range as of 2023.

The Haitian population is here seeking refuge after strife in Haiti, They are here under Temporary Protection Status.

## What is Temporary Protection Status?

According to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Temporary Protection Status (TPS) is a Federal Immigration Program that allows citizens of war filled countries to apply to temporary asylum in the United States. During their time here, they are considered legal citizens.

TPS needs to be renewed and it must be approved by an Immigration Judge in America. If a person under TPS commits a crime they are subject to having their status in jeopardy. Consequences include and are not limited to deportation and non reapproval.

Those interested in learning more about TPS can visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's [website](#).

## City backlash

Springfield has been facing severe consequences since being mentioned by Trump in the debate. The initial public spotlight created a myriad of viral memes and jokes on behalf of the city as citizens argued over whether or not Trump should have even mentioned Springfield to begin with.

"It wasn't his place," Springfield resident Dianne Van Hoose said. "He doesn't live in Springfield, he doesn't need to draw national attention to this problem. We are overpopulated, we have problems. But our problems don't need to be put on a national platform and used for political gain. It makes us all look like uneducated xenophobic [idiots]."

Racial hate groups, including The Proud Boys and The Blood Tribe, have been spotted in Springfield, protesting the Haitian population. Some are blaming the city.

"I mean, I don't fully agree with the...Proud Boys, but if the city wouldn't have let them in like that in the first place we wouldn't be in this mess," a citizen, who asked to remain anonymous, said.

Residents who work in local businesses have reported having people being hateful and belligerent in their businesses and even calling their businesses asking if they have cat and dog on the menu.

“I had some creepy neo-nazi come into my job the other day when I was bartending,” Olivia King, an employee of a Mexican restaurant downtown, said.

King described the man as being very forthright about being anti-haitian and rude during the entire interaction. But he concerned her by the end of the conversation.

“When I gave him his check he got up and looked at me and said ‘I can’t tell you what’s coming next, but it’s going to blow everyone away.’ Then he left and I had my manager call the cops,” King said.

The person is believed to be from out of town.

Additionally, starting Sept. 13, Springfield City Schools started receiving outside bomb threats to various schools in their district. Students had to be evacuated to a safe area during the investigation.

“It’s scary to randomly get a call that your kids’ school is getting bomb threats. [My kids] haven’t been back [to school],” AJ Matthews, a concerned citizen, said. “Regardless of what you feel towards the Hatians, they are people, and all of this hate is starting to affect our children.”

Springfield City Schools have worked with Governor Mike Dewine to implement state troopers and watch towers at every school to ensure student safety.

Wittenberg and Clark State have also received bomb threats, leaving both schools to go virtual for the time being.

The claims made by Trump have affected the community down to its core, so this begs the question: are the claims even true?

## **Are they eating the pets in Springfield?**

The short answer is no, they are not. But how Trump got his information is concerning to some residents.

The first and only mention of cats being eaten by Hatians began with a Facebook post by Erika Lee, claiming that her neighbor’s cat had been taken and eaten by their

Haitian neighbors. She posted it in the crime group for the city as a warning to residents.

“I’m not a racist,” Lee stated. “I was told by someone who I thought was a reputable source about the cat and I wanted to warn the community. I’m not even a Trump supporter. I would have never wanted this to be used to spread hate.’

Regardless of Intent, this post urged members of the crime group to reach out to the state government, then later JD Vance.

“I watched this happen in real time,” Van Hoose stated. “It was already bad before, but I saw these people get angrier and angrier until one of them had a good idea to send it to Vance. Then it became a witch hunt.”

During an interview on CBS’s Face the Nation, Vance admitted to knowing about the rumors being false, but claimed that it got media attention and will help people address the problem.

“Everybody who has dealt with a large influx of migration knows that sometimes there are cultural practices that seem very far out there to a lot of Americans. Are we not allowed to talk about this in the United States of America? I’m going to talk about what my constituents are sending me,” Vance stated.

Decidedly, whether Vance knew or not, this whole issue has caused nothing but strife in the city of Springfield.

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## Events on Campus Week of Sept. 23

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Wright State University has two dedicated topics for this week: sex and hazing. With Sex Week and Anti-Hazing week happening at the same time, there are a large variety of events for students to attend!

## **Monday, Sept. 23**

2:00 p.m. | The Great Wright State Condom Race: Sex Week | Women's Center, Student Advocacy and Wellness Center | Student Union 019

4:45p.m. | First Meeting | Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association | Creative Arts Center 285

5:30 p.m. | Learn About Knot Magic | Mindful Magic | Oelman Hall 114

6:00 p.m. | Study Survival Skills | Hickory Hall Second Floor Lounge

## **Tuesday, Sept. 24**

12:00 p.m. | Citizens Not Politicians Anti-Gerrymandering Amendment Tabling | Progressive Students Coalition | Student Union Market Table 01

12:30 p.m. | Human Trafficking & Online Dating Safety Q&A: Sex Week | Women's Center, Public Safety | Student Union Upper Atrium

3:30 p.m. | Sex & Disability: Sex Week | Women's Center | Student Union 019

5:00 p.m. | NCL Bi-Weekly Meetup | Association for Computing Machinery | Joshi Research Center 499

7:00 p.m. | Taco Tuesday & Karaoke Night | Residence Life and Housing, African-American Residential Caucus | Honors 2nd Floor Plaza

## **Wednesday, Sept. 25**

1:30 p.m. | Bracelet Making | Fraternity and Sorority Council | Student Involvement and Leadership Office (Student Union 190)

2:00 p.m. | Your Brand, Your Future: Resume Building and Workshop Event | American Marketing Association at WSU | Rike Hall 166

5:00 p.m. | Habitat For Humanity Information Session – Student Group Interest | Student Involvement and Leadership Center | Rike Hall 166

5:30 p.m. | Listening Session | Women's Center | CIC Conference Room (Student Union 021)

## **Thursday, Sept. 26**

11:00 a.m. | College of Engineering & Computer Science Corporate Partner Open House | Career Services | Russ Engineering Center First Floor Lobby

5:00 p.m. | Meet the Professor Night | Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association | Creative Arts Center 285

6:00 p.m. | Empowerment Vision Board Workshop | Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority | Rike Hall 047

7:30 p.m. | Troupe: Thursday Meeting | Troupe | Health Sciences 116

## **Friday, Sept. 27**

2:00 p.m. | VAL Weekly Meeting | Visual Arts League | Creative Arts Center Room 335

7:30 p.m. | Outdoor Movie Night – Nacho Libre | Residential Community Association, Latino Center, Amigos Latinos Student Association, Residence Life and Housing | Woods Basketball Court

## **Saturday, Sept. 28**

9:00 a.m. | Latino Wellness Clinic – Volunteer Opportunity | Amigos Latinos Student Association, Latino Medical Student Association | El Puente Learning Center, 22 Notre Dame Ave, Dayton

11:00 a.m. | Wright State Vs UD Double Header | Club Fastpitch Softball Team | Wright State Varsity Softball Field

6:00 p.m. | Crafts and Cocoa | Maple Hall Second Floor Lounge

7:00 p.m. | Men's Soccer vs. Purdue Fort Wayne | Athletics Department | Alumni Field

## **Sunday, Sept. 29**

1:00 p.m. | Women's Soccer vs. Cleveland State | Athletics Department | Alumni Field

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# **Girls, Gays and Theys Climbing Night: Getting Involved, and Being Included**

Emma Zarbaugh  
September 24, 2024  
Wright Life

On Thursday, Sept. 12, students from all different backgrounds met in the Rock Climbing Gym, located in the basement of the Student Union for the Girls, Gays and Theys Climbing Night. Students were mingling with one another, while they waited in line to climb the rock wall.

## **The benefits of attending**

The hope for this event was for people who do not necessarily partake in activities such as this one, to be welcomed, and try something out that they have never done before.

Elizabeth Harvey, the host of this event who is involved with the Women's Center and the Outdoor Resource Center, created this event for a multitude of reasons.

"I'm really happy to create a safe environment for individuals that resonate with these labels," Harvey said.

She then went on to explain how creating community bonds is so important for this group of people, since a lot of times, they are severely underrepresented.

"For a long time, I was one of the only female rock climbers at [Wright State University]. Now we are seeing a lot more get involved, which is so cool and beautiful to see," Harvey exclaimed.

She explained how she saw rock climbing as a mostly male-dominated activity. She wanted anyone with the views she shares, to be able to have an outlet to feel comfortable with trying something she has found truly inspiring.

Students were shown how to climb, and Harvey, as well as some other supervisors were good at explaining where each foot went, as well as how to jump back down without injury.

Harvey also served homemade rice crispy treats for anyone who wanted a sweet treat after the labor that rock-climbing brought.

## Connections

Sometimes students can be very overwhelmed as the school year begins. Especially if a student comes from a different state or has difficulties making new friends. An event like this one can help bring different communities together.

Hannah Mesa, a student who is involved with the Outdoor Resource Center and the Climbing Club, helped lead this event to make friends and help others also make friends.

“Specifically, to me, this event is about making friends,” Mesa said.

She also explained how happy she is for other people when they can celebrate their success within the gym.

“A lot of people who have had to overcome really insane adversity are attracted to outdoor recreation, like climbing, because it feels good to overcome hard things.”

She also included that you can meet like-minded people that sometimes need a break from their daily lives, which climbing can offer. She says that when you are focused on where your hands and feet are going next, you are able to clear your mind of the stressful issues that sometimes fog it.

Mesa helped many people that night as she encouraged them to keep going, and congratulated them anytime their feet or hands found a new placement.

## **Rainbow Alliance**

Rainbow Alliance is a club at WSU that encourages their members to attend events like Girls, Gays and Theys, for inclusion and a way to be a part of a community that supports them.

Kris Bicknell, a student that is a part of the Rainbow Alliance, helped shed some light on why they attended this event.

“I just think it’s cool to have access to this type of stuff on campus,” Bicknell said.

They said that they really enjoyed having people like Mesa and Harvey there to mentor everyone. Bicknell ended up really enjoying the event, although they found it scary at first.

“I was able to go in with an open mind and without worrying about being judged,” Bicknell explained.

If you are seeking a club that supports you no matter who you are, Rainbow Alliance could be a great way for you to get involved, and meet new people. See [Engage](#) for further details on Rainbow Alliance.

They are located in Student Union 029D, and they hold weekly meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

## Other times you can come

Girls, Gays and Theys event will occur once a month on the second Thursday of every month. In December it will occur on the second Friday due to scheduling conflicts. It will be from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

See @wrightstateclimbing on Instagram for more details on how you can get involved at the Rock-Climbing Gym here at WSU.

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# Horoscopes: Which Muppet are you?

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The Muppets is a beloved organization that has created a variety of movies and TV shows for people of all ages to enjoy. Based on your zodiac sign, which iconic Muppet are you?

## Aries

An Aries would be Kermit the Frog.

Kermit is described as the uncomplicated leader of the rambunctious Muppets, but even he has his sporadic moments! Just like an Aries, the main face of the Muppets is passionate in what he does and is a positive force in others lives.

## Taurus

A Taurus would be Miss Piggy.

Almost every Taurus enjoys the finer things in life, just like the lovely Miss Piggy. With her stage presence comes sass and a little bit of an attitude when she does not get what she wants– something every Taurus can relate to.

## Gemini

A Gemini would be both Statler and Waldorf.

A common misconception about Gemini's is that they are two-faced, when in reality the sign simply represents "the twins," two people who are closely entwined. Statler and Waldorf are the comical heckler duo featured in the Muppets, and just like a Gemini, they are basically twins with how close they are, even if heckling is what brings them together.

## Cancer

A Cancer would be Rizzo the Rat.

If you have ever seen "The Muppet Christmas Carol," then you have seen first-hand the flighty and passive-aggressive personality that Rizzo has. Every Cancer can relate to his personality– and maybe his size, too. Sorry to all the short Cancers out there!

## Leo

A Leo would be Sam Eagle.

Sam Eagle is a serious character who is dedicated to his role as a patriotic eagle. Every Leo can relate to having a role they are associated with that they will almost always stick to. Plus, of all the zodiac signs, Leo seems like the most patriotic.

## Virgo

A Virgo would be Bunsen Honeydew.

Cold, calculating but a little absentminded describes any proper Virgo. Just like Bunsen Honeydew, this sign is dedicated to logic, but they may go a bit too far sometimes. Keep an eye out on those involved in your endeavors— they might end up being like Beaker!

## Libra

A Libra would be Fozzie Bear.

Libra's— not all of them, but a majority— are very attached to their friends, sometimes to the point where they do not know what to do without them. Fozzie Bear is a dear friend of Kermit's, and most of his motivations come from being friends with him. Also, Fozzie and Libra's both are seeking attention— whether it is under the spotlight or simply from being near others.

## Scorpio

A Scorpio would be Scooter.

Originally disliked due to the nepotism from his uncle, Scooter soon came to be a beloved member of the Muppets. This is due to his willing attitude and efficiency in the workplace, something every Scorpio can relate to.

## Sagittarius

A Sagittarius would be Rowlf the Dog.

Rowlf the Dog is a chill, laid-back character who possesses many talents, including acting. In fact, he first premiered as an actor in Purina advertisements. A Sagittarius will have no trouble relating to this talented but deadpan character.

## Capricorn



A Capricorn would be Gonzo the Great.

You should feel lucky: Gonzo is one of the most popular and beloved Muppets characters, and he relates to Capricorn for a reason beyond blind luck. His unique and daring personality perfectly matches any Capricorn's so-called "wild side." They both have a bold spirit that anyone would love!

## Aquarius

An Aquarius would be Beaker.

Every Aquarius wants to see positive change, and for Beaker, this change is to be a little more lucky. He is always the one who suffers from Bunsen's many experiments. On top of his nervous and shy demeanor, an Aquarius can sympathize and relate to this character.

## Pisces

A Pisces would be Walter.

Every Pisces has something they obsess over; for Walter, that is the Muppets. For those who do not know who Walter is, he starts as a life-long fan of the Muppets show who eventually goes on to join the group. While you may not relate to his personality, you definitely want to experience what he did!

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# Counseling and Wellness Welcomes New Fur-end

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Hazel, the newest member of the Counseling and Wellness Services staff, is working to improve students' mental health at Wright State University.

## **Hazel's role at WSU**

On August 13, Hazel joined the CWS team to provide comfort to students and visitors. Hazel is a certified animal-assisted therapy dog that the WSU community can visit at CWS on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and select campus events.

Hazel's parents, David Toller and Amanda Thompson, took proper steps to raise a therapy dog that could assist in the community's emotional and psychological well-being.

Toller, a WSU staff therapist, worked with his wife, Thompson to complete the therapy pet certification to ensure Hazel would be trained to provide effective support.

Completing the course entails learning basic human behavior and etiquette to properly handle Hazel, according to Toller.

"Amanda and I are both certified handlers, and we would go to these classes and learn different techniques about how to approach people, how to call our dogs, and how to learn different warning signs, like if she's not doing okay," Toller said.

After the proper courses were completed, Hazel was taken to on-site evaluations and passed with flying colors. After being certified in May and welcomed to WSU in August, Hazel is currently being slowly introduced to CWS therapy sessions and some events.

Hazel's role at CWS is to provide mental health support to clients attending one-on-one therapy with Toller and uplift the staff and surrounding community.

"A lot of it is comforting. Clients, initially, get the option to determine whether or not they feel comfortable with Hazel being present," Toller said.

Hazel's personality has made many take a liking to the cavapoo therapy dog so quickly. Hazel is described as having a friendly and affectionate nature and enjoys meeting new people.

The therapy dog's likable and inviting personality has been widely admired on campus and in the community.

## **Hazel's impact on WSU and the community**

The impact that Hazel has had on WSU and the surrounding community has been overwhelmingly positive for both students and faculty.

The presence of a therapy dog during one-on-one sessions can remove stress from therapy, which is intimidating for many.

"I think that having an animal, in general, kind of takes some of the pressure off of sitting down to talk about your feelings," Abigail Boyd, a student at WSU, said.

Boyd described the many ways in which having Hazel present during sessions eased typical tensions that arise during therapy for many.

"You can look at the dog, check the dog while you're talking about, you know, things that you struggle with," Boyd said.

Hazel's presence has affected not only students and visitors of CWS but also the staff.

"She is here to help us as staff because what we do is stressful," Toller said.

Reaching out for mental health support is a difficult task that requires strength from the individual. Giving support and assistance to clients is a task that can be heavy on the provider's mental health

Hazel's therapy dog responsibilities are not restricted to only WSU's campus. Several other events have had the pleasure of Hazel's attendance.

So far, Hazel has attended the Breast Cancer Walk on campus and Coffee Hours For Counselors. As Hazel continues to get more comfortable and experienced in roles and responsibilities, Toller hopes to integrate her into more on-campus events and group therapy.

## **How to visit and interact with Hazel**

There are a few ways to see Hazel whether visiting CWS or out and about on campus, if interested.

If attending a one-on-one session with Toller, students are asked to sign a waiver, consenting to the dog's presence during the session.

Hazel, like most dogs, will want to sniff and say hello the first few minutes upon meeting, initially. Once acquainted, Hazel's training is displayed through good behavior and providing animal-assisted support.

"This is her typical behavior in a session. She's biting her bone, or she'll be sleeping, for I would say, 45 minutes. And if the client would want the attention from Hazel, you would say her name now, and she would come and approach you again," Toller said.

While Hazel's duty is to provide comfort and joy to individuals, it is important to respect Hazel's boundaries. Toller recommended asking permission first before petting the dog but said it is rare that an individual would be denied.

Hazel can be visited at volunteer campus events and on select days at CWS, in 053 Student Union, via request through Toller. To check and see if Hazel is available for a visit, call CWS at (937) 775-3407.

## **Therapy vs service dogs**

Differentiating an animal-assisted therapy dog from the many service dogs seen walking on campus daily is important in respecting the needs of the dog and the owner. While both are adorable and provide assistance to individuals, the duties and boundaries of each are quite different.

Service dogs, according to the [American Veterinary Medical Association](#), is “any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.”

Service dogs are seen around campus and have the purpose of serving or assisting the individual owner. WSU has a strict policy, which the handler of the service animal must abide by. Handler responsibilities include being in control of the animal at all times, making it important nondisabled students can distinguish a service animal from a therapy animal.

“Individuals are discouraged from approaching service animals as they are working hard to keep their owners safe. The animals should not be approached, distracted, or otherwise engaged while working,” [WSU’s website](#) reads.

Therapy dogs and animals provide a different form of assistance to owners and consenting individuals with the permission of the owner.

“Therapy animals include various species of animals that participate in animal-assisted interventions such as animal-assisted therapy, education and activities,” [AVMA’s website](#) reads .

Hazel, a therapy dog, is on campus for the purpose of comforting students, staff and any individuals in need. Unlike service animals, Hazel’s harness reads “Please pet me,” encouraging interaction and support.

Through gentle support and comfort in therapy, events on campus or in the community and CWS’s work atmosphere, Hazel continues her duties to lift the spirits of those around, daily.

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## **A Voteless People is a Hopeless People: Voting Education and Registration**

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The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity helped students educate themselves on voting on Sep. 13 by holding a tabling event to get them registered.

## About the event

Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity used the tabling station in the Student Union to reach students. Since this location is right next to the cafeteria, they were able to reach a large number of students.

Students who were not registered to vote could walk up and receive all the steps on how to do so. In addition to this, they also passed out packets of information on current issues so students knew what they would be voting on.

Romel Miller, who put the event together, talked about the importance of voting.

“With the presidential election, it’s a big year. We want to empower students with information and tools that are super easy to use,” Miller said.

With so many incoming freshmen on campus this year, they wanted to get this event out early to try and reach as many new voters as possible.

## Importance of voting

Voting can be a scary thing when you do not have the information you need. By helping students register and giving them information on current issues, this event has helped so many students to use their voices in this upcoming election.

Kamari Davis, another Alpha Phi Alpha member, shared his tips for first-time voters.

“Don’t be afraid to go out and vote. If it’s your first time, find other people to go with so you’re not doing it alone,” Davis said.

When new voters get registered, not all of them have access to ballot issues or look into what they will be voting on. This is why it is so important to give students that information.

“We passed out information on current issues so students can be educated on what they are voting on. Otherwise, they might look back and regret their decisions,” Miller said.

## Using your voice

Oftentimes, young voters do not believe their vote does anything, but studies show that young voters will play a crucial part in the upcoming election.

According to the [Brookings Institution](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to political research and studies, America’s youngest voters will have the greatest impact on the 2024 election.

“If we want to know where our society and politics are going, we need only look at our youngest voters,” the article reads.

Voter registration closes Oct. 7, so be sure to register and get out and vote this fall.

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# Will Artificial Intelligence Really Replace Humanity? Professor Angus Fletcher Explains Why the Answer is “No”

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Angus Fletcher, a professor of humanities at The Ohio State University, hosted a seminar at the Creative Arts Center to discuss the fundamental difference between

the human brain and artificial intelligence– and why this difference means AI will never replace humanity.

## **The cost of artificial intelligence**

Fletcher started off the presentation with a question many people ask: “Is artificial intelligence going to save us from ourselves? Or is it going to eliminate us?”

“Well, what I’m gonna try to convince you of this talk is that neither of those is going to be the case. And underlying this is my claim that AI is mechanically incapable of replicating human intelligence,” Fletcher said.

He went on to explain that the human brain is much more complex than a computer can ever be, thanks to the animal neuron, and that this complexity allows for more paths and opportunities of thought and action than what a computer can create.

Fletcher has a professional background in neurophysiology and has spent years at the University of Michigan Medical School studying individual neurons. He also has been in the field of artificial intelligence for nearly a decade.

Artificial intelligence is a repeating, scaled operation of one specific logical pattern. This pattern needs to repeat thousands or even millions of times for AI to properly function.

“Whereas the human brain is a really weird smorgasbord of different things... There’s a huge amount of physiological variety in the human brain. That complexity is important,” Fletcher explained.

The human brain has evolved over centuries of unpredictable environments; it has developed to where it is built to run on low information in a world where something that worked yesterday is not going to work today. It has developed capacities to work with little or no information at its disposal.

AI, on the other hand, needs data to function. It relies on constant information and data to actually work; so much data, in fact, that the cost of using AI is skyrocketing



with each passing day. The cost of training these systems alone can cost an unimaginable amount of power.

James Vincent, a reporter from The Verge, states that the cost to train AI models like ChatGPT is roughly the amount of power annually consumed by **130 U.S. homes**.

“To put that in context, streaming an hour of Netflix requires around 0.8 kWh (0.0008 MWh) of electricity. That means you’d have to watch [Netflix for 1.625 million] hours to consume the same amount of power it takes to train GPT-3,” Vincent said.

## How our school system is affected

In modern times, many in the U.S. say that the school system is ineffective. According to Gallup, Americans’ satisfaction rate with the U.S. school system is down to merely 36%. The graph provided on Gallup’s website shows that this satisfaction rate was at its second-highest in 2019, but has continued to grow worse as the years pass.

Fletcher says that this lack of satisfaction– as well as the general inability to adapt in modern times– is due to the data-centric education system.

“We’ve never had a harder time adapting. Why is that? That’s because we’re building school systems that are focused almost entirely on data, data, data, and not enough... on the things that we have in the humanities,” Fletcher explained.

As we become more obsessed with artificial intelligence, the more we try to become artificial intelligence.

The real beauty of the human brain, however, lies in the narrative that humans are able to tell. Fletcher explains the concept perfectly.

“Most of human intelligence is being able to say ‘you know what would be smart right now?’ And doing this thing and that thing. To create original plans, make original sequences of action, to tell original stories in your mind about things that haven’t happened yet, and then make them true,” Fletcher said.

“That’s why science fiction becomes real science, because you tell the story, and then you make the story happen.”

Also, unlike AI, humans have common sense. Even children have common sense, but this concept is something that is impossible for AI to understand. It also does not have emotional intelligence. These concepts are such an important part of humanity, but AI cannot recreate it.

Imagination is another concept that humans have that AI does not.

“The main thing I want you to take away from this talk is the purpose of the humanities is to expose us to human environments where the rules of life are different,” Fletcher ended.

## How the arts are affected

Despite the fact that the core of humanity comes from our creativity, many people devalue or ignore the hard work that artists put into creating their works of art.

In the Q&A session that followed his seminar, one student asked about the current big issue of AI: generative AI that is creating artistic images based off of thousands of human artist’s works. This has been a prevalent issue in art communities for years now.

“Generative AI is actually theft,” Fletcher stated. “I mean, it’s a bizarre form of sanctioned plagiarism... It’s important to remember that everything that is generative AI is stolen from human intelligence, and that these systems are not capable of creating anything on their own. So that’s a great reminder of just how dependent they are on humans,” Fletcher answered.

For those concerned on how the current path of generative AI is looking– whether it will replace human artists and, most important, their jobs– Fletcher provides a logical reason to not be worried.

“Basically, AI is kind of like a toy. It’s fun to play with, but it’s not going to be globalizing,” Fletcher said. “Everything we have is a part of our imagination. So keep faith that it’s going to work out.”

While it may seem far in the future now, there will always be a time in history where humans respect other human's art– not stolen recreations that are the result of many trying to find ways to create free and easy artworks.

Haven Smith, a social work major, agrees that generative AI is a harmful force in society right now.

“I think AI generated art can be useful in very specific ways, but when it's abused it's harmful. It can be really good for inspiration, but typically that isn't what people use it for. The majority of the time, it's harmful in a way where people use it in order to try to replace actual artist's work,” Smith said.

## Where to learn more

Fletcher's presentation was full of information that would take dozens of pages to properly portray to those who did not attend the event on Thursday. He provided detail on the importance of imagination and being creative in places many people would not expect, like the U.S. military. He also explained diversion thinking and convergent thinking.

Many people, especially the U.S. army, are researching concepts like creativity, common sense and narrative thinking. To learn more about this– as well as Fletcher's seminar on the human brain compared to AI– students can read Fletcher's work [here](#).

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# World's Largest Bounce House Comes to Columbus, Wright State Students Are Thrilled

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The Big Bounce America company is pulling into Columbus, on Sept. 27, for their second stop on the second leg of their tour. With over five different attractions with unlimited use, it is branded as the ultimate family spot.

## How does it work?

The Big Bounce is a touring bounce house that comes from city to city. Towering at 32 ft tall and over 24,000 square feet of bounce house, the Big Bounce is the World's Largest Bounce House. According to The Big Bounce America's Tour Manager Dave Disarro, there is nothing but a party in the house.

"We have DJ's, Food Vendors, Foam, Bubbles, anything you can think of in there. It really is the ultimate attraction for anyone," Disarro said.

Guests who would like to attend must purchase a [ticket](#) to enter. From there, they can choose a three-hour time window. Once they are at the time slot, the world is their oyster in terms of what activities they want to do.

Some of the attractions include the bounce house itself or "The Castle," The Giant (a huge maze of slides and ball pits), air SPACE (a space themed smaller section), Sports Slam (a large inflatable sports complex) and finally Octoblast (an ocean themed foam bounce).

When most think of bounce houses they think of children, but Big Bounce has designated times for the adults to get in on the fun too.

"We've kept everyone in mind when we were designing the Bounce House. Of course adults are more than welcome to come with their children, but we want everyone to be able to enjoy it. So we also make sure we have adult only sessions to accommodate the party crowd," Disarro said.

## Student opinion

Students who were asked about their interest in the bounce house were very excited about the possibilities. Isabella Brickler, a computer science major, is one of these interested students.

“Columbus isn’t too far away from here. It would be really easy to hop in the car with a few friends and go. I feel like if a club wanted to, that would be a cool outing,” said Brickler.

Cheyenne Null, a public administration major, was excited for the potential of taking her kids.

“My kids would love this sort of thing, I actually might take them,” Null said.

The Big Bounce America Tour is said that they are looking for feedback to improve the experience for future tours.

“We are always looking to update our attractions for everyone. We encourage you to email us with any concerns and check out FAQs,” Disarro said.

To purchase tickets and learn more, students can go to [The Big Bounce America’s Website](#).

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## 2024 Elections: How, When and Where to Vote as a College Student



Monica Brutto  
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In 2022, only 21.6% of voters in Ohio were between the ages of 18 and 29, according to the Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. With the 2024 elections coming up, it is important for college students to use their political voices. From voter registration deadlines to voting locations, here is how, when and where college students can vote.

## Voter Registration

In order to vote in Ohio, residents must be 18 before or on the day of the election, be a United States citizen, an Ohio resident for at least 30 days and must not be incarcerated or a felon.

Voter Registration is tied to where you live and it differs from state to state. Students can register in either their hometown or in their college town. Students can live in both places, but can only vote in one, according to [vote.gov](#).

Before deciding where to vote, students need to consider where voting would be more convenient, who is on the ballot at each place and what local policies are important in either place.

If you are not from Ohio, you can vote in Ohio if you intend not to return to another permanent address, according to the [Ohio Secretary of State website](#).

“When a college student registers to vote from his or her school address, the school residence is considered to be the place to which the student’s habitation is fixed... and is considered by the student to be his or her permanent residence at the time of voting. Any other previous residence for voting purposes is no longer valid,” [the website](#) reads.

Non-Ohio residents can find more information regarding their states’ rules [here](#).

Residents of Ohio must register to vote by Oct. 7 to vote in the November election. Students can register to vote online [here](#).

## Voting in Person

### ID Requirements

Students voting in person should know that Ohio law requires all voters to provide identification.

Valid forms of ID include:

- Ohio driver’s license
- State of Ohio ID card
- Interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV
- A US passport
- A US passport card



- US military ID card
- Ohio National Guard ID card
- US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card

The ID must have the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List, a photo and must not be expired. Exceptions apply, read the full requirements [here](#).

## Voting Locations

Election day in Ohio is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Polling locations are based on precincts. Students who are registered to vote in Greene County can find their voting location by searching on [Greene County Board of Elections'](#) website using their address.

Polling locations are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

In addition to these hours, students can vote early at their county's board of elections office, which can be found [here](#). Early voting begins on Oct. 8 and runs every weekday plus the last two Saturdays and Sundays before Election Day. Voters should check their county's website for more instructions.

It's important to know what issues and candidates will be on the ballot before going to vote. Sample ballots can be found beforehand.

Each county or precinct may distribute the ballot differently. Voters should check their county's board of elections website to find their sample ballot or search on the [Ohio Secretary of State's website](#).

## Voting absentee

Students who are living on campus can also vote through an absentee ballot. Addresses for each residence hall can be found on [Wright State University's website](#).



There are a few steps voters need to take before voting absentee. First, voters must request to vote absentee. The process is easy, but not necessarily accessible for everyone.

Voters must print the application [online](#) and mail it to their county's board of elections. In recent years, the office of Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose has sent out applications to resident's permanent addresses.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is seven days before Election Day. For November's election, applications must be received by Oct. 29 at 8:30 p.m.

Once the application has been processed, voters will receive an absentee ballot at their desired address. Voters will fill out the ballot and mail it back to their county's board of elections. The ballot must be postmarked by the day before the election, Monday, Nov. 4, in order to be counted.

Voters have to pay for their own stamps for both the absentee application and the ballot. For student voters, the closest locations to campus selling stamps are the [Office Depot](#) in Fairfield Crossing, [Walgreens](#) on N. Fairfield Rd. and the United States Postal Service office in Fairborn.

Alternatively, voters can return their absentee ballot in person to their county's board of elections before the close of the polls at 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

WSU residents who vote absentee can pick up their ballot at the Residence Life and Housing office, located in Lot 4 under the water tower. Students should bring their Wright1 card to pick up mail.

Preposted packages and mail can be sent out at the Residence Life and Housing office.

The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m to 1 p.m. and is closed Sundays and university holidays.

While voting can sometimes be a hassle, there are many different ways students can go about voting. Students should choose the way that makes the most sense to their situation.

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# Student Opinions: Lack of Parking at Wright State and Overpriced Passes

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With Wright State University seeing a rise in the number of students, the parking lots are becoming increasingly full. Due to students having a plethora of opinions on this, an interview was held in the library, asking students who came by about their thoughts.

## Availability

One of the common complaints that some students have is their inability to find parking in the lots close to the buildings they want to park by.

Mya Farley is a sophomore biological science major who lives in the College Park community. They shared that they struggle to find parking near their apartment.

“College Park is [really] crowded,” Farley said. “They fill up every single space, so I have to park at like the bottom of this hill now.”

Farley shared that they feel like they have to arrive at places early in the morning if they want to get a spot closer to their buildings, but also said that they tend to favor walking while the weather is nice.

One anecdote that Farley shared detailed the branch of a bush scratching the side of their car, which they found irritating.

## Pricing

Another common opinion of the students surveyed was that the parking passes are too expensive for what they offer.

Hudson Ellen, a second-year communication studies major, lives in the College Park apartments on campus and has a lot of feelings about parking.

“I already paid to go here, and then you’re gonna make me pay to park, and then you’re gonna make me pay extra to park well,” Ellen said, referring to the Rowdy spots. “I’m fundamentally against it, mainly because I don’t have one.”

Ali Mahir is a first-year commuter student at WSU who decided to invest in the Rowdy parking pass.

“The problem is, the price that I chose for long-term parking, \$300 is just way too much,” Mahir said.

He went on to say that even though he has paid more for the Rowdy pass, he has not always been able to find a Rowdy spot.

“Sometimes I come in for class even early in the morning, and there’s no parking spot available at the front of lot 11,” Mahir explained.

## **Potential solutions**

Each of the students had their unique takes on how the parking situation should be handled, most of which included lowering parking pass prices.

Ellen stated that he was “against parking lots,” but when asked to expand upon this opinion, shared a potentially expensive but long-term fix.

“I don’t want them to [tear] down a forest and build a parking lot,” he began, then said that WSU needs a “parking garage in the back, away from like, pretty stuff. Underground parking garage.”

Ellen went on to say he thinks it would be good to install a parking garage one day above or below Lot 4. He believes that this could fix the lack of parking spaces in a more long-term way.

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# Rising Rent and Dorm Prices in Dayton



Emily Mancuso  
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Rent Spikes in the area | Graphic by Abigail Abbott | The Wright State Guardian

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While Ohio is known for being a more affordable state, students are feeling the squeeze on the rising costs of dorms and apartments as prices increase. However, WSU offers competitive and more affordable housing for the Dayton area.

## The American Housing Crisis

There is no doubt rent prices are increasing for Generation Z.

The National Community Reinvestment Coalition says, “On average, the study found, Gen Z-ers — born between 1994 and 2000 — will spend about \$145,000 on rent by their 30th birthdays, while millennials — born between 1981 and 1996 — spent \$127,000 during the same stage of life.”

And according to [Statistca.com](#), “57 percent of Generation Z was enrolled in college in 2018 compared to 43 percent of Gen Xers in 1987.”

Therefore, many members of Gen Z are likely to be affected by rent and university housing prices as they increase.

These costs continue to increase, with [public four-year universities](#) charging an average of \$5,900 per semester for housing on-campus. This is an average of \$1,475 per month for a four month semester. The rent outside of campus is only marginally higher at [\\$1,563 per month](#).

## Dorms

According to [WSU Residential Living](#), more than 3,000 WSU students live in on-campus dormitories and apartments.

Rates for housing on campus can be found on [Wright State's Website](#).

For a Hamilton Super Single room, the price rose by \$418 from pre-2018.

According to an inflation calculator by [SmartAssest.com](#), “\$100 in 2017 will be worth \$128 in 2024. This is an average inflation rate of 3.61% and cumulative inflation of 27.97%.”

From the same calculator, if dorm prices followed a rate of 27.97% rate of inflation from 2017 to 2024, a Hamilton Super Single room would be \$3,445. The current cost of a Hamilton Super Single Room in 2024 is \$3,118, a difference of \$327.

When the semesterly price is broken down monthly (for an approximately four month semester), it is \$779.50 per month.

According to [RentCafe.com](#), the average rent for an apartment in Dayton is \$1041. By choosing a Hamilton Super Single room over an average Dayton apartment, a student saves approximately \$1046 on residential costs over four months.

Semesterly prices for a Hamilton Super Single room at WSU is \$2,782 less than the \$5,900 semesterly average for four-year public universities.

Daniel Wasniewski, graduate student and College Park resident, shared thoughts on the cost and quality of the residence halls on campus.

“I have lived in the dorm as an underclassmen [and] all my years as an undergraduate. [The] accommodations were pretty decent. I mean, the dorms were renovated and they put new carpet in. They’re freshly painted every time... Maintenance staff is pretty timely [and] pretty good with fixing everything in a prompt manner. I had a pretty good experience all things considered,” Wasniewski said.

“I do [feel housing cost is reasonable] I mean, in comparison to other universities, like especially some ivy league schools, which can run very pricey.”

Wasniewski finds the on-campus housing to be of very high quality and experiences minimal financial stress due to family and personal contributions, which isn’t always true for off-campus residents.

## **(Non-WSU) Dayton apartment rent**

Despite a difference in cost, many students still choose an off-campus apartment. [Cornell University](#) lists increased convenience and amenities, opportunity to build relationships, increased personal responsibility, no campus rules and restrictions and opportunities to learn life skills as some of the reasons students choose to live off-campus.

Senior Kaitlyn Vanderpool enjoys the independence of an off-campus apartment, but appreciates the quality of the WSU student dorms, which they resided in their first year of university.

“I prefer the apartment in the sense that it is my space and that I’m fairly free to do with it as I like,” Vanderpool said. “I don’t have to deal with a roommate or noisy people. But the dorm, I appreciated because the maintenance was fantastic. If I had any issue, it was a lot easier to go to my RA or community director.”

And while supported by parents and husband, rent was a significant source of stress until Vanderpools’s husband joined the military, even with a below average rent of \$960 per month.

And even the most affordable of apartments jumped in rent.

The Village at Cloud Park, a more affordable Dayton apartment complex, currently rents one-bedroom apartments at **\$905 per month**. And while it is more affordable, this doesn’t mean that it has not jumped in price significantly. In 2017, the same one-bedroom apartments started at **\$655 per month**. That is a 27% cumulative increase in rent price, just under-pacing the national cumulative inflation rate of 27.97% in that same period.

Overall, Dayton apartments seem to be on par with inflation and below the national average, but still creates significant stress for students as costs increase considering the rising cost of living, less vacant units and future rent prices.

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## Ten Most Highly Paid Wright State University Administrators in 2023

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News

Wright State University administrators guide the planning and management of WSU, and with this work comes high pay. With some salaries numbering up to \$711,954 in the year 2023, you will be shocked to find out which administrators have the highest salary.

## Background law

The following salary data is sourced from [GovSalaries.com](https://govsalaries.com). All of the information is public record as required by law, known as the “Sunshine Laws.”

According to the [Ohio Revised Code](#), “‘Public record’ means records kept by any public office, including, but not limited to, state, county, city, village, township and school district units, and records pertaining to the delivery of educational services by an alternative school in this state kept by the nonprofit or for-profit entity operating the alternative school pursuant to section [3313.533](#) of the Revised Code.”

This article considers WSU administrators under the titles of President, Dean, Vice Dean, Provost, Director, Chair and Chairperson. Individuals are organized by their compensation in the year 2023, beginning with the greatest compensation to the lowest compensation.

## Salaries

1. [Valerie Weber](#) is the Dean of the Boonshoft School of Medicine and Professor of Internal Medicine, appointed Nov. 1 of 2020.

According to GovSalaries, in 2023, “Valerie Weber...was employed at [WSU] and had an annual salary of \$711,954. This salary was 1,162 percent higher than the average and 1,480 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU].”

Weber held two jobs at WSU from 2020 to 2023. She held the job of Dean and Professor from 2021 to 2023.

“In 2023 Valerie Weber’s salary was 218 percent higher than average Professor/Dean salary in the state of Ohio,” public records show.

Weber is the highest paid administrator in WSU, including President Susan Edwards.

2. [Susan L. Edwards](#) is the President of Wright State University beginning Jan.1 of 2020.



“[In 2023], Susan Edwards was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$543,697 according to public records. This salary was 864 percent higher than the average and 1,106 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU].”

WSU records show that Edwards held three jobs from 2019 to 2023. From 2021 to 2023, Edwards held the job of University President.

3. Randy J. Woods is Chair and Associate Professor of Surgery.

According to public record, “Randy J. Woods...was employed at [WSU] and had an annual salary of \$407,403. This salary was 622 percent higher than the average and 804 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU]”

Woods’ salary was 315 percent higher than average Associate Professor salary in the state of Ohio.

4. Glen D. Solomon. is Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Internal Medicine.

“Glen D. Solomon...was employed at [WSU] and had an annual salary of \$401,710 according to public records. This salary was 612 percent higher than the average and 791 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU],” GovSalaries said.

In 2023, Glen Solomon’s salary was 160 percent higher than average Professor/Chair salary in the state of Ohio.

5. Gregory Paul Sample is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

“Gregory Paul Sample... was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$339,910”, according to public records. “This salary was 503 percent higher than the average and 654 percent higher than the median salary in Wright State University.”

Wright State University records show Gregory Paul Sample held three jobs from 2019 to 2023. From 2021 to 2023 Gregory Paul Sample held the position of Evp Coo & Ceo Db Properties.

6. Eric S. Bennett is a Professor and Chair of the NCBP and Interim Chair of the BMB.

According to GovSalaries, “Eric S. Bennett...was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$336,384. This salary was 496 percent higher than the average and 646 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU].”

Eric S. Bennett’s salary was 118 percent higher than average Professor/Chair salary in the state of Ohio.

7. [Jeffrey Bryant Travers](#) is a Professor of Dermatology and Chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

“Jeffrey Bryant Travers... was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$334,206 according to public records. This salary was 493 percent higher than the average and 642 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU],” public records show.

8. Robert A. Grant was Director of Athletics. Grant announced retirement in March of 2023.

According to public records, “Robert A. Grant... was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$325,885. This salary was 478 percent higher than the average and 623 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU]”.

Robert Grant’s salary was 228 percent higher than average Director Athletics salary in the state of Ohio.

9. [Julie P. Gentile](#) is Chair and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

“Julie Patrice Gentile in 2023 was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$320,915. This salary was 469 percent higher than the average and 612 percent higher than the median salary in Wright State University,” GovSalaries said.

Julie Patrice Gentile’s salary was 108 percent higher than average Professor/Chair salary in the state of Ohio.”

10. [Ngozi F. Anachebe](#) is Vice Dean for Educational Affairs at the Boonshoft School of Medicine.

According to GovSalaries, “Ngozi Felicia Anachebe...was employed at Wright State University and had an annual salary of \$319,125. This salary was 466 percent higher than the average and 608 percent higher than the median salary in [WSU].”

Ngozi Felicia Anachebe’s salary was 225 percent higher than the average Associate Professor salary in the state of Ohio.

## Statistics and exclusions

Excluded in this list is Former Head Men’s Basketball Coach [Scott Michael Nagy](#), due to not possessing an administrative title. Nagy’s salary in 2023 was \$564,000, the second-highest university wide.

Wright State University’s total revenue for 2023 was \$286.97 million, as stated in a Board of Trustees meeting in the summer of 2024. The ten most highly paid administrators in 2023 possessed a total of \$4,041,189 in compensation, accounting for approximately 1.4% of WSU’s total revenue. According to GovSalaries, WSU employed 2,312 salaried individuals in 2023.

Also according to GovSalaries, “[The] average annual salary was \$56,396, and median salary was \$45,068.”

Wright State’s average and median salaries are higher than the rest of the country, with the average salary being 20% higher, and median salary being 4% higher than that of the rest of the U.S. However, WSU approved a 3% raise for faculty in December 2023 in a collective bargaining agreement.

Overall, 40% of the ten most highly paid administrators were women, and 60% were men.

According to [Glassdoor.com](#), the average professor is paid \$84,502 in the state of Ohio. The least paid administrator on this list is paid over \$200,000 more than the average professor.

Public records are not limited to just education. Public record also includes governmental conduct, court records, adoption records, probation and parole records, community control sanctions and more.

All of this information is freely available to the public.

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# Campus Coffee and Club Cheerleading

Julia Kirk

September 30, 2024

Wright Life

Wright State University's Club Cheerleading partnered with a local coffee shop, Blue Sky Coffee, to have a fundraiser and raise money for their club on Sep. 17.

## Club cheerleading

There are many different club sports on the WSU campus, including a club football team and club cheerleaders who cheer for them. In addition to cheering for games, the team performs for other events around campus, such as Raiderthon.

Jake Wells, the club sports program director, oversees the club while delegating leadership positions to members of the club. They have been established for years, usually having between 10-20 members each year.

"In terms of when they started, they have been around since 2011," Wells said.

The cheer team will be traveling to Chicago with the football team this Fall for their first away game, and the fundraiser was to raise money to cover their expenses for the trip, including transportation, rooming, and overall travel.

## Blue Sky Coffee spotlight

Blue Sky Coffee is a coffee shop located just outside of campus but is still a part of the college. They opened in April and have been growing ever since. Customers

mostly consisted of faculty at the opening, but they have been branching out now that school is back in session.

Megan Daisy, a barista at the shop, gave some specific details about how the coffee shop operates.

“We are about more than just coffee. It is a very open environment for customers and the staff, we have a say in what drinks we serve and the decor,” Daisy said.

When you walk inside the coffee shop, you can immediately see that it is different from regular coffee shops. The walls are all made either of blackboard or whiteboard material so customers can draw and leave messages on the walls.

In addition to this, they have a bookshelf that customers can help themselves to, and a “Creation Cabinet” full of art supplies, puzzles, games and more. This way, customers are entertained while they drink their coffee.

“Getting coffee here is more of an experience than you’ll get at other shops. We like to make personal connections with customers,” Daisy said.

## Fundraisers

It is not uncommon for small businesses in the area to partner with WSU clubs to raise money. This is the first official fundraiser that Blue Sky Coffee has put on, but they will have others in the future.

Matthew Stevenson, the owner of the coffee shop, gave some information on how interested clubs can get in contact with them for a potential fundraiser.

“Groups can set up fundraising events with us by reaching out on socials or email @info.blueskycoffeedyt.com,” said Stevenson.

In addition to fundraisers, they also are interested in showing up at events. The first one they attended was the Fairborn art festival, Village Artisans 40th Annual Art on the Lawn on Aug. 10.

The Fairborn Art Association puts on the event every year with artists, live music, and food vendors, giving Blue Sky Coffee the opportunity to grow their business.

If you are in a club sport, or a club in general, at WSU be sure to check out businesses around campus to see if there are any fundraising opportunities for you.

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## Events on Campus Week of Sept. 30

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This week at Wright State University, the Commuter Appreciation Week is in full swing! There are also a variety of other events available; check them out below.

### Monday, Sept. 30

9:00 a.m. | CAW: Dough & Joe's Fuel Station | Commuter Student Association, ReyRey Cafe | BART

3:00 p.m. | Orange Shirt Day | Asian and Native American Center, Indigenous American Culture Student Association | Student Union 019

4:00 p.m. | JCPENNEY Suit Up Event | Career Services | JCPENNEY at Fairfield Commons Mall

5:00 p.m. | Hickory Debate Night | Hickory Hall 1st Floor Lounge

### Tuesday, Oct. 1

1:00 p.m. | CHEH DSAB Popcorn Popups | Millett Atrium

2:00 p.m. | Amigos Latinos Juntas (Biweekly Meetings) | Amigos Latinos Student Association | Student Union 023T

4:30 p.m. | Listening Session | Women's Center | Student Union 021

5:00 p.m. | How to Build a Resume? | Honors Plaza 2nd Floor

## **Wednesday, Oct. 2**

11:00 a.m. | Wright Day to Give | The '67 Society | Hamilton Plaza, North Lawn

11:00 a.m. | The Foodbank Drive | Muslim Student Association | Student Union Market Table 01

2:00 p.m. | Pink-Out Pickleball Tournament | Counseling and Wellness Services, Campus Recreation, Women's Center | Pickleball Courts, Lot 4

5:30 p.m. | Splash an Org | Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Black Men on the Move, Black Women Striving Forward, Black Student Union, Association of Black Business Students | Hamilton Plaza and North Lawn

## **Thursday, Oct. 3**

11:00 a.m. | Wright Brothers Day | American Marketing Association at WSU | Student Union Atrium

4:00 p.m. | Game Night – BSOM Muslim Student's Association | Muslim Students Association | Boonshoft School of Medicine

5:30 p.m. | SHPE's Papel Picado Night | Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers | Joshi Research Center 292

## **Friday, Oct. 4**

11:00 a.m. | Blood Drive | The Association of Student Nurses | Student Union Atrium

2:00 p.m. | VAL Weekly Meeting | Visual Arts League | Creative Arts Center 335

5:00 p.m. | Fun at Forest Lane | Residence Life and Housing | Forest Lane  
Community Center Green Space

## Saturday, Oct. 5

12:00 p.m. | October Nerf Blaster Battle | Wright State Nerf Club | Student Union  
Gym

1:00 p.m. | National Museum of U.S. Airforce | Abilities | National Museum of U.S.  
Airforce, 1100 Spaatz St, Dayton, OH

5:30 p.m. | The 9th Annual Amigos Latinos Gala | Latino Center, Amigos Latinos  
Student Association | Nutter Center Arena

## Sunday, Oct. 6

2:00 p.m. | Wright State Vs Edison State | Club Fastpitch Softball Team | Day Air  
Ballpark

3:00 p.m. | Home Game vs UC | Women's Club Soccer | Alumni Field

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## News Roundup: Week of Sept. 23

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News

From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing from the week of Sept. 23, 2024.



## Local

### **Haitian Bridge Alliance in Springfield, Ohio, files citizen criminal charges against Trump and Vance**

On Tuesday, Sept. 24, the leader of the nonprofit Haitian Bridge Alliance filed citizen criminal charges against Donald Trump and J.D. Vance, according to the [Associated Press](#). The filing comes after Trump spread false claims about legal immigrants in Springfield during a presidential debate.

Trump and Vance are charged with disrupting public services, making false alarms, telecommunications harassment, aggravated menacing and complicity. The filing asks the Clark County Municipal Court to affirm that there is probable cause and issue arrest warrants against Trump and Vance.

## National

### **Hurricane Helene Strikes Florida as a Category 4**

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Hurricane Helene made landfall in northwestern Florida as a Category 4 storm, according to the [Associated Press](#). It had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph (225 kph). Officials forecasted storm surges of up to 20 feet and warned they could be particularly “catastrophic and unsurvivable” in Florida’s Apalachee Bay.

More than 1 million people in Florida and over 50,000 in Georgia are without power. At least 40 people were reported dead in four states.

The storm weakened to a tropical storm over Georgia with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph (110 kph) early Friday, Sept. 27, the National Hurricane Center said.

## Global

## Netanyahu vows to use 'full force' against Hezbollah

On Thursday, Sept. 26, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that Israel will continue striking Hezbollah “with full force” and will not stop until all of its goals are achieved, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Hundreds have been killed in Lebanon as Israel escalated strikes, saying it is targeting Hezbollah’s military capacities. Israeli leaders say they are determined to stop more than 11 months of cross-border fire by the militant group, which has forced the evacuation of tens of thousands of Israelis from communities in the north.