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**Interview with Mackenzie Snare**

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Interviewer: Emily Reth (ER)

Interviewee: Mackenzie Snare (MS)

**Interview Transcript**

Emily Reth (ER): My name is Emily Reth, and we are here on Wright State's campus in the Dunbar Library on the fourth floor. We're interviewing Wright State students to see what a typical day in their life is like. Please, what was your name?

Mackenzie Snare (MS): Mackenzie Snare.

ER: Mackenzie, what program are you in here at Wright State?

MS: I'm in the Public History master's program.

ER: Fantastic. So, what brought you to Wright State?

MS: The fact that it was an hour-ish away from home.

ER: Oh, an hour? So, do you commute, or do you live here on campus?

MS: No, I live here on campus.

ER: Oh, gotcha. So, what area are you from then?

MS: I'm from east...like 20 minutes east of Columbus.

ER: Okay. So, have you...you've obviously had a few classes so far. What classes are you taking this semester?

MS: I'm taking the Archives Intro class, the Museums Collections class, Intro to Public History class, and then my Monday class...I don't really know what it's called, because we don't always have to go.

ER: Is it Historical Methods?

MS: Sure, yes.

ER: [laughs] So, do you have a favorite course so far?

MS: I think it's the Wednesday Archive class, so far.

ER: Why's that?

MS: Um, archives sound interesting. And Museums Collections seems a bit repetitive so far, but maybe that's a good thing.

ER: [laughs] So, are you thinking that you want to go into archives after you graduate?

MS: So far, yes, but I've still got another year or two.

ER: That's true, it's always good to keep an open mind. So, what was your first day like at Wright State?

MS: Uh, my first day, I was putting a lot of stuff away in my apartment because I had boxes of things that needed put away. And then I walked to campus and got lost on the way to class, but I eventually found my way.

ER: Gotcha. So, was it stressful when you first got to class?

MS: Um, I wouldn't say "stressful," just "annoying," because I hadn't been on campus, and I didn't know where things were. I was looking at the maps, and I didn't get the maps, because it didn't have a "you are here" on my phone. So...

ER: [laughs] Understandable. It can be a bit confusing when you're first here. So, do you have a favorite professor so far?

MS: Ummm... I mean, Dr. Swanson's nice, so far.

ER: [both laughing] So far, he is. Don't worry, he doesn't have, like, a dark side, that all of a sudden you'll just see out of nowhere. So, what is your least favorite thing about Wright State so far?

MS: Maybe the fact that I can hear planes taking off constantly. But, I mean, if it was, like, a little further away from the airport, the air base, it'd be better, but I'm kind of getting used to it.

ER: It is really hard to get used to.

MS: Yeah.

ER: That was one of the things I struggled with.

MS: Normal planes are fine, but jets are interesting.

ER: Yeah, and they do a lot of practice take-offs.

MS: Yes.

ER: Yeah, I definitely understand that. So, what did you do this morning? What was your morning like before you got on campus?

MS: Um, I watched *The Price is Right* and [ER laughs] ate some breakfast, and then just did some class work for today, read some for my Thursday class.

ER: Gotcha, so is *The Price is Right*, is that a typical morning show for you?

MS: [laughing] Yeah, I would watch *Let's Make A Deal*, but it comes on at 3:00 here, instead of 10:00 at home.

ER: Gotcha, gotcha. Um, and last question for you: what did you eat for breakfast this morning?

MS: I had Oreo cereal.

ER: Oooh, exciting.

MS: I kind of have, like, a lot of boxes of it, so I gotta eat it. Darn.

ER: [laughs] Well, thank you so much for coming and talking with us today.

MS: You're welcome.