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## Events on Campus Week of Sept. 19

- Alexis Lewis
- September 19, 2022
- Wright Life

Events for the week of Sept. 19 include club meetings, game nights, an outdoor movie and cultural programs.

### Monday, Sept. 19

3 p.m. | Game Night with Abilities | Dunbar Library

5 p.m. | Association of Women Surgeons Meeting | White 120

7 p.m. | H2O Church and eSports Club Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament | The Landing

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

### Tuesday, Sept. 20

11 a.m. | Christians on Campus Bible Distribution | Quad Table 01

2 p.m. | Guardian Media Group Interest Meeting | Medical Sciences 035

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

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

6:30 p.m. | Black Student Union Black Reality Talks | Rike 160

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

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## **Wednesday, Sept. 21**

11 a.m. | Compassion in Action Bake Sale Fundraiser | Student Union Market Table 01 and Russ

12 p.m. | Fraternity and Sorority Council Brownbag Chat | SU 103

1 p.m. | University Center for International Education Pop-In Wednesday | UCIE

2 p.m. | Anthem Health Insurance Q&A | Online

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

6:30 p.m. | Christians on Campus Life & Truth | Fawcett 204

## **Thursday, Sept. 22**

12:30 p.m. | College of Liberal Arts Employer Spotlight: City of Kettering Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts | Millett 106

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

3 p.m. | UCIE Conversation Club | UCIE

7 p.m. | Miracle Makers Steering Meeting | Millett 401

## **Friday, Sept. 23**

5 p.m. | African Student Union and Chinese Club: Jeopardy Night | Rike 160

8 p.m. | Residential Community Association and Miracle Makers Outdoor Movie: Lightyear | The Quad

## **Saturday, Sept. 24**

1 p.m. | Latino Center and Amigos Latinos Student Association Live Bachata Music and Dominoes Tournament | SU Atrium

6 p.m. | Delta Zeta Young's Dairy Pumpkin Photoshoot and Food | Young's Dairy Farm

# News Roundup: Week of Sept. 19

- News Team
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From local happenings to national topics and global events, here is the news worth knowing for the week of Sept. 19, 2022.

## Local

Wright State University is now a participant in the funding from Intel. WSU and Central State University are working together on the project that Intel has given to about 80 universities in Ohio, according to the Sept. 16 WSU Board of Trustees meeting.

WSU and CSU are working to build a semiconductor educational program and a microelectronics lab to prepare students for semiconductor manufacturing careers, according to WSU Chair of biomedical, industrial and human factors engineering Dr. Subhashini Ganapathy.

## National

### U.S. Senate Abortion Bill

South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham introduced new abortion legislation to the U.S. Senate on Sept. 13.

The bill, titled the 'Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act,' prohibits abortion after 15 weeks with exemptions of rape, incest, or risk of maternal life, according to a press release from the Senator's office. The act further states that anyone who performs or attempts an abortion will be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both.

According to Senator Graham, this legislation would put the United States in line with other modern nations.

The introduction of the Graham legislation occurred alongside the temporary block of Ohio Senate Bill 23, which prohibited abortion after six weeks gestation. A Hamilton County judge restrained the enforcement of S.B. 23 for a fourteen-day period as of Sept. 14.

## California Wildfires

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed executive orders on Sept. 16 to manage the damages caused by recent wildfires in the state.

The two orders will support recovery efforts as well as debris and waste cleanup and removal in Mariposa and Siskiyou Counties, according to the Governor's office. The Mariposa County Oak Fire occurred in July of this year, and Siskiyou County's Mill Fire, among others, was in early September, according to Newsom's State of Emergency orders.

CAL Fire currently lists two active wildfire incidents, both in Placer County, as of Sept. 18. The Governor has not made any statements about these fires.

## Global

### Roger Federer to retire from professional play after Laver Cup

On Sept. 15, 2022, Swiss tennis player Roger Federer announced retirement from grand slam and tour competition.

"I will miss everything the tour has given me. But at the same time, there is so much to celebrate. I consider myself one of the most fortunate people on Earth," Federer said in a press release.

Federer's impending retirement follows in the footsteps of Serena Williams, who announced retirement in a *Vogue* article. Federer's final Association of Tennis Professionals tour event will be at the Laver Cup, held in London this year from Sept. 23 to Sept. 25.

### Queen Elizabeth II's funeral

According to a press release from the Royal Family, the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II commenced on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. in Westminster Abbey.

The Royal Family Youtube page live-streamed the event.

# Sikhs in America and at WSU Event

- Alexis Lewis
- September 19, 2022
- Wright Life

Sikhs on the Wright State University campus voiced experiences, educated others and promoted religious, cultural and historical dialogue at a recent global event.

## Sikhism

Sikhism originated in the Indian region of Punjab in the early 16th century. According to professor of religion Dr. Valerie Stoker, the earliest evidence of Sikhs in America dates to 1903 with the first Sikh place of assembly and worship, a 'gurdwara,' being built in 1912.

"There are 25 million Sikhs worldwide and while most live in India, there are Sikh communities in many countries," Stoker said.

The word 'Sikh' means 'student' or 'disciple,' meaning that Sikhs are always learning new things. Stoker further explained core Sikh beliefs.

"Sikhism does not believe in anthropomorphic depictions of the divine being and as part of this, God is said to be without gender. The tradition emphasizes the equality of all people and the unity of humankind," Stoker said. "It therefore advocates an engaged ethical life of service to one's community and working to overcome divisions in society, including those that are religiously based."

Sameep Singh, a WSU Sikh alumni, explained the spiritual path of Sikhism.

"There's an aspect of [Sikhism] that's spirituality, and it does tell you as all faiths teach you: be a good human being, live an honest living, do meditations as well," Sameep Singh said.

These meditations align with the belief that the physical body is a temple of God; therefore, this experience is seen as a selfless service to others and to God.

"When we meditate on the name of God, it brings us a sense that light of Waheguru (God) is in everyone," Sameep Singh said.

Sameep Singh also mentioned three pillars of Sikhism.

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“A Sikh’s motto is Naam Japo, Kirat Karo, Vand Chhako, i.e remember God, engage in honest labor and share the fruits of that labor,” Sameep Singh said.

## Experience at WSU

Harroop Singh, a current WSU Sikh student, mentioned that many people in America are curious about Sikh turbans, appearance and religious practices.

“It gives us a different look,” Harroop Singh said. “My experience is, I mean, not all the native people of America know about us.”

Sameep Singh mentioned that after the four coordinated Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States by al-Qaeda, people began to look at the Sikh community differently.

“After 9/11 happened, we were mistaken for other people. Things changed in a day,” Sameep Singh said. “Everybody was curious about ‘who are these guys related to [Osama bin Laden],’ even though none of the attackers or terrorists had a Turban or a beard, but it was these pictures of this one person that got here on the TV all the time. It felt like there was fear now.”

Despite these perceptions, Sameep Singh noted that faith overcame fearful looks.

“It is my faith that kept me strong, it was our rich history as well,” Sameep Singh said. “I cannot give up my faith just to be scared.”

## The event

‘Sikhs in America & at WSU’ took place in the Pathfinder Lounge of the Student Union on Friday, Sept. 16 as a collaboration between the Sikh community of WSU and the University Center for International Education.

There were over 50 attendees who experienced traditional food, turban tying and dialogue among the Sikh community. Dr. Kuldip Rattan, Professor Emeritus, provided the reason for holding the event.

“We hope to tell you who we are and where we come from,” Rattan said.

Sameep and Harroop Singh also noted celebrations of diversity and inclusion as reasons for the event.

Sikhs shared information about the holy book (Guru Granth Sahib), the 10 Gurus (or spiritual masters) and five articles of faith, or ‘5 Ks’ (Kes, Kanga, Kachera, Kirpan and Kara), followed by a question and answer session.

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Freshman psychology major Angela Joy “AJ” Allen described the experience of the event.

“I have never heard about a cultural event like this at Wright State,” Allen said. “I don’t know much about Sikhism.”

The event wrapped with disbursement to investigate tables with informational pamphlets, books and items related to Sikhism, including the 5Ks and related pictures.

“We want everyone to know each other and promote love,” Sameep Singh said. “We are here as a loving community.”



# WSU Board of Trustees Opens Year with Three New Lease Agreements

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- Angela Davis
- September 19, 2022
- News
- Wright Life

In a Sept. 16 meeting, the Wright State University Board of Trustees discussed enrollment, finances and expansion of student opportunities.

## Enrollment and retention

President Sue Edwards stressed the importance of enrollment and retention. Edwards noted that first-time enrollment is up for the Fall 2022 semester, with 1,541 students this year compared to 1,394 the previous fall.

“We have the highest first-time enrollment at the Wright State campus since 2019,” Edwards said. “We are trending in all of the right directions.”

Aligning with increasing enrollment numbers, Edwards has a goal of 75% student retention by fall 2025, with continuous improvement to that date. The current retention number is 64%.

Edwards is focused on retention initiatives, including participation rosters, student access to mid-term grades, full year registration and the President’s council mentorship program, through which the council will mentor ten students per member each year, with hopes to expand that number. For more information about multi-term registration and midterm grades, [read here](#).

## Finances

The Board also approved three new lease agreements.

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The first lease agreement will make the University an educational partner with the YMCA of Greater Dayton's new Northwest Dayton Health and Wellness Campus. This lease will provide Wright State with a space at the Northwest Dayton site.

The second agreement leases University space to the Ohio State Auditor. Upon moving the Western headquarters into this space, the State Auditor will be offering internships to students. The Auditor currently has similar agreements with other universities, including Kent State and Ohio University, according to a representative from the State Auditor's office.

The final agreement will negotiate the lease of undeveloped property that the university owns along Colonel Glenn Highway.

## Aviation Opportunities

WSU also approved a new affiliation agreement with First Flight Aviation, a flight school in Dayton.

WSU and First Flight will collaborate to provide aviation education opportunities to students. These opportunities will include a move toward aviation classes taken for credit at the University, beginning with special topics courses to gauge student interest, according to Interim Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science Dr. Michael Raymer.

Completion of the aviation program would allow students to graduate with a private pilot's license along with a graduate or undergraduate degree.

The Board stressed that this is only the first step toward offering an aviation program.

"I am challenging this University as John Kennedy challenged the nation in 1962 to land a man on the moon and bring him home safely by the end of the decade, that Wright State University become a national leader in aerospace by the end of this decade," Chair Tom Gunlock said.

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Students Respond to Sidewalk Construction on Campus

Trey Brown September 20, 2022 News

Wright State University embarks on project to revitalize sidewalk spaces on the Dayton campus. Students react to the ongoing construction.

Construction around the Student Union

On Aug. 26, 2022, the Wright State Communications Office notified students of a project to repair the paver sidewalks around the Student Union. The ongoing operation consists of six phases that began on Aug. 31.

According to University Architect Rob Thompson, the sidewalks need an overhaul as the bricks have deteriorated over time. Thompson mentioned increased durability, easier maintenance and more manageable maneuverability as benefits of the project.

“It just doesn’t present a nice front door for any prospective students or any visitors, and so that’s another reason this project has jumped up in importance,” Thompson said.

The university completed the third phase, which prompted a temporary closure of the bus stop near Lot Two, on Sept. 16. The rest of the stages will occur around the Student Union.

Students respond

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With construction temporarily closing sidewalks and entrances to the Student Union, some students had to make adjustments when navigating campus.

“It’s something that could’ve been done in the summer,” psychology major Kayla Roberts said. “Now, it’s a big inconvenience to the incoming freshmen that are still confused about where to go for classes.”

Accountancy major Mackenzie Cron also questioned the timing of the project.

“I think it would’ve been better maybe in the summer or maybe during winter break,” Cron said.

Thompson clarified that the university intended to complete the project during the summer.

“When it was publicly bid, no contractors bid on the project. This necessitated a re-bid and consequently a delay in the project,” Thompson said. “The good news is we’re actually a little ahead of schedule right now.”

Biological Sciences major Trinity Kopenhaver agreed that the construction has caused issues.

“To get to the Union, you had to go all the way around the back, or you had to go through the tunnels. It was just a big inconvenience,” Kopenhaver said.

Kopenhaver also mentioned that the prior notice given to students was a sufficient amount of time.

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“Now that it’s finished, it looks good. I like it,” business management major Matthew Correll said while observing the construction between the Student Union and Hamilton Hall.

According to a campus-wide communication, the six stage project will conclude by the end of October.

# WSU Prepares for First Family Weekend Since Pandemic

- Emily Mancuso
- September 20, 2022
- Wright Life

In a first since the COVID-19 pandemic, Wright State University will host an event-packed family weekend for students to connect with peers and families.

## Purpose

On Sept. 23-25, various organizations and offices on campus will hold events for students and families to enjoy. All are welcome during this family-friendly weekend.

Associate Director of Student Involvement and Leadership Debra “Debbie” Lamp elaborated on the event stipulations.

“It’s also for students. If your family can’t come, maybe they’re too far away. Maybe they already have other things to do. Maybe there’s just one event that you want to attend and your family doesn’t want to come, that’s okay. We know that families are made up of lots of different ways,” Lamp said.

According to Lamp, Family Weekend also fills the gap left after moving Homecoming Weekend from fall to January.

The Student Involvement and Leadership Office has also taken a new role of responsibility for the event planning.

“I don’t know when the last [Family Weekend] happened. Traditionally, Residence Life and Housing has done it, but I know definitely for the last two years during the pandemic, it hasn’t happened and our office hasn’t really been much involved,” Lamp said

## Friday events

According to the Family Weekend website, the first event is “Explore the Galleries” from noon to 4 p.m., when the Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries will host a self-guided tour.

Later on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Dunbar Library and Tabletop Club will host a game night to win various prizes, including OktoberFest tickets.

“One of the things we’ve heard from students, including the Student Advisory Board, was that they would love to have more game nights, and so when Student Involvement and Leadership suggested that they were looking for ideas for Family Weekend, we thought that that would be a good opportunity to bring families together and play games,” Associate Librarian Mandy Shannon said.

After attending Game Night, students can stop at the Movie On The Quad hosted by the Residential Community Association and Miracle Makers, who will provide snacks during the 8 p.m. showing of the movie ‘Lightyear.’

“I’m looking forward to seeing all the families come together and just seeing the community coming together,” Vice President of RCA Matthew Correll said.

The last event of Friday is the 8 p.m. performance of ‘The Mousetrap’ at the Creative Arts Center. Students can purchase tickets on the Liberal Arts website.

## Saturday events

Between 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. is the Family Weekend check-in and welcome by Provost Amy Thompson and Dean of Students Chris Taylor. There is another opportunity to “Explore the Galleries” from noon to 4 p.m.

From 10:30 a.m. to noon are the ‘Classes Without Quizzes’ educational sessions through Aviation and Wright State, Turn Up the Radio, Respect Your Money, Put Your Career in the Driver’s Seat and Hike the Woods.

After a Lunch Break at noon there are the options of Live Latin Music and Dominoes, Outdoor Games and kayaking.

After the 6 p.m dinner, families have the option of watching a men’s soccer game or a performance of ‘The Mousetrap.’ This production is also at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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For more information, including registration access, visit the official weekend website.



# Liberal Arts Degree: Post-Grad Resources

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- Trey Brown
- September 21, 2022
- News

Leaders of the Wright State University liberal arts workforce development program offer opportunities for students to navigate post-graduation career opportunities.

## A brief history

According to Director of Workforce Development Wayne Stark, the Center for Liberal Arts Student Success, CLASS, was established in 2015 by former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Kristin Sobolik, who was looking to mediate success in student advisory, engagement and retention while also spearheading efforts to facilitate workforce development at the university.

## Workforce development at WSU

Stark collaborates with employers to help students determine the best option for career development and growth.

“All of these individuals I work with to help the College of Liberal Arts students with their career development,” Stark said.

Stark and workforce development offer employer spotlights, which have been delivered virtually for the past few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program recently featured the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Center.

Ken Paxson, a professor in the communication department and marketing and communications supervisor for the Center, spoke about opportunities available to students.

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“There’s so many jobs, so many opportunities,” Paxson said. “We’ve got something for everybody, I think, if you want to work in a fun, open, ever changing environment.”

According to Paxson, there is also flexibility within these positions.

“We literally have people that just work one shift a week. That’s all they can do and we’ll take it. We have people who are wide open and they’ll work as much as they want,” Paxson said.

There are full-time and part-time positions at the Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Center, which can be found on the City of Kettering website.

Paxson also incorporated work experiences into the classroom, often linking media opportunities with media majors working for professional credentials. This practice is one that Paxson hopes to integrate in future courses at WSU.

Stark hopes to get students excited about the possibilities that are available with a liberal arts degree.

“For me, it’s about helping students to reach their goals and dreams,” Stark said.

# Fall Festivities to Get Ready for the Season

- Savannah Harris
- September 21, 2022
- Wright Life

As the leaves are changing color, here are some fall themed activities in the Dayton area to delve into the season.

## Young's Jersey Dairy

Young's Jersey Dairy is a well-known Yellow Springs attraction that is a perfect way to begin the season. Fill up on ice cream while hand feeding and interacting with a variety of friendly barn animals.

For that fun fall feeling, the farm has a mind-twisting corn maze along with a patch of pumpkins that are ready to be picked. Additionally, those looking for a hands-on activity can enjoy a miniature golf course.

Young's Jersey Dairy is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Students can visit the [official website](#) for more information.

## City of Centerville Fall Fest

This October, take a day to visit the City of Centerville and attend its wide-spread Fall Fest.

The event features a range of attractions such as hayrides, face painting, games and an at-hand photo booth. To keep the occasion upbeat, Liftoff Entertainment will be providing DJ services on site.

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To maintain the Halloween spirit, The Heart of Centerville is sponsoring a Pumpkin Patch of over 2,000 pumpkins spread among the hillside of Stubbs Park Amphitheater. Take a pick of the most eye-catching pumpkin and decorate it as desired.

An assortment of purchasable vendor foods will also be available throughout the park.

The festival will take place on Oct. 2 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. for those interested in vendors with an upscale market of jewelry, clothing, art, decor and more.

For more information, visit the Dayton Local website and search 'City of Centerville Fall Festival.'

## **Land of Illusion**

For those who want a scare to bring in the Halloween season, take a stroll through Middletown's Land of Illusion.

The park is full of attractions including Dr. Psycho's Haunted Estate, Phobia and Temple of Terror. This year features a new site, Dysphoria. These halloween themed attractions are sure to scare every guest into the frightening month of October.

Also in Middletown is the Middletown Haunted Trail. This trail, known as one of the longest and scariest in the midwest, will be open along with numerous haunted houses. Stop by any Friday or Saturday from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. between Sept. 9 and Oct. 30.

Visit the official Land of Illusion website for more information.

## **Haunted Halloween Drive-Thru at George Rogers Clark Park**

There is no spooky season without the scares. Here is another haunted attraction to keep students chilled.

Take a drive without the need to ever get out of the vehicle. Check out the annual haunting event at George Rogers Clark Park: Haunted Halloween Drive-Thru. The Clark County Park District and friends invite anyone brave enough to take a slow drive through the mysterious park.

Visitors can dress up in a favorite Halloween costume and decorate cars for the adventure as well. Event planners will enter all decorated vehicles for a chance to win a Halloween-themed prize basket.

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The chilling ride will take place Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 15 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Pack some spooky snacks and take a trip through the haunted drive-thru with friends and family.

Visit the [Dayton Local website](#) and search 'Haunted Halloween Drive-Thru' for more information.

# Student Organizations Collaborate for Voter Registration



- Trey Brown
- September 22, 2022
- News

With mid term elections on the horizon, Wright State University student organizations partake in community event to assist students with voter registration.

## “Dayton Youth Votes”

On Sept. 17, 2022, the Ohio Student Association and Campus Vote Project united community organizers, students, performers and vendors for a time of fellowship and voter registration at Fairborn Community Park. Kalesha Scott, a student organizer for OSA, arranged the event and worked with students, vendors and performers from across Ohio.

Scott partners with WSU, Central State University, Wilberforce University and the University of Dayton, facilitating voter registration events on campuses. With this event, Scott wanted to bring the colleges together in a unified effort.

“I thought it would be really cool to have all those students come together, and it’s mostly black-led organizations that I’ve been working with,” Scott said.

## Wright State organizations reach out

Working more closely with student organizations at WSU, such as Black Men on the Move and the Black Student Union, was one byproduct of that initial vision. According to Scott, BMOTM President Joshua Johnson wanted to create a larger platform for WSU students to register to vote.

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“The whole purpose of being here is to get people registered to vote,” Johnson said. “We want to make sure that everybody has a voice.”

According to Johnson, voting is a pivotal act that students and community members should be aware of. The president hopes to see events like this grow in the future. President of BSU Gary Neal feels similarly about the importance of encouraging students to register to vote.

Neal explained a tentative plan for an education panel in the Dayton region, which ultimately did not occur; regardless, BSU still wanted to spread voter awareness.

“We still wanted to make sure we were spreading political awareness and making sure that people were registered to vote. We wanted to partner with this, come and volunteer and help out as much as we could,” Neal said.

For more information on voting and a midterm election voter guide, [read here](#).

# Fine and Performing Arts Takes on Classic play ‘The Mousetrap’

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- Elayna Storts
- September 22, 2022
- Wright Life

This fall, Wright State University’s performing arts school will showcase the classic ‘whodunnit’ play ‘The Mousetrap’ by Agatha Christie.

## About the play

‘The Mousetrap’ is a murder mystery set in 1952 Berkshire, England.

Students from the School of Fine and Performing Arts will put on the play with the help of Director Jason Podplesky and Scene Designer Dick Block, according to the [WSU play webpage](#).

Kathryn Carter, a senior acting major, plays the role of Mollie Ralston. This character is the owner and proprietor of Monkswell Manor guest house, which is where the play takes place. According to Carter, the play is about seven guests who are stranded by a snowstorm at Monkswell Manor when a murder takes place.

“One of them could be a potential killer. One of them could be the next potential victim,” Carter said.

Senior acting major Theodoros “Theo” Karras plays Detective Sergeant Trotter, who attempts to find the murderer before there is another victim.

“I come in in Act One because I hear there is a murder, and I am sent out to get the statements and to figure out exactly what is going on...put a stop to, essentially, before there is another death,” Karras said.

Karras also mentioned that actors will speak with accents, since the play is set in 1950’s England.

“It’s a timeless story, you will still hear people saying today what they said in 1952,” Karras said.



## Behind the scenes

According to Karras, students auditioned for the play during the spring semester and prepared for the play over the summer.

Carter noted the timeline for tech week starting Sept. 19, when the team combines all elements of the play with lighting, costumes and stage management.

The actors will not be wearing masks or using microphones as done during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Karras.

Carter and Karras, as well as the rest of the production team, are excited for opening night on Sept. 23.

“If people like Clue or Knives Out, it’s kind of like that vibe,” Carter said.

## When and where

The play is approximately two hours and runs from Sept. 23 to Oct. 2 at the Festival Playhouse in the Creative Arts Center on Wright State University’s campus.

# WSU Charging Stations: Energy On the Go

Emily Mancuso

- September 23, 2022
- Wright Life

WSU has installed two new secure charging stations for student devices in the Student Union and Dunbar Library. Here is what to know about and how to use the stations.

## How the stations were implemented

Director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation Eric Corbitt broached the idea of the charging stations along with other members of staff.

According to Corbitt, the leftover end-of-year funds were available this May, so the charging stations were installed in mid-July. Corbitt saw this as an opportunity to improve the quality of life for students while increasing student-to-student engagement.

“Unfortunately, battery life isn’t forever and we need to recharge, and often we would see a student sitting up against the wall next to a plug like you would in an airport,” Corbitt said. “But, you know, one hope is if they have to put their phone in a charging station while they’re eating or doing something else, maybe then they’re engaging with another student during that time rather than looking at their phone.”

Student Abi Bond had a positive outlook for the charging stations, despite not knowing about the installation.

“I have never used [charging stations] because I hadn’t heard about them, but it’s amazing and I’m sure they’ll be needed in the future,” Bond said.

## **Mechanics and security**

According to Corbitt, the charging stations, purchased from the company 'goCharge,' allow for secure storage of students' devices with a customizable pin that secures contents until a student can retrieve the device.

One station is located in the Dunbar Library group study room by Starbucks and another is located in the basement of the Student Union by the climbing wall.

Corbitt explained how to find and use the stations; once a student has located one of the stations, the right-hand side screen will provide a prompt to select one of the eight available slots. After selecting a slot, the student types in a personal pin to secure the device. Once the device is deposited, a student can retrieve the device with the chosen pin at any time.

Corbitt assured that these stations are secure.

"You know, in order to steal another phone, you would have to have some serious tools and be in there, you know, in very public spaces to get them out. You can't just pick the lock or go up there. I guess technically you could guess the code, but I don't know what the odds are to guess a code," Corbitt said.

According to Corbitt and Associate University Librarian Mandy Shannon, the feedback about the stations has been positive, despite sparse usage.

"The library is open 98.5 hours a week on average. So we are open a lot of hours and we provide a space to all students, faculty staff across campus and to the community of the area. So it's a really good central location," Shannon said.

The stations are free for students to use.

# Women's Soccer Beats Green Bay 4-1

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- Noah Kindig
- September 24, 2022
- Sports

Wright State women's soccer is at its strongest in the Horizon League since 2009, as the Raiders move to a 3-0 record in conference after a 4-1 beatdown over the Green Bay Phoenix.

## The match

The game occurred on Alumni Field on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m.

Coming into the match, the Green Bay team had not given up a goal or scored itself, tying in both conference games so far; the Phoenix pressed the Raiders from the start, trying to force a WSU defensive mistake.

WSU had an advantage from the beginning, however, as the Raiders spread the field, positioned players behind the ball on attack and put dangerous balls into the box.

The Raiders held possession well through defenders with starting goalkeeper Jessika Seward controlling the ball in the defensive third. Phoenix goalkeeper Annie Mason gave up the ball several times.

"We've really been working on the last couple of weeks about making sure we get numbers behind the ball and that we compete on both sides of the ball when we do get a chance," Head Coach Travis Sobers said.

Due to this possession, it did not take long for the Raiders to strike gold. Lauren Borchert found space outside the 18-yard box and put a powerful ball over Mason. This is Borchert's third goal in three home games.

From there, the Raider team did what it does best: get the ball out wide and force a ball either into the box or out for a corner. These set pieces created great opportunities, as Lena Jenssen scored from a corner kick and Elise Canter capitalized on a crashing rebound off the post.

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“Keep an eye out for Lauren, she’s going to try to finish from anywhere,” striker Olga Massombo said. “And Elise also, we’re trying to find players in-between and always trying to find them.”

Finally, Massombo confidently charged forward through five defenders, took on Josie Krupp with a 1-2 and drilled a ball into the bottom corner for a 4-1 finish.

## **Since 2009**

This season’s women’s soccer team has brought new life to the program in recent matches, beating Milwaukee for the first time in seven years and jumping to a 3-0 conference record, its best since 2009.

The Raiders have not made it past the first round of the Horizon League tournament since 2017 and did not make it to the tournament in the past two seasons. With a 3-0 start and a deep bench of players ready to step up, the WSU team may have a shot to go for the tournament title this year.

“We do have that deep bench that can come in and step up, and they have the same level as the starting lineup,” Seward said.

The next Raider home game is Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. against the Cleveland State Vikings.