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The campus welcomed back students for the Spring 2024 semester two weeks ago. We already have some good news to share. Please enjoy reading about our students, faculty, and program achievements.

I also want to highlight the Homecoming this year, which will be held between February 14 and 17. Check out all the [events and activities](#). I hope to see you on campus!

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## News

### Graduate ambassadors

Graduate Programs and Honors Studies has selected six students to serve as graduate ambassadors. These students will assist graduate students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

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### Love for literacy

Laura Simons, M.Ed. in Literacy alumna, uses different teaching methods to determine what is most effective in her elementary school classroom. Her passion for teaching has received high recognition.

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### Passion patrol

Joseph Weeks, a sergeant with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, is using lessons learned in Wright State's Master's of Public Administration program to help others working to overcome trauma.

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## Premier Health collaborations

Miami Valley Hospital will be formally recognized as an academic medical center as part of an agreement between Wright State University and regional healthcare provider Premier Health.

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## Education Gateway

Cogan Shimizu, assistant professor of computer science, and four collaborators received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create educational materials and tools.

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## Study abroad grant

The University Center for International Education (UCIE) received a \$4,125 grant to assist Pell Grant-eligible first-year students to obtain passports, enabling them to travel internationally.

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## Promoting knowledge

The Raj Soin College of Business has introduced a new administrative structure by consolidating six departments into two interdisciplinary schools. The change became effective January 1, 2024.

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## Announcements

### Dr. Hannah Chai's Distinguished Paper

A research paper on multisensory strategies with first graders authored by **Dr. Hannah Chai** (Professor of teacher education) and Kelle DeWine (Beavercreek School District) entered the Distinguished Paper Sessions at the 2024 AERA (American Educational Research Association) Annual Meeting. Congratulations!

### Graduate Programs Open House

The Graduate Programs Open House will be held on Thursday, **February 8**, from 4-6 p.m. in the Apollo Room, Student Union. Speak with faculty and staff to learn more about over 150 graduate programs and certificates offered at Wright State. [Register](#) by February 6 to attend.

### Three-Minute Thesis

The Three Minute Thesis competition is holding its final competition in-person on Wednesday, **February 21**, from 4-6 p.m. in the Endeavour Room, Student Union. This event is free and open to the public.

### Annual Nicholas Piediscalzi Lecture

Wright State University is holding a special lecture on Monday, **March 11**, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Discovery Room, Student Union. This lecture on Indian Secularism and the Ambivalence of Religion will be delivered by Prof. Rajeev Bhargava. The event is free and open to the public.

### Earl H. Morris Endowed Lecture Speaker

Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, will be visiting Wright State on Wednesday, **January 31**, to speak on global health disparities in underserved communities. This lecture starts at 9:30 a.m. in the Apollo Room, Student Union. For more information on this event, click [here](#).

### Alumni Achievement Awards

In the 2024 Alumni Achievement Awards, the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies recognizes Pablo Luther '86 for his outstanding achievements. Recipients were selected from a pool of more than 120,000 alumni and are recognized for accomplishments in their chosen fields. Read more [here](#).

## Quiz

True/False: Wright State University has a Collegiate eSports Club that competes in intercollegiate tournaments every semester.

December 2023 Quiz Question: What age were the youngest and oldest graduates from Wright State for Fall 2023? (18 and 66)

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