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## SINCLAIR EVENTS:

### *Diversity Film Series: Operation Finale*

**When:** April 18-27, 3:30 p.m. to 12 a.m.

*Note: Must register for details.*

### *Interactive Mapping Series: Earth Day Celebration*

**When:** April 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Location:** Library Loggia

### *Spring 2022 Commencement*

**When:** May 6

**Location:** University of Dayton Arena

## DAYTON EVENTS:

### *Kettering Cruise-in 2022*

**When:** April 23, 5 – 9 p.m.

**Location:** Kettering Towne Center

### *Dayton Dragons vs. Lake County Captains*

**When:** May 6, 7:05 – 11:05 p.m.

**Location:** Dayton Air Ballpark, 220 N Patterson Blvd. Dayton, OH

### *Dayton Spring Half Marathon and 5K*

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**Location:** Welcome Stadium, 1601 S Edwin C Moses Blvd.

**Dayton, OH**

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## Summer Semester Important Dates:

**Full-term Begins:** May 16

**Full-term Ends:** Aug. 7

**A term Begins:** May 16

**A term Ends:** July 10

**B term Begins:** June 13

**B term Ends:** Aug. 7

*Note: Registration began on March 21 and ends May 9. Payment due on May 9 by 7 p.m.*

# Remembering a Musical Soul



Last month Daniel Greene, a music instructor for Sinclair's music department, passed away. Greene began his career as a music teacher for Sinclair in 1989 and taught applied vocal lessons, Vocal Diction, and Opera/Musical Theatre Ensemble, among others.

Greene earned his bachelor's in Music Education and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance from Bowling Green State University. He served as the music director for some of Sinclair Theatre's musical productions which include *The Secret Garden*, *Big River*, *Children of Eden*, and many more.

According to those who worked with him, he was someone who always smiled and was just a happy individual.

"Daniel was a truly kind and warm-hearted person," said Katherine Frauman, a music instructor at Sinclair, who had known Greene for about 20 years. "He had a gracious smile that everyone loved, he was a great man of faith and loved his

students. He took the time to learn what his students' goals were and what they wanted."

Frauman said what she liked most about Greene was that he was willing to listen to others. He motivated those around him, particularly his students, and he was a caring person. Her first impression of Greene was that he was a happy and energetic person.

Green had a variety of tastes in older music.

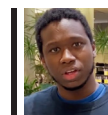
"He liked classical opera. It was one of his favorites. He also liked jazz," Frauman shared.

When it comes to favorite music artists, Greene had his picks.

"His favorite singer was Sammy Patty," Frauman said. "His favorite classical musician is Kathleen Battle, she is a retired opera singer." Greene was loved by Sinclair and those who had the pleasure of working with him or having him as a teacher.

"He had an extraordinarily strong impression," Frauman said. "He was

like the music ambassador of the music department. He used to do workshops and was the director of the Dayton Boys Choir early on in his career around different schools and everybody knew him, and he thought everyone could sing." Sinclair's Music, Theatre, and Dance Department will be holding a Celebration of Life for Greene on April 19 in Blair Hall Theatre, Building 2 at Sinclair's Dayton Campus. There will be an open reception from 4-6 p.m. with a live musical tribute and a video celebrating his 33 years of service to Sinclair and Miami Valley music students. All campus and community members are welcomed and can stay as long as they'd like.



**Jamarío Brown-Tolliver**  
Intern

# Historic Homes Key to Dayton's Economic Growth

Millions of dollars of investment are pouring into downtown Dayton and talk of a downtown "renaissance" has been a recurring theme in local news. Dayton has an incredible legacy to live up to and countless stories to tell. Appropriately, historic properties are at the center of this wave of interest and development in the city's urban core. As the economic engine downtown roars to life, historic properties and preservation will be key to extending prosperity into Dayton's neighborhoods and the community at large.

For decades, Preservation Dayton, Inc. has worked to protect Dayton's history. Starting as the Dayton Area Coalition of Historic Neighborhoods, PDI organizes residents of Dayton's historic

districts and other community members to maintain and develop historic area properties. According to Kegan Sickels, a trustee in the organization, historic tax credits have been a motivator for developers to invest in most of the recent building projects downtown.

Historic properties have been a driver of economic growth in Dayton's neighborhoods. According to research conducted as part of a Landmark Preservation Task Force Report, the total value of property in Dayton's historic districts increased 71% from 1996 to 2012, compared to a 22% increase in the value of properties in the rest of the city. Historic district status is a benefit to historic neighborhoods. Dayton View Triangle is seeking nomination to the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district, and other districts in the city plan to seek that designation as well.

Buying a historic property and renovating it is one way students and community members can benefit from and support Dayton's legacy. In addition to the economic and historic upsides, it can also contribute to the good health of our environment.

"The greenest building you can find is one that's already been built," says the president of Preservation Dayton, Monica Snow. "Renovated buildings contribute more to the tax base, which funds

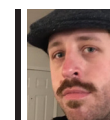
our schools. Renovation, on a square footage basis, leads to more good-paying jobs than new construction. The Brookings Institute estimates that we demolish and replace a billion square feet of existing buildings per year. Think about how much energy and carbon emissions we can save."

To prevent the demolition of historically significant and vulnerable properties, PDI maintains a list of the Top Ten Most Endangered Properties in the city. One of the most vulnerable properties, the Gem City Ice Cream Building, sits on the site of the Wright Brothers' first bicycle shop and produced some of the first manufactured ice cream in Ohio. It has been considered for demolition and its future is uncertain, though developers have submitted proposals to develop it.

People can learn more about Preservation Dayton, Inc. and its work on its website. They offer self-paced recorded walking tours for most historic districts in the city.



Graphic by Jeri Hensley



**Carlos Jillson**  
Reporter

# Help Bees and Butterflies Thrive with These Spring Flowers

As spring rolls around and the temperatures begin to warm up, bees and other insects come out to play and smell the flowers. However, in recent years, honeybee populations and butterfly populations have begun to decline due to the use of pesticides. Fortunately, there is something that can be done and it's as simple as picking out different flowers for the garden. Here are a few flowers, according to [growforagecookferment.com](http://growforagecookferment.com), that can help to attract bees or butterflies and encourage population growth while also having other uses!

Bee balm, aptly named because it attracts bees, as well as butterflies and hummingbirds, is a flower that comes in many colors and varieties and doubles as a medicinal plant that is edible and can be used for cold symptoms.

Borage, commonly a blue flower – which can also be pink or white – is a simple plant that makes excellent companions for other flowers as they keep away unwanted pests while attracting bees. This is another edible plant and is good for the respiratory and circulatory systems.

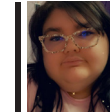
Lavender is another good choice, and while it seems to mostly attract bumblebees, it can attract bees of all types, including honeybees. It blooms all season long, which makes it important for pollinators. Lavender is not only good for bees but for people too! It has a calming effect, is thought to keep mosquitoes at bay, and is useful in baking.

Mint, while being an invasive plant, is great for bees and can also be used in cooking. It has many different varieties. Another great plant is Oregano, for those wanting a herb garden. This little plant brings in the bees and hummingbirds. It also has strong anti-fungal and antibacterial properties, in addition to being a great cooking ingredient.

Sunflowers are big and beautiful and perfect for bees to land on. This bright yellow flower can get extremely tall and the seeds make a great snack once the flower has died in the fall.

These are just a few plants that make great additions to gardens to help the bee population. There are many other flowers and plants, no matter what type of garden you want to

grow. It can be as simple as asking at your local garden center what types of plants are good for bees and butterflies. This spring, as you plant your garden, think of the bees and plant something for them too.



**Jeri Hensley**  
Managing Editor

Graphics by Danielle Williams



## DRUMMER WANTED

Local band **Freakquency** needs a DRUMMER.

Do you, or someone you know, have a passion for the drums? Our high energy band plays world music – fusing all the genres – and makes music that matters – to unify the community and make a difference in someone's life one note at a time!

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# MyVoice: How to Help the Planet

The world is no stranger to the ongoing climate crisis. While many are split on whether the crisis is real or if it's as bad as people say, others are doing their part to help combat the crisis altogether. It might seem like there is nothing we can do to help or that there is no point in helping, but that's simply not the case. There are plenty of things people can do to help our planet in the long run. Below is a list of some of the things you can do to help.

- **Get political.** Let your local government know you're interested in the environment by getting environmental issues on the table. You can do this by writing letters to your state's governor, signing petitions that benefit the environment, and holding protests outside your state's government building.
- **Cutting down on carbon emissions.** Simply carpooling to an event or riding your bike, can help cut down on the amount of carbon in the air.
- **Plant a tree.** Another way to cut down on carbon emissions is to plant trees. Deforestation has left lasting effects on our planet because with every tree that's cut down, a new one isn't planted in its place. Trees help take the excess carbon dioxide in the air and turn it into oxygen for us to breathe. You know photosynthesis.
- **Delete your old emails.** You may be wondering how your email inbox affects the climate

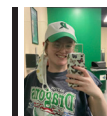
crisis. While no paper is used, you're still contributing to carbon emissions.

- **Changing up your diet.** It may be crazy to think that what we eat affects the planet, but it does. The amount of water it takes to produce some of the food we eat is a lot when we think about it. Switching to a plant-based diet can help with this. It is good to note that a plant-based diet isn't for everyone and may not work for everyone. So in this case, changing one thing like drinking oat milk instead of dairy milk can make a huge difference as well.
- **Cut back on food waste.** We waste so much food in our day-to-day lives. Simply eating smaller portions or composting our leftovers can help here. Make sure to check if a food can be composted because not all can.
- **Shop smart and eco-friendly.** Cutting down on buying fast fashion, single-use plastics, and non-sustainable products can also help. Simply buying a reusable water bottle or going to the thrift store can make a big difference. It is good to note that not everyone can cut out fast fashion from their shopping, so do what you can. But make sure to watch out for greenwashing.

Since April is the host of Earth Day, companies will most likely take advantage of this all month

long, using a marketing technique called greenwashing. But what is greenwashing? According to investopedia.com, greenwashing is "the process of conveying a false impression or providing misleading information about how a company's products are more environmentally sound." This is a very popular marketing technique that many companies have been called out for in the past. Companies like Coca-Cola, Starbucks, and IKEA are just a few examples.

There are plenty of other things you can do to help combat the climate crisis. Simply doing some research to find out more can be a great place to start. Overall, if we each do our part every day, we can help combat the climate crisis and save the planet.



**Harley Johnson**  
Executive Editor

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# Russia & Ukraine: What Does It All Mean?



Graphic by Julio Cesar Pichuga Jr.

Recently, news outlets all over the world have been keeping a consistent eye on the crisis in Ukraine. However, there is a lot of background information to this story that not everyone may understand. Here are some of the key players in this situation and what you need to know about them.

One term that is heard frequently as all of this plays out is ‘no-fly zones.’ No-fly zones are areas where only one country’s military forces are permitted to use aircraft within. The aircraft that are in the sky, though, will be keeping an eye out for anything crossing into the zone. Some may think that, in this case, a no-fly zone over Ukraine would help put this situation to an end. However, there are world officials that disagree.

NATO, or the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, is an international group of representatives from 30 countries dedicated to maintaining world peace. Though most of its members are European nations, Ukraine is not on that list. That fact has been a major point of contention throughout the

entirety of the history between Russia and Ukraine.

Why is Ukraine not part of NATO? One of the reasons is Russia’s wish for Ukraine to stay out of the organization. Russia’s president, Vladimir Putin, sees Ukraine not as an independent country but as part of Russia – this is despite Ukraine declaring independence in 1991. Another reason could be the history of instability within Ukraine – the country has had to grapple with its own revolutions against leaders. While NATO has been providing aid to Ukraine, there are some concerns over where to draw the line to prevent further violence from Russia.

Back to no-fly zones: why exactly is NATO so afraid to grant one? What are the implications? NATO fears that a no-fly zone would cause “direct conflict” with Russia and further escalate an already harrowing situation. No-fly zones are expensive as well and could prevent Ukraine from defending itself. Additionally, while a no-fly zone declaration may give civilians a chance to get out, it leaves

a bit of worry for those who are unable to get out. There is some push back against the idea of a partial no-fly zone, too.

Perhaps the ultimate and most unanswered question is that of Vladimir Putin’s goal at the end of all of this – whenever that may be. It’s not that he wants more land – he wants recognition for the land he does have, particularly Crimea. Putin has also expressed his wish to break down the Ukrainian government from the outside, claiming that it is time to “de-Nazify” it. Putin did not want to go to these lengths, but now both Russia and Ukraine are knee-deep in a scene that has shocked the entire world.

In addition to local and national news outlets, NATO is actively reporting on this situation (and their response) on its website.

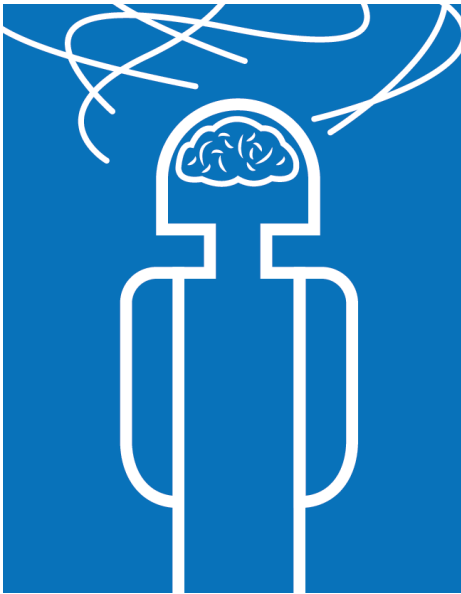


**Carly Webster**  
Reporter



# Why Autism Speaks Isn't What It Seems

Graphic by Mathew Flanagan



April is Autism Awareness month and it's a time when misinformation can spread about the disorder and its community of people. Autism, also referred to as autism spectrum disorder (ASD), is a developmental disability that can affect one's social and communication skills.

There is plenty of misinformation around autism, like being able to get it from vaccines and the use of puzzle pieces throughout the month of April.

Many people in the autistic community find the use of puzzle pieces to be offensive, as it implies that a piece of them is missing; which is not the case. People unfamiliar with this concept would probably not think anything of it, and when it's the logo for one of the biggest autism awareness organizations, Autism Speaks, why question it?

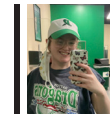
The thing is many with autism don't support Autism Speaks. Why? For starters, Autism Speaks sees autism as a disease that can be cured. People can read this claim in their mission statement on their website which states, "Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the lifespan, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families." The use of the word solutions in their mission statement is what worries many in the autistic community and their families.

Autism Speaks sees autism and those on the spectrum, as curable. Many who know what autism is know this is not the case. It is not some disease they can cure. This is also where the use of puzzle pieces comes in. Using the puzzle pieces to signify that those in the community have a piece of them missing when it's supposed to signify the complexity of the autistic community. Since Autism Speaks uses the puzzle piece as its main logo, the meaning behind the puzzle piece has changed.

Many celebrities have been seen showing support for Autism Speaks, but just like many others they don't truly know what Autism Speaks does behind closed doors. Autism Speaks uses marketing techniques and good wording in social media posts to convince people they help the autistic community, but in reality, only 4% of their budget goes towards helping the autistic community

and their families; 22% of their budget goes towards fundraising and marketing.

Overall, there is a lot of misrepresentation, misunderstanding, and misinformation surrounding the autistic community. Sinclair hosted one event about autism and neurodiverse people on Thursday, April 7 called "We Should Talk About Bruno," where they dove into the Disney film "Encanto" and how it demonstrates neurodiverse people navigating a neurotypical world. Sinclair plans to host one more event for Autism Awareness month on Thursday, April 21 from 2-3 p.m. in the Library Loggia on the Dayton Campus. For more information visit the events calendar on Sinclair's website.



**Harley Johnson**  
Executive Editor

# Class Debate: Is Hollywood Running Out of Ideas?

## No

What is an idea? This is the word that we need to define before we can really say if Hollywood has run out of new ideas. An idea is defined as a formulated thought or opinion. We also know that thoughts and opinions are inspired by other things. With this definition in mind, I would like to bring a few arguments forward. First, although my opponent may argue that many of the highest-grossing movies over the last 12 years were sequels or remakes, I would like to point out that this only proves that these movies already have a substantial following that pushes their revenue forward. Second, I would like to point out that movies have always drawn inspiration from other sources. The Wizard of Oz was based on a book, as was *Gone With the Wind*. George Lucas was inspired by several previous Sci-Fi movies when he wrote *Star Wars*. The original *West Side Story* movie was based on a musical, which was based on a Shakespearean play, *Romeo and Juliet*. This goes to show that many of the movies we consider to be classics were not “new ideas” even at the time. This brings me to my third point: there is no such thing as a new idea. Every thought and opinion that we have is inspired by something that came before. An idea in a movie is always inspired by other things; that’s what an idea is. My opponent will most likely argue that plotlines and tropes may carry over from movie to movie, but this is reasonable to

expect. Creators of all disciplines, not just movie making, build off what those before them have already done. This does not mean that they have run out of ideas; it merely means that they look for inspiration in various places. Early movie makers in the 30s, 40s, and 50s looked to books, plays, and radio for inspiration. Movie makers today do the same.

**Jonathan Stiver**  
*Contributing Writer*

## Yes

While some creators in Hollywood may come up with their own original ideas, they often get recycled with just a few tweaks. Take Lifetime Movie Network films for example, many of them have titles including words like “obsession” or “deadly.” They are usually based around someone being stalked, kidnapped, murdered, or generally threatened by someone. The conflicts revolve around things like jealousy or love. Human existence and accompanying emotions go beyond those two things, and as unrealistic as Hollywood can be, I think we need to have variety where possible. The same can also be said for Hallmark movies. Sure, these films usually never end up in theaters, but why waste time and money on a production that might as well be done a hundred times over? To keep people consuming the media you’re creating, it needs to be new and fresh – something unlike anything they’ve seen before. There needs to be something that makes them

stand out, and I haven’t seen much of that happening recently. Another important part of this conversation is the exploitation of actors, cultures, and more. Some popular movies, like “*Mulan*,” contain bad representations of minority groups and participate in stereotyping and whitewashing. Since people in Hollywood want to rush to make a profit, they’re taking advantage of – and stealing – just about anything they can. And they’re taking from people who could probably provide a much better version of the creation.



**Carly Webster**  
*Reporter*

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# Spring's Emerald Icon

Graphic by Danielle Williams



Nothing says spring like sun, flowers, and bright colors. For generations of Americans, the same has held true for “The Wizard of Oz,” repeated viewings making it even more than the groundbreaking classic we know today.

Released originally in 1939, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer’s adaptation of L. Frank Baum’s epic novel is celebrated for its brilliant technicolor graphics, vocals, and Judy Garland’s performance as the heroine Dorothy. However, for years it would come to be strongly associated with Easter and spring.

Decades of viewings held on and around Easter Sunday helped cement “The Wizard of Oz” as an icon of the vernal season. As

Religion and Humanities Professor Amanda Hayden recalled, it was a must-see TV event that captivated her family as well as millions around the United States.

“When I was a kid, growing up in the 70s and early 80s, it came on once a year. It was always around Easter. I remember getting really excited about it each year, being enthralled by the music, the characters, and even the Wicked Witch of the West,” said Hayden. “It really was an event where the family gathered, you popped the popcorn, and sat down. There was a specialness in viewing a movie like that many today will not understand.”

This year, Professor Hayden and her family sat down for a special movie night. Their choice? “The Wizard of Oz.” She would be seeing it for the first time in around 30 years.

“Watching it last night as a parent with my daughters was really exciting,” she said. “There were a few spots in the movie where I distinctly remembered comments my mother or father made, things I had not thought about until I watched it with my children.”

Hayden was surprised that her children were interested in the movie.

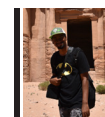
“I wondered if it would hold their attention but they loved it; they were really enthralled and it was enjoyable to watch it through

their eyes,” she said.

Like many adults watching the classic, there was plenty Hayden noticed for the first time. Its bits of wisdom, depth, and Dorothy’s role as a leader all stood out to the professor.

“I really appreciated Dorothy’s role, that despite being a young girl she had a powerful voice,” she said. “It was her journey and in the end, she found the strength within herself to make it back home. As a mother of three daughters, it was a powerful message I was happy to share with them.”

The fact that Dorothy and her friends’ quest for the Emerald City should inspire such awe over 70 years after first gracing the big screen should come as no surprise. Beyond the technical wizardry of director Victor Fleming and the joyous melodies performed by its cast, its message has helped cement its place as an icon of Easter and the spring season. An epic tale showing darkness leading to light, rebirth, and the hope of a better future? No wonder it has stood the test of time.



**Ismael Mujahid**  
Reporter

# April Recipes

## Mustard Parmesan Oven Roasted Head of Cauliflower



### Ingredients

- 1 head of cauliflower
- 1/8 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons of spicy mustard
- A dash of salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/8 cup chopped parsley

### Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 450. Position the rack to the bottom.
2. Line a baking sheet with foil.
3. Remove any leaves from the cauliflower, rinse, and pat dry.
4. Cut the stem flush so the cauliflower will sit straight on the baking sheet.
5. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, mustard, salt, and pepper.
6. Place the cauliflower on the baking sheet and brush 1/2 the mixture from the previous step on the entire head of the cauliflower.
7. Bake for 50 minutes to an hour (depending on the size of the head of cauliflower) until the outside is nice and brown. Let it rest for 10 - 15 minutes.
8. Mix the Parmesan cheese and parsley together in a small bowl.
9. Brush the remaining 1/2 of the mixture from step five on the cauliflower once it is out of the oven, and then cover with the Parmesan and parsley mixture.
10. Serve and eat.

## Creamy Vegan Pasta Side Dish



### Ingredients

- 8 ounces of small pasta shells
- 1 cup diced zucchini
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup small black olives, sliced in half
- 1/3 cup sliced mild jalapenos
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder or garlic seasoning
- A dash of salt and pepper
- 1 cup vegan ranch dressing

### Instructions

1. Cook the pasta according to the directions on the box. Drain and set aside to cool.
2. Chop all your vegetables as directed in the ingredients list.
3. Toss the chopped vegetables into a large bowl, and add the cooled pasta.
4. In a small bowl combine the vegan ranch dressing, cayenne pepper, garlic, salt, and pepper with a whisk.
5. Pour the dressing over the pasta and chopped vegetables. Gently combine until everything is evenly coated.
6. Chill for a few hours or overnight.
7. Enjoy!

## Energy Bites Peanut Butter and Chocolate Keto



### Ingredients

- 4 ounce of cream cheese, softened to room temperature
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons sugar substitute
- 4 ounce dark chocolate, 70% chocolate

### Instructions

1. Mix the softened cream cheese, peanut butter, and sugar substitute in a medium size bowl.
2. Roll the mixture into bite-size balls, and set aside.
3. Chop up your chocolate into small pieces.
4. Roll the balls you made in step two in the dark chocolate pieces until coated.
5. Freeze for at least two hours. They can be stored for a month in the freezer.
6. Enjoy!



**Diane Sikora**  
Reporter / Social Media  
Coordinator

# April Horoscopes & Wordle Prize Contest

**Aquarius:** This is a wonderful time for you to draw back from everyone else's needs and focus on yourself. Use this time to relax, decompress, and work on bettering yourself. Better work opportunities will also be available to you. April will offer grounding energy that will help you remain focused.

**Pisces:** April is a time for you to flourish, Pisces. You will find yourself feeling loved by everyone around you. Tension with people, especially with family, will dissolve and you will find peace. However, you may find yourself dealing with complications in your love life.

**Aries:** During this month you can expect relief from any minor issues that might have been distracting you lately. Use this time to reflect on your life. On April 19, when the Sun enters Taurus, you will find yourself feeling a boost of confidence.

**Taurus:** This month you can expect to find yourself re-connecting with friends you maybe have outgrown or haven't seen in a while. April brings energy that will boost your confidence and you will prove to yourself that you are capable of doing anything you set your mind to.

**Gemini:** At the beginning of the month, you will find yourself presented with opportunities you might be unsure about at first. But as the month goes on your doubts will fade as you are rewarded with financial success. It would also be a good time for you to go on a trip with a close friend or your spouse.

**Cancer:** April will have you feeling refreshed. You can expect to have a very social month and may make new friends. Trust can be difficult for you, Cancer, but this month will help you get past this block in your life. When the Sun enters Taurus on April 19 you will find all your hard work and dedication will finally pay off.

**Leo:** You can expect the beginning of the month to be calm and chill, however toward the middle of April you will have a cosmic shift that will amp up your work life. This is a great time to start something new and challenging. Family members will be supportive of whatever it is you are doing.

**Virgo:** Life may have been difficult lately but this month you can expect to find relief. This is a perfect time to resolve any issues you might have had with friends or your significant other. You may feel like you haven't been able to be as generous with yourself and others as you would like to but now, Virgo, you can expect a great deal of profit that will help you be able to give back.

**Libra:** This month is a perfect time to take some time off and relax. You will find yourself taking things less seriously which will give you time to reflect on what you truly want in life, Libra. If you are in a relationship, during the end of the month after Pluto's retrograde you can expect yourself to feel the urge to change the dynamic of your relationship.

**Scorpio:** Your financial position will remain in good standing, but you may have wealth come to you from an unexpected source. You know what you want and April will give you energy and determination to be victorious in whatever that is. You will notice your wants coming to life right before your eyes.


**Sagittarius:** During the month of April, you will find yourself strengthening the bond with your family members and can expect your home-life to be peaceful and at ease. It is possible you will have new doors open for you in the workplace. You might be taking on more work this month but you will do it with enthusiasm and interest.

**Capricorn:** Most of the time, Capricorn, it's your way or the highway. However, April first's new moon will open your eyes to be more accepting of others' ideas. You may find yourself with a new interest that you weren't aware of before. Spending more time with your family will bring you peace and confirmation that you are on the right track.

**Wordle Prize Contest**

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# Sinclair's Agriculture Department Encourages Urban Farming

A brood of baby chickens, born at Sinclair on the fourth floor of Building 13, recently turned a month old. They were incubated and hatched at the college as part of an animal husbandry class, taken by some of our agriculture students.

From the incubator in which they hatched, these baby chicks moved to a new home, an enclosure under a lamp with a warm, red glow. They took their first steps with the help of faculty and students. Dawn Allen, head of Sinclair's Agriculture Department and Assistant Dean and Professor of Hospitality, came up with the plan to hatch them here and took care of them over spring break. Since they hatched, students have been observing and learning about them as they grow.

One goal of the Agriculture Department is to encourage urban garden and farming in the Dayton area. Montgomery County allows residents to keep six hens within county limits as long as they are within an enclosed structure and residents have the proper permits and follow certain rules. Part of Professor Allen's inspiration to hatch the chickens was to inspire students in the community to become involved in the local food system and show them how simple it can be to do that.

"Urban agriculture is exciting and self-sustaining," said Allen. Students can learn how to grow food on their own, which is critical in times of instability.

"Agriculture is our baseline in unstable times," she explained. "Dayton is a

food desert. Food banks are great but now we need to go to this next step. How can we have that food on our own and have that stability?" Allen believes we have lost some of our agricultural skills but it doesn't take much land to farm. Growing

food or raising chickens is possible in more places than some may think it is. "If you've got room for grass, you've got room for a garden," she said. "You can adapt agriculture to what the conditions are." Whether it's one of the Hospitality Club's many trips abroad or raising animals with classmates, Allen believes fun, interesting, unique experiences are what students remember best from their time at Sinclair. She believes the excitement those get from them carries on into their community and work life. Such experiences are a critical part of their education.

Sinclair's agriculture program is prepared to grow. Two year programs in agriculture are rare, and students have the opportunity to transfer to four year institutions from Sinclair. Dayton has a long agricultural history that has gone hand in hand with its mechanical, scientific and industrial one. Farming has an intimate connection to technology and programs such as Sinclair's Unmanned Aerial Systems Precision Agriculture certificate can give small farmers in the Miami Valley the educational edge they need to grow. Demographic trends also

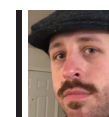
have a strong effect on the agricultural industry. As the baby boomer generation that grew up in the 1960s ages, America is going to need more young farmers. "Baby boomers were our farmers. [As they retire], there are gonna be holes," said Allen.

Sinclair cooperates with local organizations such as OEFFA, the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, to help young farmers get their footing. "In my experience, there is a substantial amount of interest in agriculture amongst young people -- the issue, in many cases, is that someone may simply have no idea how to get started," says Robin Hackett, the OEFFA's Begin Farming Program Coordinator.

In light of the greater trends in the agricultural industry and its partnerships with programs inside and outside the college, Sinclair's Agriculture Department -- with a little luck, creativity, and hard work -- looks to have a bright future.



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Reporter



# YourVoice: Sunshine Protection Act

On March 15 the Sunshine Protection Act was passed by Congress. This bill makes daylight saving time the new permanent standard time. This will end the twice-yearly changing of the clocks in fall and spring, and will take effect in 2023.

What is your opinion of the Sunshine Act being passed?



### Max Coning- Major: Digital Marketing

"I agree with the bill and it's a change that was long needed. I'm pretty sure people will enjoy an extra hour of sunlight, but I wonder if it will really increase morale in the country. It's also surprising that it was a bi-partisan bill. Like this is actually something everyone agrees on, which I really wish the same could be said for other issues and bills in the Senate."



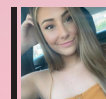
### Marc L. Dewitt - African American Male Initiative Coordinator

"I don't remember why we observe daylight saving time but I do prefer daylight saving time, so I guess you could say I'm for the bill being passed. I am glad that there will be an extra hour of daylight. I think the health concerns of why they are doing away with it are important because people's life spans are shortening, technology is advancing, and people are dying younger. Not enough of our policy changes are done to positively affect our health but this bill is."

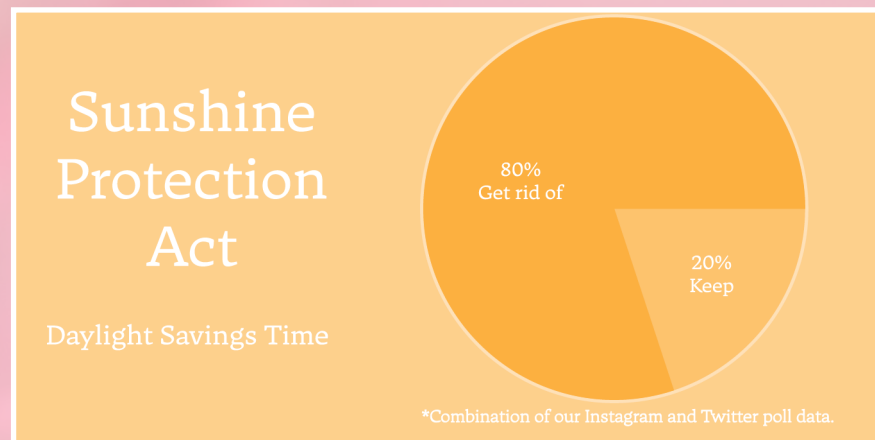


### Sarah Elter - Major: Architectural Technology

"I could see it both ways, it will be easier to not have to remember when daylight saving time ends and begins but I also wonder if that is going to change how we function as a society, like starting your days based on the sun. Overall, I would say I support the bill being passed because the extra hour of daylight will be nice along with it no longer getting dark at five in the evening."



### Marquie Peyton Intern



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