University Seal Bronze Plaque - Students First Fund Application

The official Wright State University seal

Screenshot of a video of the 1970 Commencement Ceremony where the seal is displayed

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Students receiving diplomas at the Wright State University graduation ceremony in 1970.

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History of Seal

These plaques shown below were made dedicated to the faculty and staff who were instrumental in the development of Wright State University. They established the framework of excellence in teaching, research, and service. These plaques are located in the Pathfinder Lounge in the Student Union. Academic Pioneers reads: “Dedicated to the founding faculty of Wright State University, this commemorates those teaching professionals who helped shape the future of WSU from 1964-1967. The following academic pioneers were responsible for establishing the framework of excellence in teaching, research and service that have become the hallmarks of this institution.” The Staff Pioneers reads similarly except the last line is: “The following staff pioneers were responsible for establishing the framework of competence, commitment, and innovation in service that have become hallmarks of this institution.”

Below is the cover of a book that documented the first few decades of Wright State University. *Founding and Fulfillment: The History of Wright State University* by Charles W. Ingler

Source: https://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1007&context=special_books
Intended location of Wright State University Seal
Hamilton Hall Plaza
Other university seals on campuses

The photos below are of other university seals in order to provide a visual representation of what it might look like.

Wittenberg University - https://www.wittenberg.edu/places/campus-landmarks/campus-seal

Seton Hall University - https://blogs.shu.edu/magazine/2012/05/things-we-love-about-seton-hall/


The Ohio State University - https://www.osu.edu/features/hidden-gems
Example of a tradition that can be established

#SealTheDeal

Seal the Deal would be a campaign slogan that would instigate photos taken by the seal during significant times of a student's journey with Wright State.

May 1 every year is National Signing Day, where prospective students celebrate their commitment to attend a particular university. Our Office of Undergraduate Admissions hosts an event every year (for the past two years and continuing on) to celebrate students’ decisions on choosing Wright State.

The proposed idea is that students would take a photo next to the seal and promote with a hashtag #SealTheDeal.

That same student who will remain at Wright State and graduate will then go back to the seal in the commencement gown and take another photo with the hashtag #SealTheDeal as they have completed their degree.

It will be an opportunity to create a tradition and have photos side by side of significant moments in a student’s college journey. It will point back to their experience of the university’s teaching, research and service, or “AD DOCENDUM,” “INVESTIGANDUM,” and “SERVIENDUM.”

Seal the deal as a WSU student and seal the deal as a life-long alum.