



**Jerry & Esther Krueger**  
**Wisdom in Senior Education (WISE) Program**  
**Fall 2025 Schedule**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: The Stunning Ascent of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune's Daytona School

Speaker: Dr. Leonard Lempel

Description: In 1904, Mary McLeod Bethune opened a school in Daytona Beach with only \$1.50 to her name. Within just two years, the school grew to 250 students. In this program, Lempel will reflect on the history and inspiring story behind the school's rapid growth, and how Bethune's determination overcame the deep barriers of the time.

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Traveling Locally, Nationally and Internationally

Speaker: Marcya Wantuch

Description: Want to be a tourist enjoying a day trip, sightseeing in the United States or traveling abroad? Travel stress free and leave all the details to Marcya with 49 years of extensive travel experience. Marcya is a certified cruise consultant and the owner of Royal Coach Tours and Cruises of Port Orange.

**No Meeting September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Truly off the Beaten Path in Northeast Florida

Speaker: James "Zach" Zacharias

Description: This presentation goes deep into the hinterlands of Florida & showcases places that mostly locals are familiar with and historic places not found in most books that promote off the beaten path destinations.

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Environmental Management of Our Water Resources

Speaker: Wendy Anderson, Ph.D, M.B.A.

Description: Volusia County residents and elected officials can not ignore the need for management of flooding....both for new developments and existing homes. What are our short and long term answers?

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: History of Female Pirates

Speaker: Steve Barber

Description: Female pirates have been terrorizing the high seas for years obtaining power, fame & notoriety traditionally held by men. These women would become captains and in some cases commanded entire fleets. They have often been romanticized as symbols of female liberty.

**Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Raptors Up Close

Speaker: Team members from the Marine Science Center

Description: Get an up close look at some incredible birds of prey! Discover how they hunt, what makes them special and learn about the Marine Science Center's work in wildlife rehabilitation and their conservation efforts.

**Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: HAMILTON!

Speaker: Professor Joseph Vetter

Description: The life and times of the legendary founding father and his amazing story. From orphan to becoming a Revolutionary hero to our first Sec of Treasury and then a DUEL! Performances from Broadway play included.

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: The art and artistic journey of Trent Berning

Speaker: Trent Berning, Chair of MCCMEA- School of Humanities, Professor of Ceramics/Art

Description: Join us for a live presentation and pottery demonstration, where you'll see the pottery wheel in action. Whether you're curious, an artist or just love watching the process, this is a hands-on look at how beautiful forms come to life from simple clay.

**No Meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> in Honor of Veterans Day**

**Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Postcard Collecting

Speaker: Bonnie Wilpon

Description: Each picture post card is a show-and-tell story that brings back old memories, makes us smile, or teaches us something new. A wonderful hobby for all ages, postcard collecting provides a magical history of our times. Bonnie has been a post card author, collector, Club officer, and dealer since 1976.

**No Meeting November 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday**

**Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 2 p.m.**

Topic: Advancements in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Speaker: Dr. Paul Johnson, MD, UHMS, ABPM

Description: Learn about the current uses of hyperbaric oxygen therapy for neurologic conditions such as traumatic brain injury (TBI) and concussion. Explore its applications as an anti-inflammatory treatment, its benefits for anti-aging and wellness, including improved cognitive function, and its role in enhancing athletic performance recovery and wound healing recovery.

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the News Journal Center**

Topic: Holiday Highlights

Speaker: Samantha Stearn, Director of Theatre at Daytona State College

Description: Join Theatre Director, Samantha Stern and the talented students of the Daytona State College theatre department for a delightful program of musical theatre just in time for the holiday season!

WISE participants/members are asked to pay \$30 (individual) or \$50 (couple) as a contribution to cover the costs of programming once a calendar year. However, inability to pay should not be a barrier to participation in WISE. Payment may be made in person or **via this secure link**. For more information, call (386) 506-3195 or visit [www.DaytonaStateFoundation.org](http://www.DaytonaStateFoundation.org).

All programs, unless otherwise noted, are held at the [Daytona State College Advanced Technology College Campus](#) 1770 Technology Blvd, Daytona Beach (on Williamson Blvd. north of LPGA Blvd.).

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WISE members have established a scholarship fund that provides support for students in need of financial support as they pursue an education at Daytona State College.

**Please contact Alyssa Hull, Director of Development & Alumni Relations at (386) 506-3195 or by email to [Alyssa.Hull@DaytonaState.edu](mailto:Alyssa.Hull@DaytonaState.edu) for additional information or mail payment to:**  
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