

Wicked Festival XI

The Biannual Students Solving Persistent
Public Problems Conference,
Artis Center, Radford University
November 5th, 2026



Schedule at a Glance

Arrival and Check In 4:45-5:00pm

Students should put their posters up at this time.

5:00pm students on the front of the display board, 6:00pm students on the back. Pins are available on your board. Check the detailed program (QR below right) to find your session (5 for 5pm and 6 for 6pm) and easel number.

Next to your group in the program, it will say something like "5-43." That's session 1 (5pm), board 43.

To find your easel location, find the purple box with your easel number on the Wicked Festival map (over).

Please ask our staff if you need any assistance finding your correct spot.

Session 1: 5:00-5:50pm

Session 2: 6:00-6:50pm

During this time, students serve as either presenter or audience.

This festival, we are on **Floor 2** of the Artis Center. Help everyone to have a great Wicked experience!

The secret ingredient to the Wicked Festival's success is students having conversations with other students about things they're passionate about. It is also your responsibility to listen to others, as they listened to you present.

Check Out and Departure 6:50pm

Staying for the Speaker and Awards? Wicked after Dark: Starting @7:05 pm

@7:05pm at the Artis Center Performance Hub and Learning Stairs

Welcome by Dr. Jeff Aspelmeier, Dean, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, and
Dr. Heather Keith, Director, Highlander Center for Character and Public Impact and Executive Director of Faculty Development.

Speaker Introduction by Provost Bethany Usher, Ph.D.

Distinguished Speaker: Ms. Stacey Brayboy, Radford University Board of Visitors

Q&A Facilitated by Dr. Chapman Rackaway, Chair, Departments of Political Science and Sociology

@7:35pm Announcement of the "Wickie" Award Winners for

Outstanding Presentation, Distinguished Research, Impactful Solution, and Rising Star
by Dr. Chapman Rackaway.

WITH THANKS: The Wicked Festival could not happen without our many partners and supporters. First, thanks to **Wicked Festival faculty and students** whose tireless work makes tonight possible. Thanks to **Dean Jeff Aspelmeier**, College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences; **Dean Rachel Marie-Crane Williams** of the College of Visual and Performing Arts; **Dr. Heather Keith**, Director of the Highlander Center for Character and Public Impact; and Political Science and Sociology Department Chair, **Dr. Chapman Rackaway**. Deep appreciation to **Dr. Joe Wirgau**, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship (OURS). Grateful recognition of the **Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning**. Shout out to **Audiovisual Systems, Catering, Facilities Management, Housekeeping, Marketing and Communications, and Special Events**. Thanks to our **Wicked Festival staff** (including Sydney Howell-Wampler, Student Wicked Festival Director), the **Wicked Society, CHBS Ambassadors, student volunteers, and our volunteer judges!** We couldn't do it without each and every one of you!

