



Coach Jon Coffman fires up The Herd during a pregame strategy session before a men's basketball game at Memorial Coliseum.

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The Herd Adding Its Enthusiasm and Energy to Mastodon Athletics

Student Body President Sebastien Wilson was attending a recent reception when Director of Athletics Kelley Hartley Hutton encouraged him to take the lead in building a new Purdue University Fort Wayne fan group.

Wilson had found his true calling in life.

"I love this school," Wilson said. "I have a big friend group here on campus, the perfect group of rowdy guys. Our whole idea is that we're working on the Don identity."

Wilson gathered about 10 friends and formed "The Herd." So far, they've attended home games for men's and women's basketball and some soccer matches with plans for upcoming men's volleyball matches.

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Hear the Herd

The Herd brought the noise to Gates Sports Center on December 3 when Purdue Fort Wayne men's basketball earned a 79-73 overtime win over Horizon League rival Oakland. Click on the photo above or button below to hear the Herd in action!

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Nominations Open for Student Leader Awards

Are you the Student Leader of the Year? Does your student organization deserve to be recognized for all it has done? Nominations are now open for the 2023 Student Leader Awards!

Nominate yourself, peers, staff, and faculty to celebrate their accomplishments during this academic year. View the various award descriptions [here](#) and submit your nominations via [this form](#).

Nominations will close on March 1. All nominees will receive an invitation to the awards banquet on April 24.

For additional information, visit the [award page](#) on the Student Leadership website or contact Alex Backer, director of Student Leadership and Student Government Association, at ambacker@pfw.edu.

Want to Get Your Faculty-Mentored Research Project Published?

The [Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research](#) publishes outstanding research papers written by Purdue undergraduates from all disciplines. The open-access, peer-reviewed journal is student-run from Purdue University with involvement from all campuses system-wide, including PFW. Submissions for the August volume are due February 15.

Interested? Join the [informational Zoom](#) from the West Lafayette campus today at 6 p.m. All interested authors are welcome.

For more information, go to the [JPUR website](#), follow JPUR on [Instagram](#), or contact Naomi Gurevich, assistant professor of communication sciences and disorders, at gurevicn@pfw.edu.

Herd That

The student experience is a big part of who we are as Mastodons. Here's one of our stories.



International Student Keeps Finding New Beginnings at PFW

Because there have been so many coincidences, Kaliyat Gamba eventually realized there must be an overall plan for her life. She's always being pushed out of her comfort zone, and even the meaning of her name ("What God says comes to pass") includes a bit of foreshadowing.

And somehow, that keeps drawing the Nigeria native back to Fort Wayne and Purdue University Fort Wayne.

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Don Dates

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the Don Dates website often to see what's happening on campus.

FEBRUARY

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Thurs., noon-1 p.m.

WellRec Happy Hour

Come in from the cold and meet with your fellow Mastodons. Enjoy a free beverage and light snack and learn about upcoming WellRec events.

FEBRUARY 7

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Tues., noon-4 p.m.

Re-energized Station

Feeling a little down? The Multicultural Center Re-energized Station is the perfect place to enjoy some light therapy, tea, and aromatherapy.

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Disability Access Center at PFW hosts technology showcase

WANE 15 | Jan. 24

Purdue Fort Wayne professor responds to recent anti-Asian violence

Fox 55 | Jan. 23

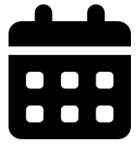
Mastodon Moments

Seen and noted around campus. Monitor our university social feeds for more great moments of Mastodon life.



Neither cold nor snow will stop our admissions tour guides from answering all questions from future students and their families.





News Center



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