



BLIZZARD OF DONS

HOMECOMING 2023

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MASTODON LIFE

Redesigned Homecoming Features New Events, Energy, and Excitement

Since Homecoming is about reliving fond memories and also creating new ones, PFW is presenting a revitalized and pumped-up schedule after a couple years subdued by the pandemic. "Blizzard of Dons," PFW's 2023 Homecoming blast, will be held the week of February 13-18, with new energy, events, and entertainment. The focal point will be the February 17 men's basketball game when the Mastodons take on Northern Kentucky at Memorial Coliseum.

"Homecoming is one of my top 10 times of the year on campus!" said Krissy Surface, vice chancellor for enrollment management and the student experience. "I love the athletic competition mixed with student spirit and fun celebrations. I always look forward to the mix of traditions and new events."

Surface is part of the working group that reenvisioned PFW's celebration as a **week packed full of events**.

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Ryan Meriwether, assistant director of admissions, will be one of six guest speakers at the Journey to Black Excellence gala on February 19.

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Black Student Union Celebrating Black History Month with New Event

Though Black History Month is celebrated in February, members of the Black Student Union hope their upcoming event can have an impact all year.

The first-ever "A Journey to Black Excellence" gala at Purdue University Fort Wayne will be held on February 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom. Highlights include jazz music, guest speakers, and catered soul food. Formal attire is requested. Tickets cost \$5 and are on sale each of the next two Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the skybridge between Helmke Library and Walb.

"This is important because we want to encourage our classmates and friends to become excellent leaders and feel confident in their Black excellence," said Makenzie Dabbs, president of the Black Student Union. "It is Black History Month, but we want to encourage people to be aware of their Black excellence all year long."

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Anthropology Major Shares Experiences with National Park Service

Maybe spending two months on a nearly deserted island, constantly watching for aggressive feral animals, and then hustling off while being threatened by a hurricane sounds like fun. No, it's not a famous network reality show. It's how Whitney Hadley-Salay spent part of her fall semester.

Hadley-Salay, a senior majoring in anthropology at Purdue University Fort Wayne, had taken a position with the National Park Service working on Cumberland Island, a barrier island off Georgia's southeast coast. The island was settled as early as 4,000 years ago, and much more recently, inhabited by the family of American steel magnate Andrew Carnegie and his wife Lucy.

There are more than 50 miles of trails and 18 miles of beach, but also diseased, ferocious horses, shoot-on-sight Russian pigs, and excruciating ticks to worry about. Hadley-Salay described the experience during an hour-long presentation on February 1 as part of the Anthropology Club's Luncheon Lecture Series in the science Building.

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Summer Registration Begins Feb. 20

Make your summer count at PFW! Registration for **summer classes** opens February 20. Accelerate your education and earn credits towards your degree—no priority registration means these courses will fill up fast!

PFW and IUFW Students Now Eligible for Library Cards at ACPL

As of January 1, students who attend schools located in Allen County, including PFW and IUFW, can secure library cards for the Allen County Public Library system, even if they live outside of Allen County.

ACPL collections complement those at Helmke Library with more robust popular fiction and local history resources. The cards will also allow students the opportunity to use digital resources such as an index to The Journal-Gazette, a full-text Consumer Reports database, digitized local collections, streaming collections, a database for grant and funding opportunities, and more.

ACPL services, including Maker Labs and Access Fort Wayne—which includes TV studios, radio studios, and production support—also are open to students with an ACPL card, as well as the many programs and events offered by various library locations.

Herd That

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



Trostel Learning about Death to Help Youth Learn to Move on with Life

When Libni Trostel tells friends about her professional dreams, some wrinkle their noses, even suggesting she's morbid, sometimes leading to awkward conversations.

Since she was 16, Trostel has been serving as a children's grief facilitator at Erin's House, hosting twice-monthly sessions for youths aged 10-to-13. With a nudge from a Purdue University Fort Wayne student who was interning at Erin's House, Trostel changed her plans from engineering and became a Mastodon majoring in human services. She's also minoring in psychology and earning a certificate in death education, focusing on death, dying, and bereavement.

After graduating in May, Trostel wants a master's degree in thanatology—the study of death—to work in a children's hospital as a bereavement counselor or coordinator, implementing a program like the one at Erin's House.

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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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Wed., noon-1 p.m.

Diversity 101

The first of three workshops on diversity, this session will focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion definitions that will increase self-awareness and to foster a more inclusive campus community..

FEBRUARY
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Fri., noon-1 p.m.

Black History Kahoot Challenge

Celebrate Black History Month with a friendly game of Kahoot. Free snacks and Black History items will be awarded to the winners of each round...

FEBRUARY
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Tues., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Talent Tuesday

Speak with employers who are offering internships an part-time and and full-time positions that your wouldn't get the chance to know about otherwise...

News Spotlight

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

PFW hosts luncheon for National Girls and Women in Sports Day

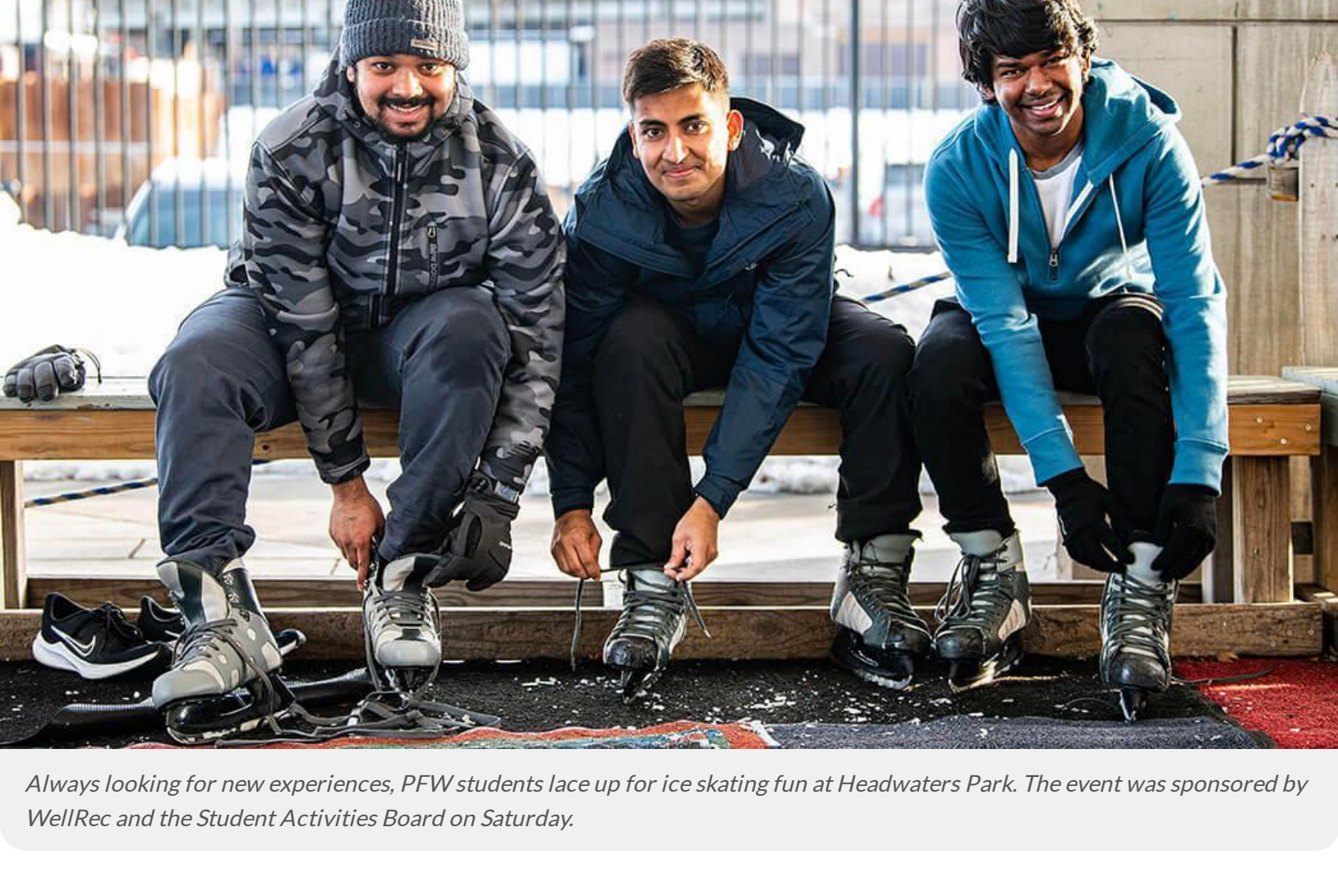
WANE 15 | Thursday

Hospitality expert responds to modern tipping pressure

Fox 55 | Jan. 30

Mastodon Moments

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

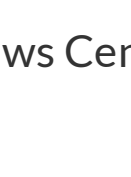


Always looking for new experiences, PFW students lace up for ice skating fun at Headwaters Park. The event was sponsored by WellRec and the Student Activities Board on Saturday.

Athletics



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News Center



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