



'Eats to the Beats' Looks to Smile More at Annual Event

When planning started for the second annual "Eats to the Beats" dinner scheduled for the end of February, the easy part was picking the caterer. The Multicultural Center reached out to former Purdue University Fort Wayne student and employee Terel Lynn.

After serving two years as PFW student body president before graduating in 2007, Lynn also worked three years in the Office of Admissions while earning his master's degree in organizational leadership. He left in 2019 to co-found his business "Smile More Meal Prep."

For Lynn, returning to PFW to serve at both this event and several others annually is a chance to give back to the school and its people. He can rattle off the names of influential professors, most of whom he keeps in contact with.

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Janet Badia, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, speaks to high school students at the Fort Wayne Rotary Club's Peace and Conflict Resolution conference on Wednesday.

PFW Hosts Rotary's Conflict Resolution Event for High School Students

Purdue University Fort Wayne's role as northeast Indiana's leading institution of higher education includes providing on-campus opportunities for influential conferences and gatherings. The latest happened Wednesday as the Fort Wayne Rotary Club hosted its world affairs conference "Peace and Conflict Resolution" in the International Ballroom of the Walb Student Union.

A group of 133 students representing seven Fort Wayne high schools attended the day-long event featuring remote and in-person international speakers and discussions.

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PFW's Chief Diversity Officer to Host Town Hall on DEI Strategy and Progress



The university's **strategic plan** establishes Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as a key pillar in its efforts to empower transformation at Purdue Fort Wayne.

You are invited to join Chief Diversity Officer MarTeze Hammonds at a town hall on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 101, to learn more about PFW's strategies for and progress toward moving **DEI FORWARD**.

The session will also be livestreamed [via Zoom](#).

Guidelines for Communication with Elected and Appointed Officials

With the 2023 session of the Indiana legislature now underway, it is important for Purdue Fort Wayne employees to be reminded and aware of the policies and guidelines that apply to interactions with elected and appointed officials. These **guidelines**, issued by the Office of the Chancellor, provide the details for communication and interactions by employees with local, state, and federal elected and appointed officials.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Grannan, chief of staff and community relations officer, at kimberlygrannan@pfw.edu or 260-481-6103.

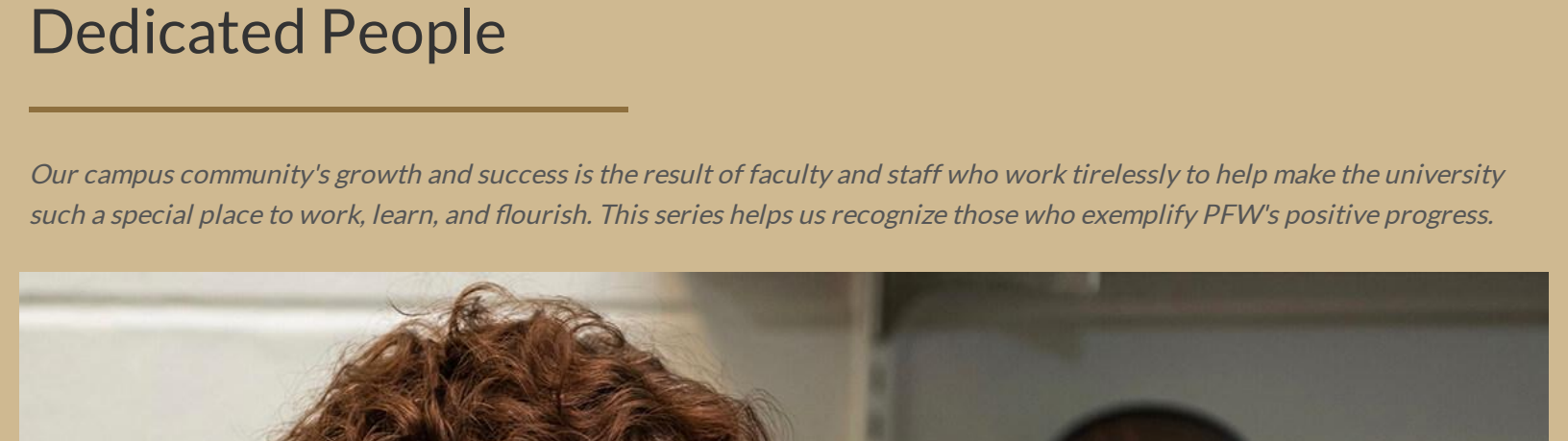
Engagement and Service-Learning Summit Set for March 2

Join the Office of Engagement at Purdue University for an **Engagement and Service-Learning Summit** on March 2 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Faculty, staff, students, and community partners will gather together—in person—to celebrate the impact that was made while we were apart, create new connections, and recognize incredible work.

The summit will include lightning talks from engaged faculty, staff, and students; a student showcase; and a networking happy hour.

There is no cost to attend; however, **registration is required**.

Honors at Center Court



Purdue Fort Wayne's Honors program celebrated its honors pin recipients on Friday during the halftime of the PFW vs. Youngstown State men's basketball game. This pin celebrates the students' work upon successful completion of 9 credit hours' worth of honors-level courses while maintaining an honors-level GPA.

For more photos and a list of recipients, visit the program's [Facebook page](#).

Black Student Union Visits Atlanta

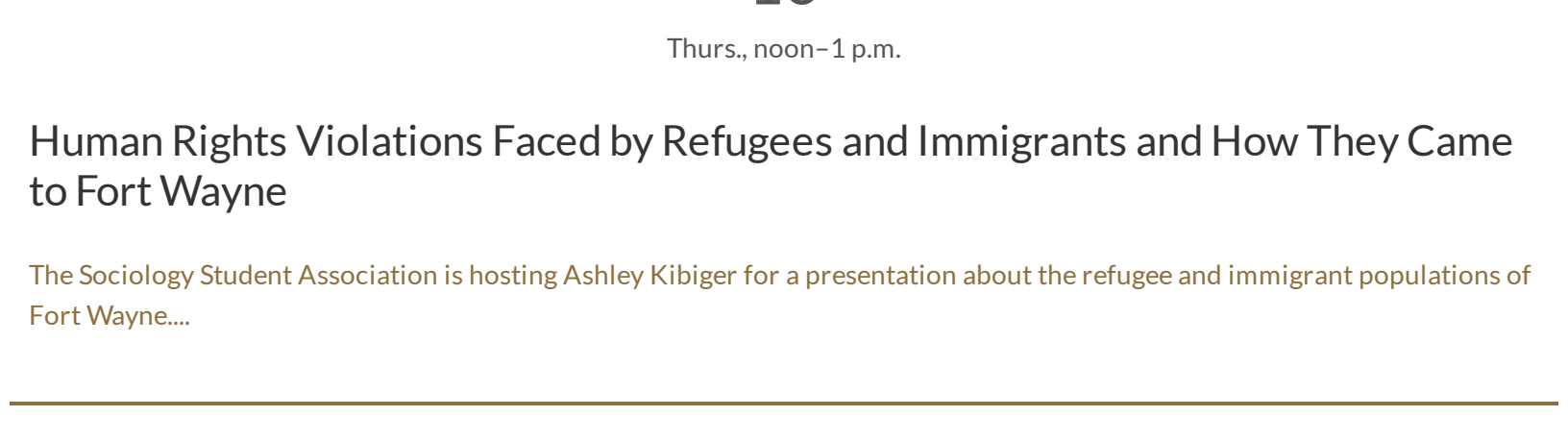


Members of the Black Student Union at Purdue Fort Wayne spent the Feb. 3-5 weekend touring Atlanta. Highlights included visiting the Black College Fair, attending the Historically Black Colleges and Universities All-Star Battle of the Bands at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, and touring **The King Center** and MLK's childhood home.

The trip required three vans and 14 hours of travel one-way, according to Rhonda Meriwether, director of The Multicultural Center. This is the first time the BSU has visited Atlanta.

Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success is the result of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help make the university such a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series helps us recognize those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Tierney Connects with 'Her Kids' through Shared Interests

Though she doesn't have children, Heather Tierney often refers to "her kids." It's instinctual because there are a ton of former and current students she regards that way, and she'd do just about anything for them.

"I sometimes say, 'You are not my kids, go home!'" the Purdue Fort Wayne economics professor said with a laugh. "But then they don't go home."

When they do, she misses them and feels the loss.

"I used to be sad at graduation because they were leaving, and then I realized they don't leave, and you can still be in contact with them," Tierney said. "It's important that they know I'm here for them, and they can reach out to me."

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Featured Events

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full [events calendar](#), often to see what's happening on campus.

FEBRUARY
16
Thurs., noon–1 p.m.

Human Rights Violations Faced by Refugees and Immigrants and How They Came to Fort Wayne

The Sociology Student Association is hosting Ashley Kibiger for a presentation about the refugee and immigrant populations of Fort Wayne....

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16
Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

Omnibus Speaker Series: Scott Dikkers

"The Funny Story behind the Funny Stories." With The Onion, Scott Dikkers created the original "fake news" platform and grew it into one of today's most recognized comedy brands...

News Spotlight

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

Active attacker training at Purdue Fort Wayne

21Alive at 5 p.m. | Tuesday

Run, Hide, Fight responses to an active-attacker situation

21Alive at 6 p.m. | Tuesday

Blue emergency phones on campus

21Alive at 11 p.m. | Tuesday

Puerto Rico to Purdue Fort Wayne

21Alive | Tuesday

Government asks businesses to participate in economic census

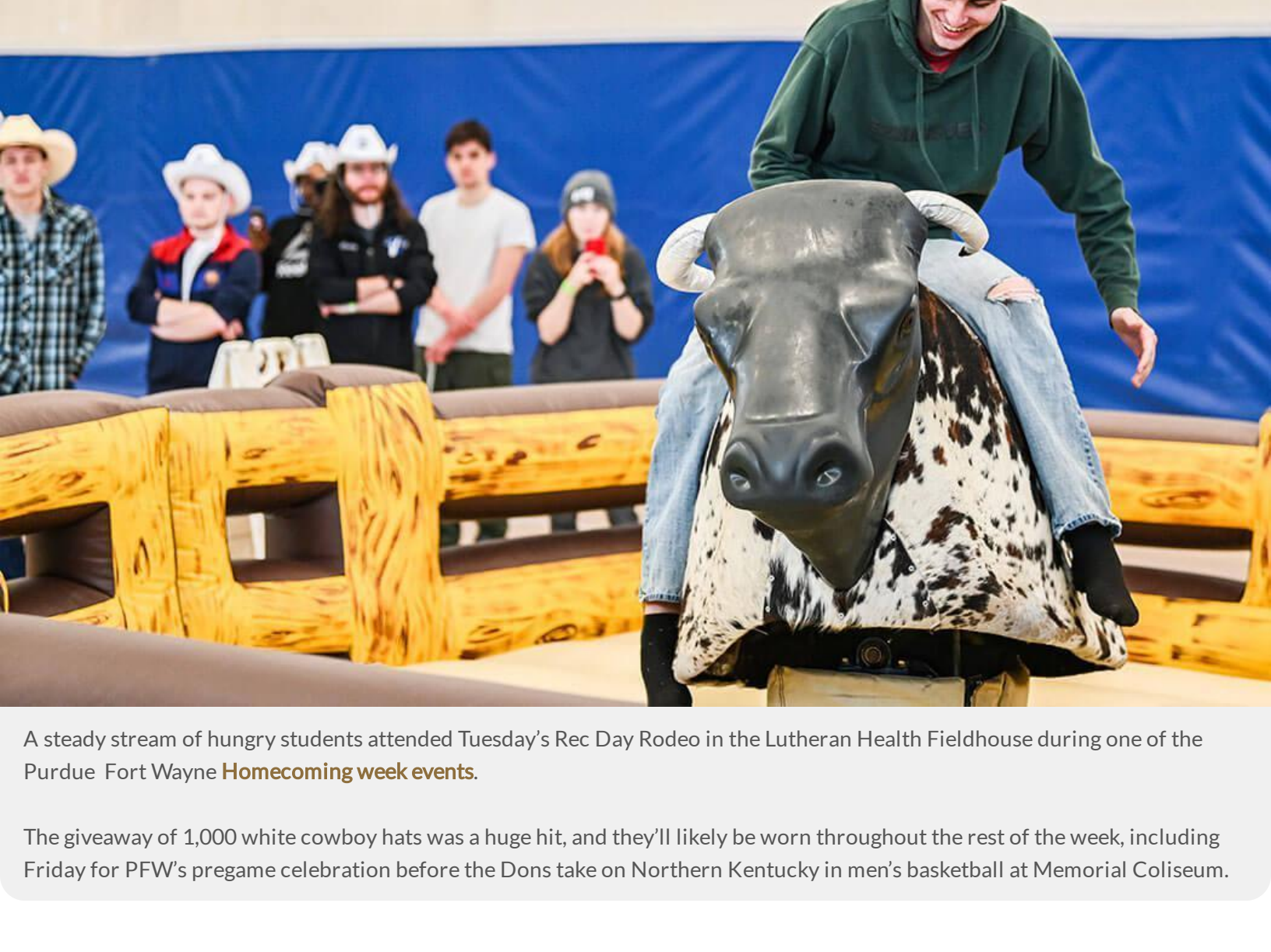
The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

Wizards world comes to PFW in 'Puffs'

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Friday

In a Snap

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



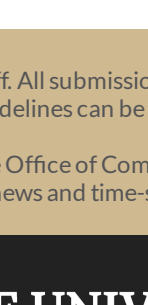
A steady stream of hungry students attended Tuesday's Rec Day Rodeo in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse during one of the Purdue Fort Wayne Homecoming week events.

The giveaway of 1,000 white cowboy hats was a huge hit, and they'll likely be worn throughout the rest of the week, including Friday for PFW's pregame celebration before the Dons take on Northern Kentucky in men's basketball at Memorial Coliseum.

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