

Tony Knox is one of eight drivers who have shuttled students to and from campus and nearby apartment complexes this semester.

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'Purduber' Shuttle Service Earns Chance to Let It Ride Another Year

With help from eight drivers, mostly retired university personnel, a **pilot shuttle program** at Purdue University Fort Wayne has been an amazing success, especially with international students. The program—nicknamed “Purduber” by a quick-witted student when it started in January—is a collaboration between the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience and the Student Government Association. Its aim is to deliver students to Walb Student Union from various student housing locations, a list that quickly expanded to include Canterbury Green Apartments.

Recently, the university informed shuttle organizers the program can continue during the fall and spring semesters of the next academic year.

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Early Registration for Fall Classes Starts This Week

The chance to register early for the fall 2023 semester began this week for seniors, degree candidates, and graduate students.

For the next three Mondays, starting at 8 a.m. each day, students who are in other priority groups will get to begin reserving their spot in the classes they want at the times they need. That schedule includes:

- Juniors, Honors Students, Student-Athletes, and Students with Disabilities: April 3
- Sophomores: April 10
- First-Year Students and others: April 17

Be sure to take advantage of the chance to meet with your advisor so they can answer any questions you may have while also making sure you're on track for graduation.



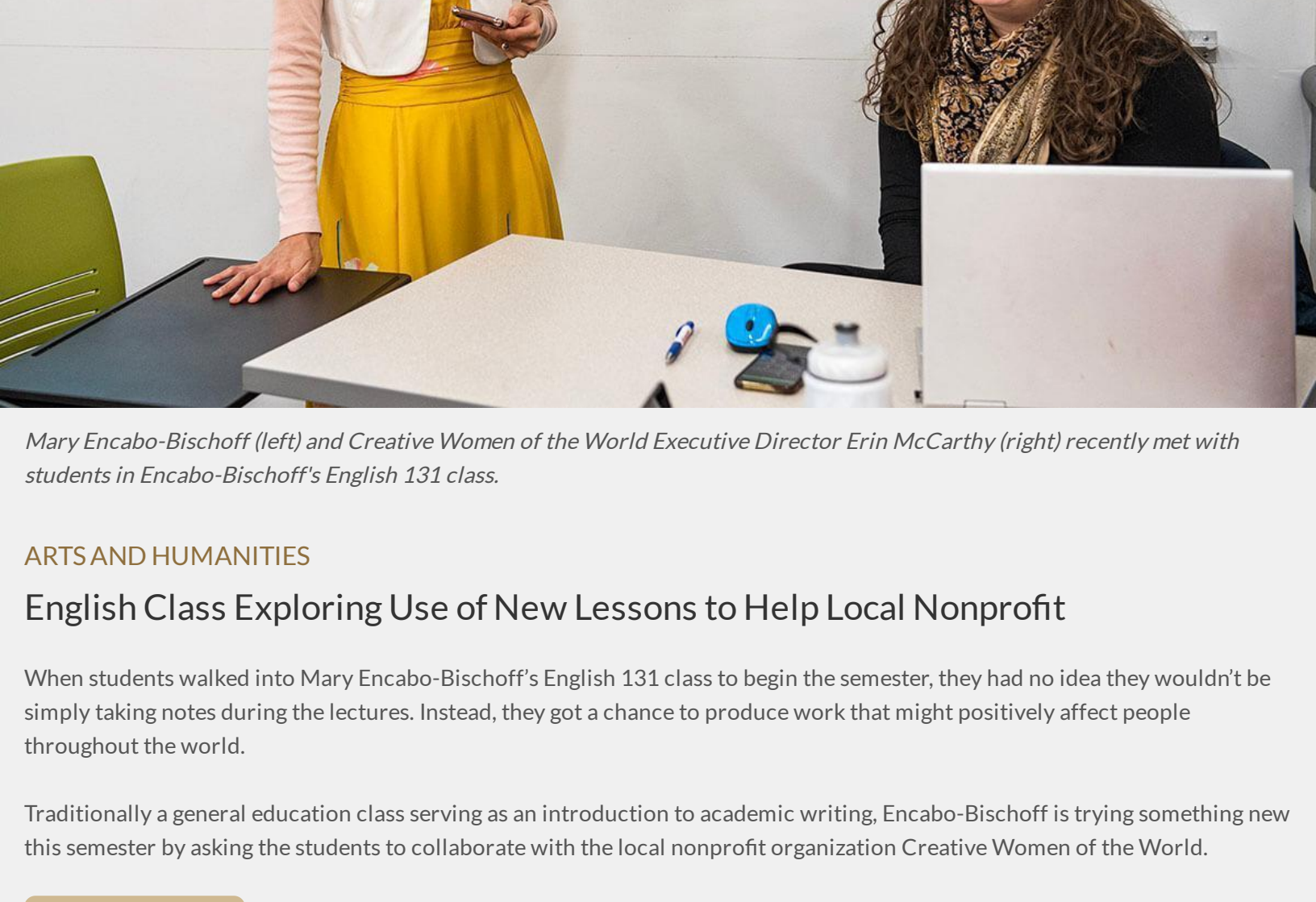
Students, judges, and research posters lined the entire length of the Skybridge—twice—during the annual PFW Student Research and Endeavor Symposium on Friday.

New Category and Double Winner Highlight Research Symposium

The inaugural Dean's Choice Awards were among the highlights at the 26th annual Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium held Friday on the Skybridge. Sixty-five students participating individually or as part of a group presented their projects during the day-long event, with hundreds of fellow students, faculty, staff, and interested parties studying a gallery of posters representing their collective passion for research.

"The idea for the Dean's Choice Awards arose after the planning committee identified an opportunity to better incorporate campus leaders in the symposium in an effort to spotlight research across colleges and increase participation in future symposia," said planning committee member Alexis Murrell, assistant librarian. "Many of our deans have avidly supported our event over the years, and with the introduction of the Dean's Choice Award, they now have the chance to not only recognize the exceptional research of students within their disciplines, but also utilize their position to inspire participation."

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Mary Encabo-Bischoff (left) and Creative Women of the World Executive Director Erin McCarthy (right) recently met with students in Encabo-Bischoff's English 131 class.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

English Class Exploring Use of New Lessons to Help Local Nonprofit

When students walked into Mary Encabo-Bischoff's English 131 class to begin the semester, they had no idea they wouldn't be simply taking notes during the lectures. Instead, they got a chance to produce work that might positively affect people throughout the world.

Traditionally a general education class serving as an introduction to academic writing, Encabo-Bischoff is trying something new this semester by asking the students to collaborate with the local nonprofit organization Creative Women of the World.

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7 High School Seniors Earn Full, 4-Year Scholarships to Purdue Fort Wayne via Summit Scholars Competition

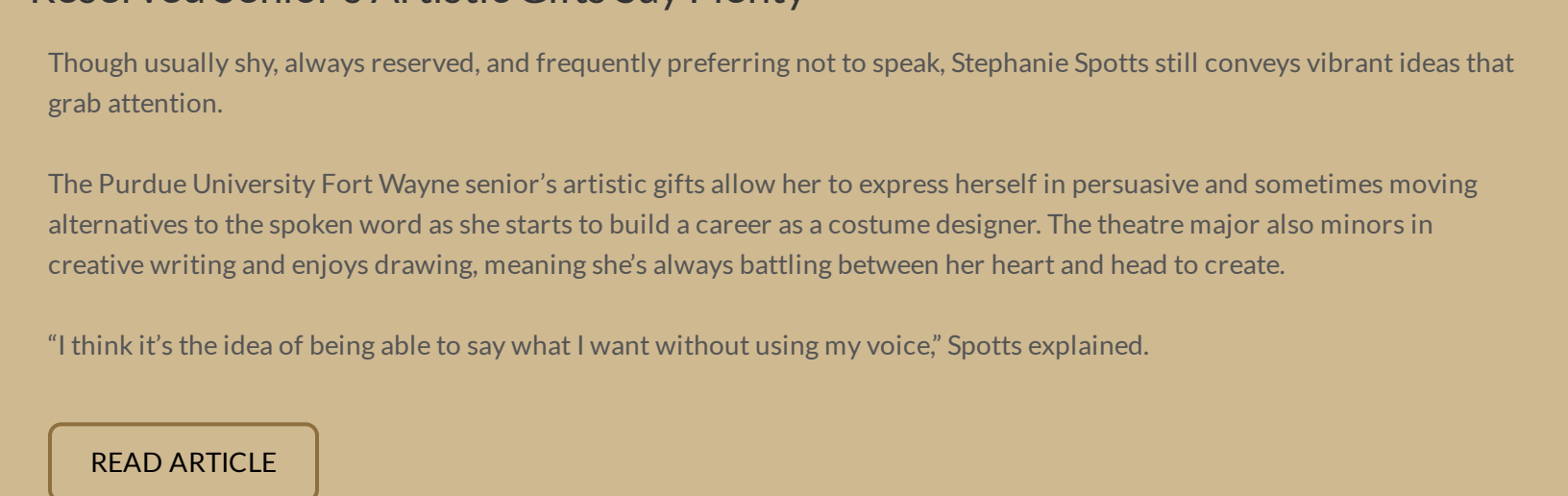
An annual effort to select top high school seniors who will receive full, four-year scholarships to Purdue University Fort Wayne based on their academic merit and community involvement has reached its life-changing climax. It's called the Summit Scholars Competition, and the class of 2023–24 is made up of six students identified as Chapman Scholars and another as a Doerner Distinguished Scholar.

Conducted remotely to encourage participation from applicants living far and wide—including those whose families may be facing a degree of financial insecurity that would make travel to Fort Wayne a hardship—this year's competition received 56 applications. Four teams of three judges interviewed 22 finalists, including one student from Kathmandu, Bagmati, which is the capital city of Nepal. Candidates were also given the opportunity to participate in a virtual information fair and meet with representatives from their major of interest.

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Herd That

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



Reserved Senior's Artistic Gifts Say Plenty

Though usually shy, always reserved, and frequently preferring not to speak, Stephanie Spotts still conveys vibrant ideas that grab attention.

The Purdue University Fort Wayne senior's artistic gifts allow her to express herself in persuasive and sometimes moving alternatives to the spoken word as she starts to build a career as a costume designer. The theatre major also minors in creative writing and enjoys drawing, meaning she's always battling between her heart and head to create.

"I think it's the idea of being able to say what I want without using my voice," Spotts explained.

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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.

MARCH
30
Thurs., noon–1:30 p.m.

Diversity 102

The second of three workshops on diversity will focus on recognizing the harmful nature of microaggressions and how to intervene as an active bystander...

MARCH
31
Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Physics: Friday Night at the Observatory

"Having Fun Testing Hypotheses," presented by Professor Dave Maloney. Possible star gazing afterward at the observatory, weather permitting...

APRIL
4
Tues., 4–8 p.m.

Snacks and Study

Need a place to study? The Multicultural Center provides free snacks and a place to study every Tuesday to help support your academic success...

News Spotlight

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

Wellness tip: Host a mini horse visit to provide stress relief, fun for students

Inside Higher Ed (free subscription required) | March 29

City to implement new disability inclusion building practices

WXKE-FM | March 22

Group Boosts Athletics Engagement

WANE 15, WTTV | March 21, 22

Mastodon Moments

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



Students and staff lined up to have a relaxing moment with Andy, a miniature horse, during the day-long Well-being Summit on Thursday in Walb Student Union. The summit was sponsored by WellRec, Healthy Boiler Employee Well-being, the Office of

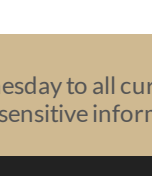
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