

Fort Wayne College Fair to Return March 16 on Purdue Fort Wayne Campus

After a multiyear hiatus, the Fort Wayne College Fair will return March 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse on the campus of Purdue Fort Wayne. This news comes as a relief to many partner institutions who describe a high demand for this type of large-scale event.

The fair will feature representatives from more than 40 public and private colleges and universities. Its goal is to give high school students and their families an opportunity to explore their higher education options, gather information about admissions requirements, learn about financial aid, and much more.

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'Our Voices, Our Stories' Women's Conference March 22

Four compelling Purdue University Fort Wayne leaders will be among the featured speakers at the "Our Voices, Our Stories" women's conference on March 22. Offered in conjunction with **Women's History Month**, the free event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

Topics for the conference include considering the different needs and life expectancies of women, long-term financial planning, finding power from within, and taking a look at how women have contributed to the educational system historically and in the present.

"Women in Education," starting at 1 p.m., will be led by Isabel Nuñez, dean of the PFW School of Education.

Another discussion called "The Legacy of Rosie the Riveter—Envisioning a More Balanced Workplace" will be led by Melissa Gruys, dean of the Doerner School of Business, and Shubitha Keever, associate chief diversity officer. It starts at 1:30 p.m. and explores how that legacy is relevant today in helping identify barriers unique to women. This presentation will be followed by open brainstorming on ways to make the campus space more inclusive and supportive of women.

At 2:15 p.m., Tracey Hanton, associate director of the Career Development Center, will close the conference with a vision board workshop to help participants narrow their focus and envision goals.

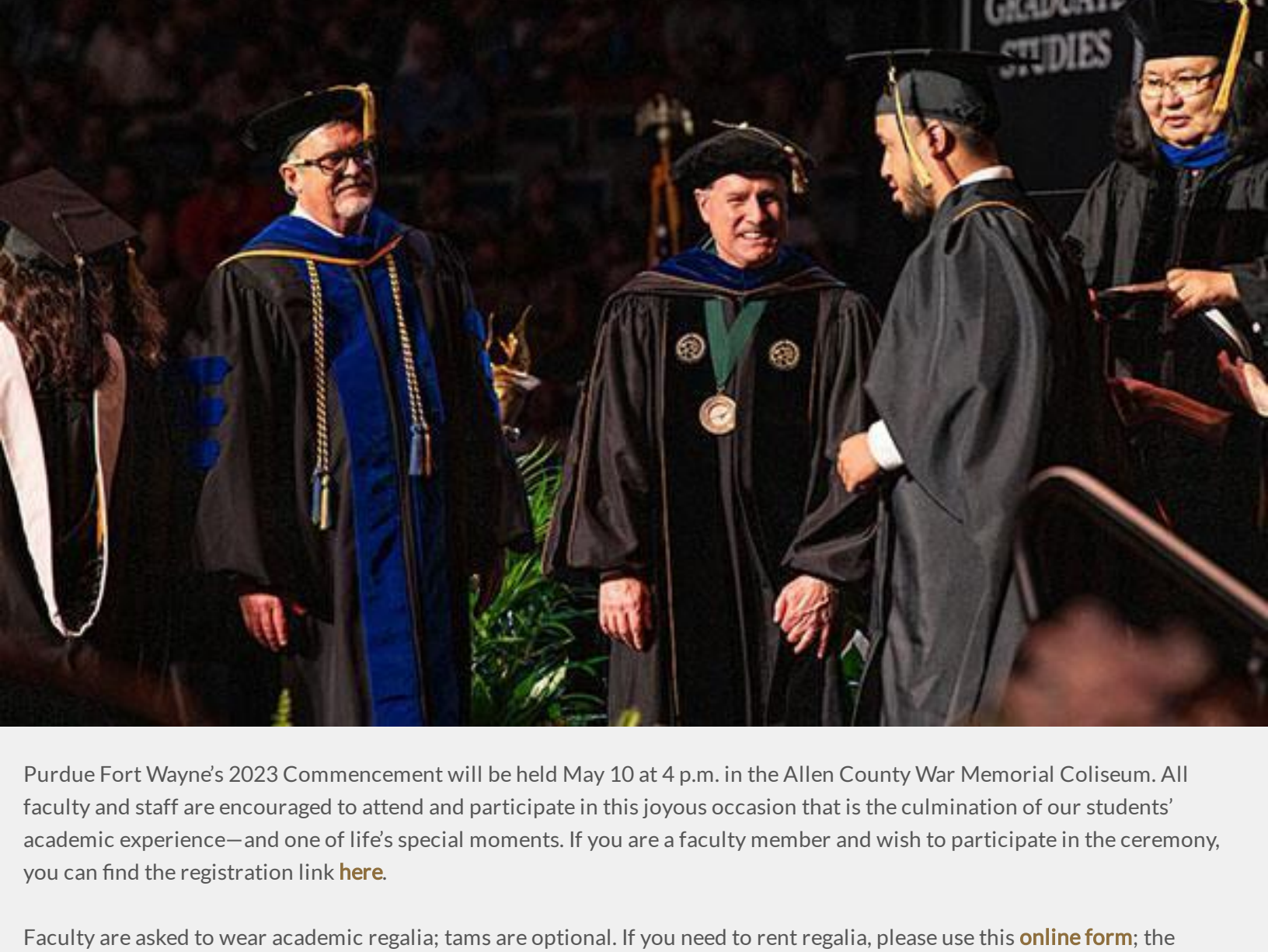
[Click here](#) for a full agenda.

Same-day registration and coffee starts at 10 a.m. A networking lunch begins at 12:30 p.m.; boxed lunches will be provided to those who [register by March 17](#).

The conference is sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, The Women's Center, the Doerner School of Business, and the Career Development Center. It is open to all faculty, staff, and students. All genders are welcome.

There are 18 events being hosted on campus to celebrate Women's History Month. You can find a link to the [full calendar of events](#) on the Women's History Month webpage.

Deadline for Ordering Academic Regalia for Commencement Is April 6



Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement will be held May 10 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia; tams are optional. If you need to rent regalia, please use this [online form](#); the university will cover the cost of rentals. There will be no pickup on campus this year, as everything will be shipped directly to faculty members and will include a return shipping label. The deadline for orders is April 6.

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Tuesday

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

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.



Mike Slaubaugh's Three Passions Add Spice to Accounting Professor's Life

Mike Slaubaugh is truly a blessed man.

Along with his wife Linda, son Evan, and teaching, the Purdue University Fort Wayne accounting professor has found three long-time interests he loves.

Before arriving on campus in 1995, Slaubaugh grew up in Kokomo, where he picked up running in the eighth grade. Slaubaugh was pretty decent, too, making the Western High School varsity squads in cross country and track and field before continuing the pursuit at Manchester College.

He's had many highlights during his competitive career, including finishing the American marathon trifecta of Boston (twice), Chicago, and New York. He placed in the top 10 in the Indianapolis Half Marathon in 1986, when the race was something of a Midwest championship and drew more than 8,000 runners.

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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.

MARCH

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Mon., 9–10 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work

Take 10 minutes out of your morning to meet with the Employee Well-being team for wellness tips, healthy snacks, giveaways, and information about upcoming events and programs. This month's theme is "Nutrition: Back to the Basics"...

MARCH

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Thurs., noon–1p.m.

Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop Series: Nutrition Basics

This three-part series is designed to help you build a foundation of nutrition knowledge and boost your confidence in applying that knowledge to your everyday life...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Tiera Downing, account clerk | Bursar
- Cayli Hart, business manager | Administrative Business Services
- Allie Maas, programs and marketing coordinator | Career Development Center
- Conner Miller, assistant director of housing and residential education | Student Housing

Transfers

- Audrey James, database manager/development services | Development

News Spotlight

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

Area students participate in Model Bridge Building Contest at PFW

Fort Wayne-area media | Saturday

Middle school band students get head start with PFW

Fox 55 | Feb. 21

In a Snap

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



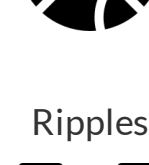
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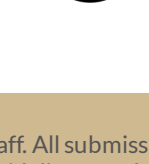
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