



Eric Manor, well-being and recreation director (center), chats with attendees at the 2022 Well-being Summit in Walb Student Union.

ADMINISTRATION

Well-being Summit Prepares Mastodons for Sprint to the Finish

With the spring semester's sprint to the finish in full stride, it's a potentially rough time of year for all parts of the body. The stress is picking up, the weather is more temperamental than a 3-year-old, and there's just a lot to get done.

That's why the 2023 Purdue University Fort Wayne **Well-being Summit** is perfectly placed on Thursday. Centered around the International Ballroom in Walb Student Union, the summit features 45 vendors and events from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"It's to bring awareness to the resources on campus and around the community to help people take a minute to consider how they are doing," said Eric Manor, well-being and recreation director. "It's not easy the number of hours everyone is putting in. Take a deep breath before we wind up the school year and just remember to prioritize yourself in everything you are doing for others and your school work."

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Kirk Tolliver, associate director for payroll and compensation, accepts the Silver Award from Sherry Early, the Women's Fund steering committee chair, and Stephanie Crandall, a member of the Women's Fund economic security steering committee.

ADMINISTRATION

PFW Honored for Representation and Care of Female Employees

Purdue University Fort Wayne was one of only five employers honored with a Silver Award by the Women's Fund of Greater Fort Wayne when its first Allen County Women in the Workplace Report was released Wednesday. This was highest recognition presented for 2023.

The categories assessed were compensation of women, women in leadership, equitable hiring and promotion practices, and supportive benefits and policies.

PFW met three of the four top criteria as an equitable workplace, was one of four businesses to be recognized for supportive benefits and policies, and one of the top three highlighted for positive recruitment and retention of women.

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MASTODON LIFE

Encouragement from Career Development Center Helps Thomas Find the Magic

When Sanaa Thomas first walked into Tracey Hanton's Career Development Center office last spring, she needed an encouraging nudge. Thomas ended up with a shove forward that provided her a life-changing experience.

Almost a year later, Thomas is now a junior, but she's nothing like the person she was. After spending six months working at Disney World, as she says, "I went from being a quiet girl into becoming a more confident outgoing woman."

After applying and failing to receive a spot on Disney's roster as a freshman, the psychology major was reluctant to try again. Even after receiving notice she'd been accepted into the six-month Disney College Program, Thomas was tentative about whether she was going.

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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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Wed/, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Faculty/Student Chamber Recital

This collaborative evening of music will feature the talented faculty of the Purdue Fort Wayne School of Music and their exemplary students...

MARCH
23
Thurs., 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Art and Design Faculty Exhibition Opening

This exhibition will feature recent work by the talented Art and Design faculty of Purdue University Fort Wayne...

MARCH
24
Fri., 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

26th Annual Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium

This symposium is a campus-wide event for undergraduate and graduate students to present posters on research and creative endeavor to an audience of faculty and student peers...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Jason Baldwin, assistant director, MAP Center | Athletics
- Christopher Benedict, tech lead/project manager | Information Technology Services
- Ranada Clark, academic advisor | Academic Accountability and Student Success
- Kenton Ellson, maintenance technician | Student Housing

New Hires, cont.

- Jalyn Girardot, administrative assistant | Communication
- Jenna Hoppe, senior director | Academic Accountability and Student Success
- Madison Hursh, academic advisor
- Jacob Trader, IT security analyst | Information Technology Services
- Jonell Willis, online program assistant | Continuing Studies

In a Snap

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

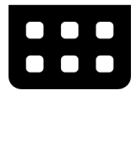


Professor Matthew Coppola from the School of Education announces awards at the annual Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair, held in the Walb Student Union International Ballroom and Lutheran Health Fieldhouse on Saturday.

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