



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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### Katrina Grady Chosen as New Associate Vice Chancellor for HR/OIE



After completing a thorough search that featured three high-quality finalists, Purdue University Fort Wayne announced today the selection of Katrina Grady as its new associate vice chancellor for Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity. Grady is no stranger to the campus community, having spent more than a decade as the university's benefits and leaves administrator until 2015. Most recently, she was the executive director for human resources at East Allen County Schools.

"We are excited to welcome Tina back to the Mastodon family and I look forward to working with her and the whole HR-OIE team to identify new opportunities to enhance their presence on campus," said Glen Nakata, vice chancellor for financial and administrative affairs. "I am grateful to the members of our search committee for all of their time and efforts to make this an inclusive and successful process."

In addition to certifications as an SHRM Senior Certified Professional and a Senior Professional of Human Resources, Grady also earned an MBA in human resources management from Indiana Tech. Her start date at PFW is April 17.

### Unification of IT Systemwide to Be Highlighted in Monday's *Purdue Today*

The next phase of a rebrand of IT services at Purdue University that kicked off in January with the introduction of a new name, Purdue Information Technology—Purdue IT for short—will be covered in Monday morning's edition of *Purdue Today*.

This ongoing transition, which is set to wrap up April 1, does not change the way faculty, staff, and students at Purdue Fort Wayne access and work with the local help desk and ITS, or how these areas are staffed. Behind-the-scenes, integration of resources systemwide through the new Distributed Campus Services is expected to lead to greater ITS collaboration across Purdue's four campuses.

As part of the new structure, in addition to his existing roles as associate vice chancellor for ITS and chief information officer, Mitch Davidson will also become the executive director for distributed campus services at Purdue Fort Wayne.

### 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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### Two Weeks Left to Order Academic Regalia for Commencement

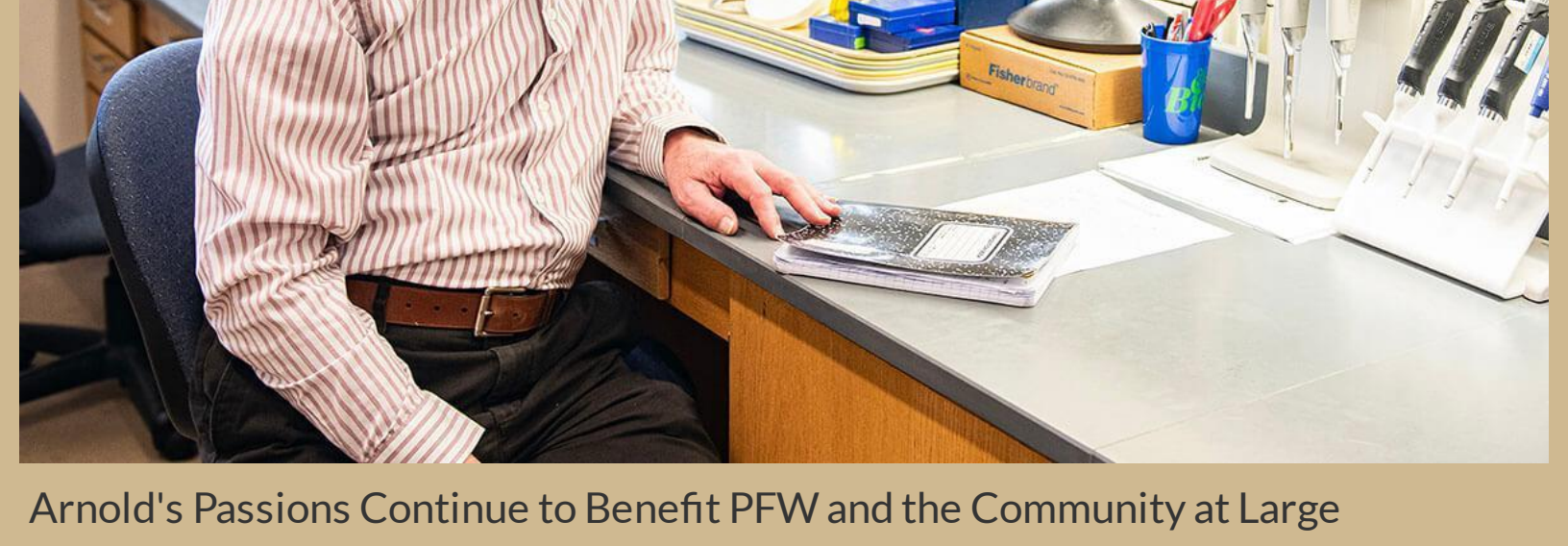


Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement will be held May 10 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you 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.

## 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.*



### Arnold's Passions Fort Wayne to Benefit PFW and the Community at Large

Bruce Arnold, the Purdue Fort Wayne manager of life science support service, has a passion for a few things, including genealogy, where he has built an incredible hobby and developed databases that may outlast us all and help others examine family timelines for generations.

Arnold has been part of the university community for 37 years, starting in the biology department as a lab tech after graduating from here and doing his graduate work at Texas A&M.

For the past 20 years, though he prefers to operate in the background, Arnold has become a cornerstone, touching so many different parts of the biology department and campus because he's good at many things. He's a glue guy who makes sure everything works and helps everyone's jobs function. Unless it has to do with classes, he's a person everyone asks for help.

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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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Sat., 5–7 p.m.

### American Liszt Society Recital

This recital for the Northern Indiana Chapter of the American Liszt Society will feature piano solos composed by Franz Liszt and his contemporaries. Performers include School of Music piano faculty members...

MARCH

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Mon., 9–10 a.m.

### Employee Well-being at Work

Take 10 minutes out of your morning and meet with the Employee Well-being team for wellness tips, healthy snacks, giveaways, and information about upcoming events and programs...

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Mon., 1–2 p.m.

### Summit City Journal: A Student Research Publication Release Party

The *Summit City Journal* showcases student research and creative endeavors of all disciplines, published in an online format. Keynote speaker: John O'Connell, dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts...

## News Spotlight

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

### Purdue University Fort Wayne professor earns prestigious post

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Monday

### 'My Autism Ally' hosts sensory-friendly party

WANE 15 | Sunday

### Large turnout for Fort Wayne College Fair at PFW

WANE 15 | Friday

### PFW women's basketball won't be at the dance this week, but we like where they're headed

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | March 14

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



Niya Blair Hackworth, director of inclusion for the NCAA, was the keynote speaker at Women's Professional Day, one of several Women's History Month events at Purdue Fort Wayne. The conference took place Wednesday in the Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom and was sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, The Women's Center, Doermer School of Business, and the Career Development Center.

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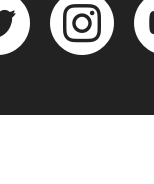
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