

Theatre major *Stephanie Spotts* is starting to build a career as a costume designer. She also won the College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's Choice Award at the Student Research and Endeavor Symposium last week.

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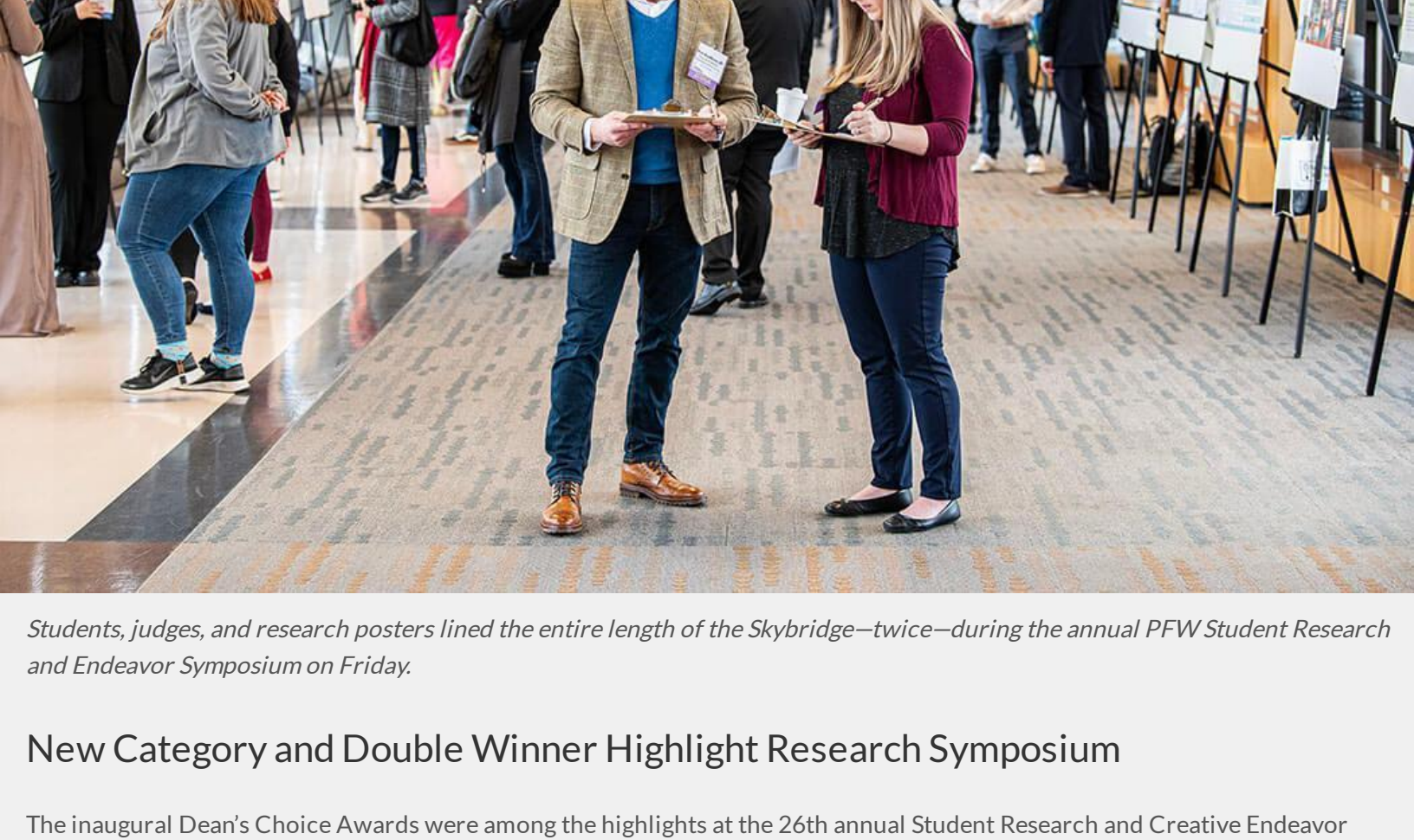
Reserved Senior's Artistic Gifts Say Plenty

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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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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Registration Now Open for ETCS Summer STEM Exploration Camps

The College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science is offering several **Summer STEM Exploration Camps** in June and July for students in grades 2–12:

- Future Leaders of T.E.C. | July 10–13 | Grades 2–5
- Summer Explorations | June 26–30 | Grades 6–8
- Middle School SWARBOTS! | July 10–14 | Grades 6–8
- Middle School Adventures in Technology | July 17–21 | Grades 6–8
- High School SWARBOTS! | June 5–9 | Grades 9–12
- Machining Tools in Engineering | June 12–16 | Grades 9–12
- Automation Bots | June 19–23 | Grades 9–12
- High School Adventures in Computer Technology | July 10–14 | Grades 9–12
- DroneBlocks | July 24–28 | Grades 9–12
- Summer Computing Camp | July 24–28 | Grades 10–12

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Guidelines for Youth Programs, Camps, and Events on Campus

Every year, Purdue University Fort Wayne welcomes hundreds of young people to campus where they take part in programs, camps, and events offered by colleges and campus units. To ensure that they have a safe and fun experience, Purdue Fort Wayne abides by Purdue University's policy for **Programs Involving Minors**.

If you are a PFW employee planning a program, camp, or event for minors—anyone under 18 years old—you will need to follow the **Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors** and register your program, camp, or event at least 30 days before its start date.

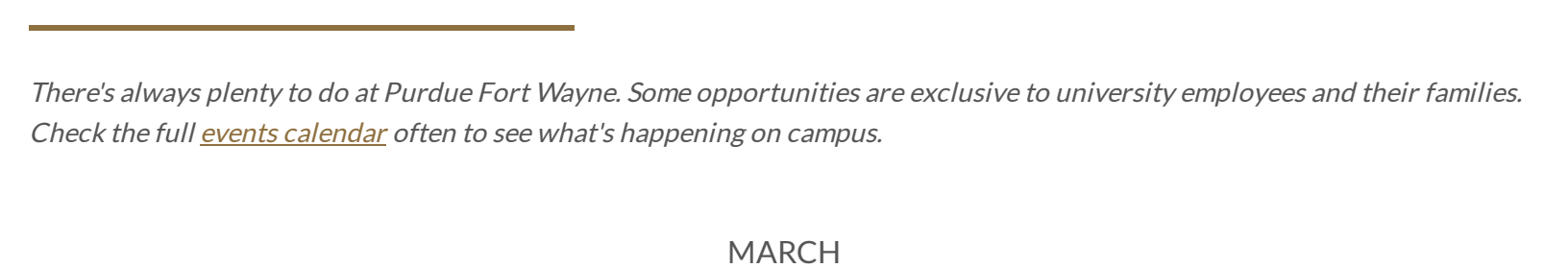
To get started with this process, contact **Mary Encabo Bischoff**, director of youth programs, and **Lisa Zerkle**, director of special events and campus emergency preparedness.

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.



Past Experiences Allow Counseling Professor to Help Prepare His Students

Before Joel Givens came to Purdue University Fort Wayne as an assistant professor of counselor education in 2019, he'd already had years of opportunities working in the field, including private practice, a residential facility for adolescents, and hospitals in Chicago and Denver.

He uses those experiences to help prepare his students for possibilities they may face in their careers by telling them those stories. That includes a horrible night in Aurora, Colorado, when a 24-year-old man opened fire in a crowded movie cinema.

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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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Fri., 9–10 a.m.

Healthy Boiler Workshop: Medication Management in Retirement

The second workshop in the Healthy Boiler Retirement series will review best practices in medication storage, safety, and use...

APRIL
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Tues., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Sixth Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser

PFW ceramics students are once again working to help feed the hungry in our community. The Empty Bowls project, sponsored by the Department of Art and Design, raises money for The Pantry at Purdue Fort Wayne...

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 20

Dismiss those batty ideas and enjoy these flying mammals' contributions

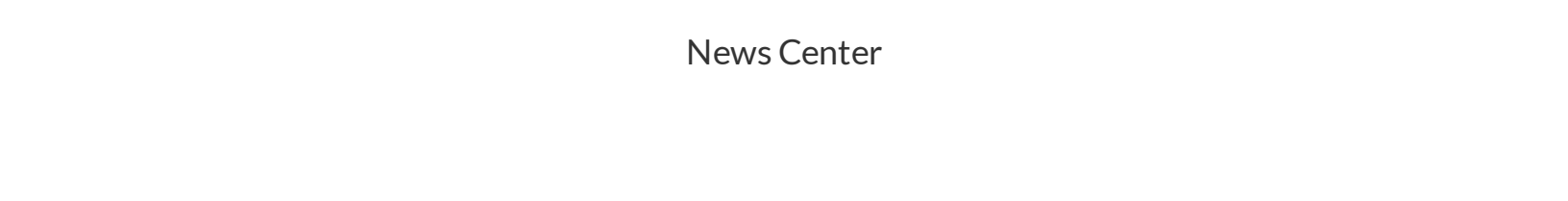
The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | March 23

Group boosts athletics engagement

WANE 15, WTTW | March 21, 22

In a Snap

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



Master of Science in Engineering student Ben Edwards and other members of PFW's chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers apply their skills in converting a conventional automobile to an electric vehicle.



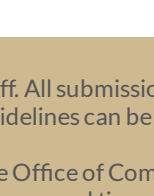
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