

Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner Added to Post-Commencement Fun

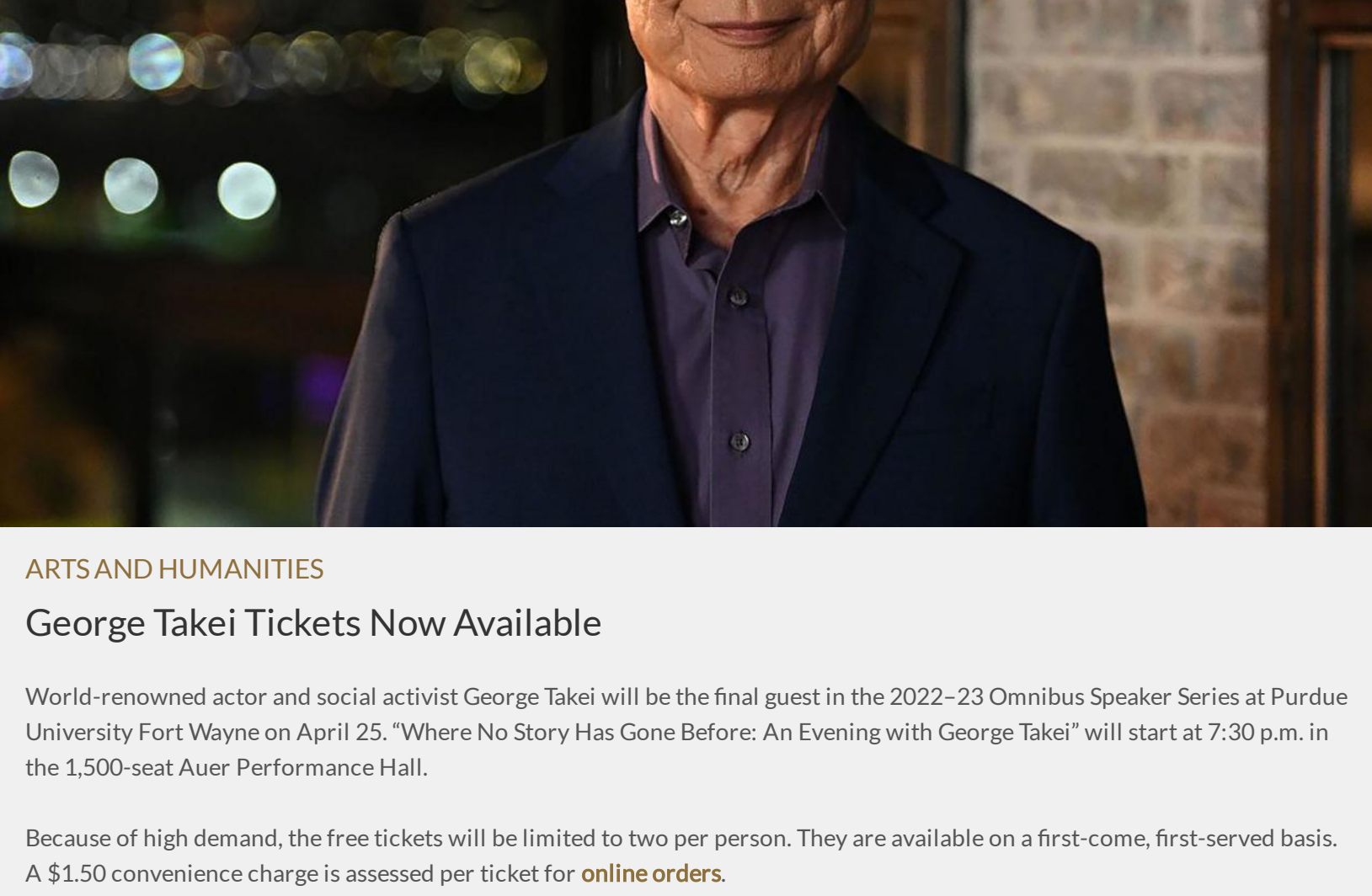
After Commencement on May 10, it's time to celebrate! Want to skip the crowded restaurants? The Mastodon Alumni Community invites you to the inaugural Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner in Expo III at Memorial Coliseum. Menu choices for graduates, family, and friends include chicken, beef, vegetarian plated meals, and a cash bar option.

- 2023 Graduates | \$10
- Adults | \$25
- Children (3-12) | \$10
- Children (2 and under) | Free

Note: You must be 21 years or older to purchase alcoholic drinks.

In addition, you're invited to join the alumni after-party in Expo III. Listen to the band A Night to Remember, enjoy an appetizer, grab a cocktail at the cash bar, and snap a pic for your socials at the photo station. Graduates will also receive a free commemorative gift.

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ARTS AND HUMANITIES

George Takei Tickets Now Available

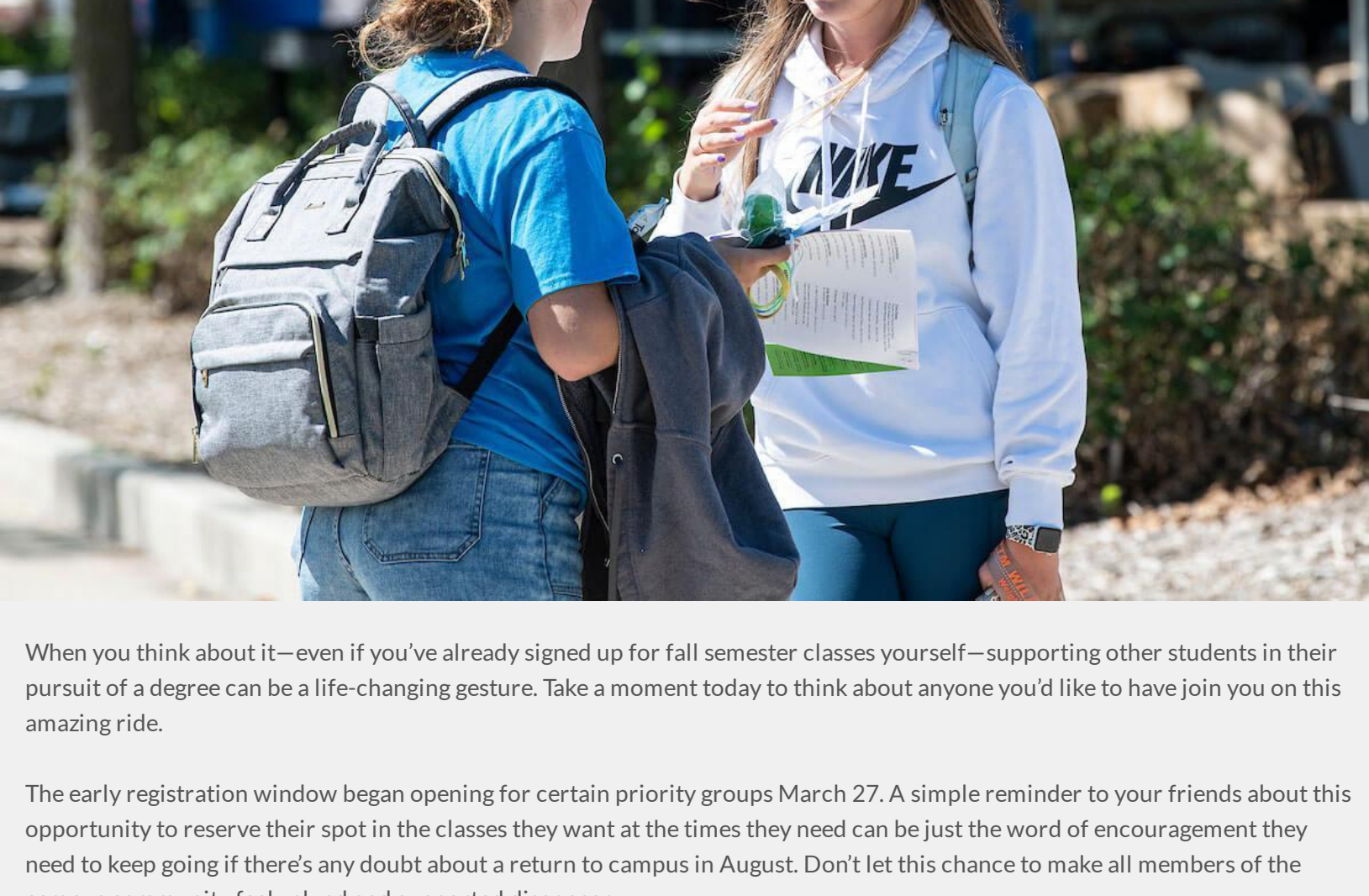
World-renowned actor and social activist George Takei will be the final guest in the 2022-23 Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue University Fort Wayne on April 25. "Where No Story Has Gone Before: An Evening with George Takei" will start at 7:30 p.m. in the 1,500-seat Auer Performance Hall.

Because of high demand, the free tickets will be limited to two per person. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$1.50 convenience charge is assessed per ticket for [online orders](#).

To guarantee a seat, tickets should be reserved in advance through the university's [online ticketing platform](#), or at the [Schatzlein Box Office](#). Box office hours are from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, and from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 260-481-6555 with a credit card during box office hours.

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You Can Play An Important Role for Others during Early Registration



When you think about it—even if you've already signed up for fall semester classes yourself—supporting other students in their pursuit of a degree can be a life-changing gesture. Take a moment today to think about anyone you'd like to have join you on this amazing ride.

The early registration window began opening for certain priority groups March 27. A simple reminder to your friends about this opportunity to reserve their spot in the classes they want at the times they need can be just the word of encouragement they need to keep going if there's any doubt about a return to campus in August. Don't let this chance to make all members of the campus community feel valued and supported disappear.

Students still have time to meet with their advisors to make sure they're on track and get questions answered.

On Monday, starting at 8 a.m., first-year students and others will have their chance to begin reserving a spot as part of early registration. At that time, all priority groups will then be eligible to take that next important step toward graduation. Everyone can play a part in making this dream a reality.

Survey Offers a Chance to Share Insights, Experiences

Purdue Fort Wayne is giving recent or soon-to-be PFW graduates a chance to complete a survey about their time at PFW, as well as their plans after graduation. This feedback will be valuable to the university. Your voice matters. Why?

- The information will be used to improve programs.
- Responses will influence future scholarships.
- Upcoming Mastodons can learn from your experiences.

The first survey will be sent April 18, with reminder emails on May 2, 9, and 23. Your chance to respond will run through May 31.

The emails will be sent to PFW addresses, as well as personal email addresses, from pfw@hedsc Consortium.org. Each email will have a unique survey link, and all responses will be kept confidential.

If you have questions, contact Jackie Stancil, executive director of the Career Development Center, at jstancil@pfw.edu or Corey Leuters, research analyst and data manager at the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium, at corey.leuters@hedsc Consortium.org.



ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Polytechnic Engineering Club Loving Project's Challenge

The 13 active members of the Polytechnic Engineering Club don't have a mission statement, but they do have a mantra they keep telling themselves.

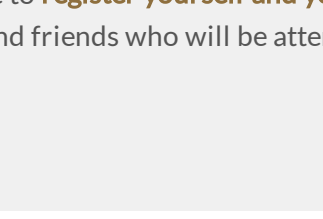
"If it's too easy, it's boring."

And nothing they are doing is boring.

Formed in the spring 2022 semester, the Polytechnic Club took a while to organize and decide on a project. Then they dreamed big and started on a mission to put a Jaguar V8, 400-horsepower engine into the body of a 1985 BMW 318i.

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Last Day to Register for Commencement is Tomorrow

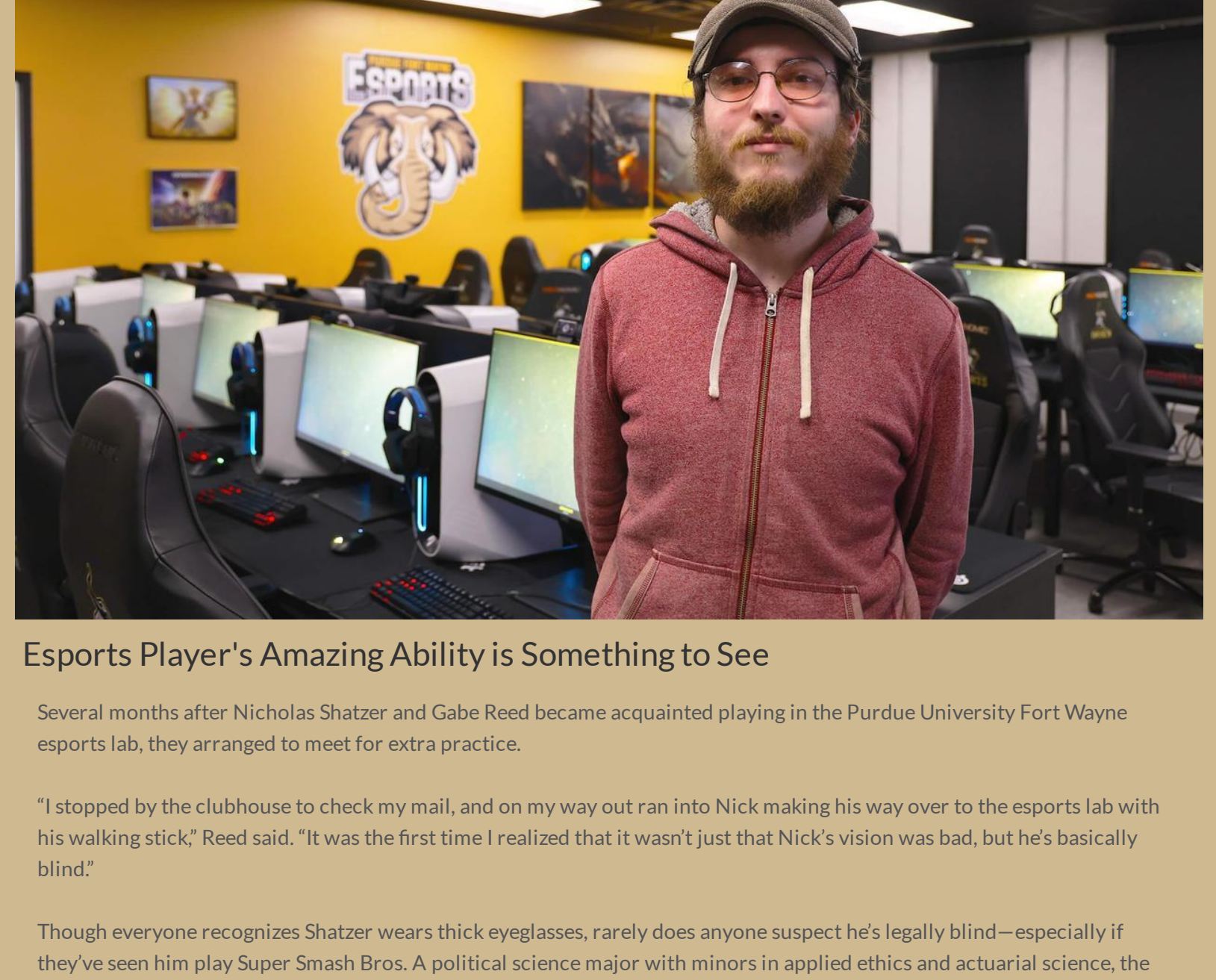


If you have applied to graduate on May 10, be sure to **register yourself and your family** for the main event. Tickets aren't needed, but sharing an estimated number of your family and friends who will be attending the ceremony and the after party is very helpful for PFW's advance planning.

The last day to register is Thursday.

Herd That

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



Esports Player's Amazing Ability is Something to See

Several months after Nicholas Shatzer and Gabe Reed became acquainted playing in the Purdue University Fort Wayne esports lab, they arranged to meet for extra practice.

"I stopped by the clubhouse to check my mail, and on my way out ran into Nick making his way over to the esports lab with his walking stick," Reed said. "It was the first time I realized that it wasn't just that Nick's vision was bad, but he's basically blind."

Though everyone recognizes Shatzer wears thick eyeglasses, rarely does anyone suspect he's legally blind—especially if they've seen him play Super Smash Bros. A political science major with minors in applied ethics and actuarial science, the senior is a prodigy at the esports game. He only started playing for more than fun last semester, and this semester qualified to join the PFW varsity team.

Because the game plays online, Shatzer's opponents have no idea he's legally blind, but neither do most of his teammates.

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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.

APRIL

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Thurs., noon-1:30 p.m.

AAPI Panel

Come and celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by hearing a discussion about issues related to Asian Americans. Food provided to the first 20 participants. Everyone is welcome...

APRIL

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Fri. & Sat., 8-10 p.m.
Sun., 2-4 p.m.

#Adulting: Cooking Without a Meal Plan

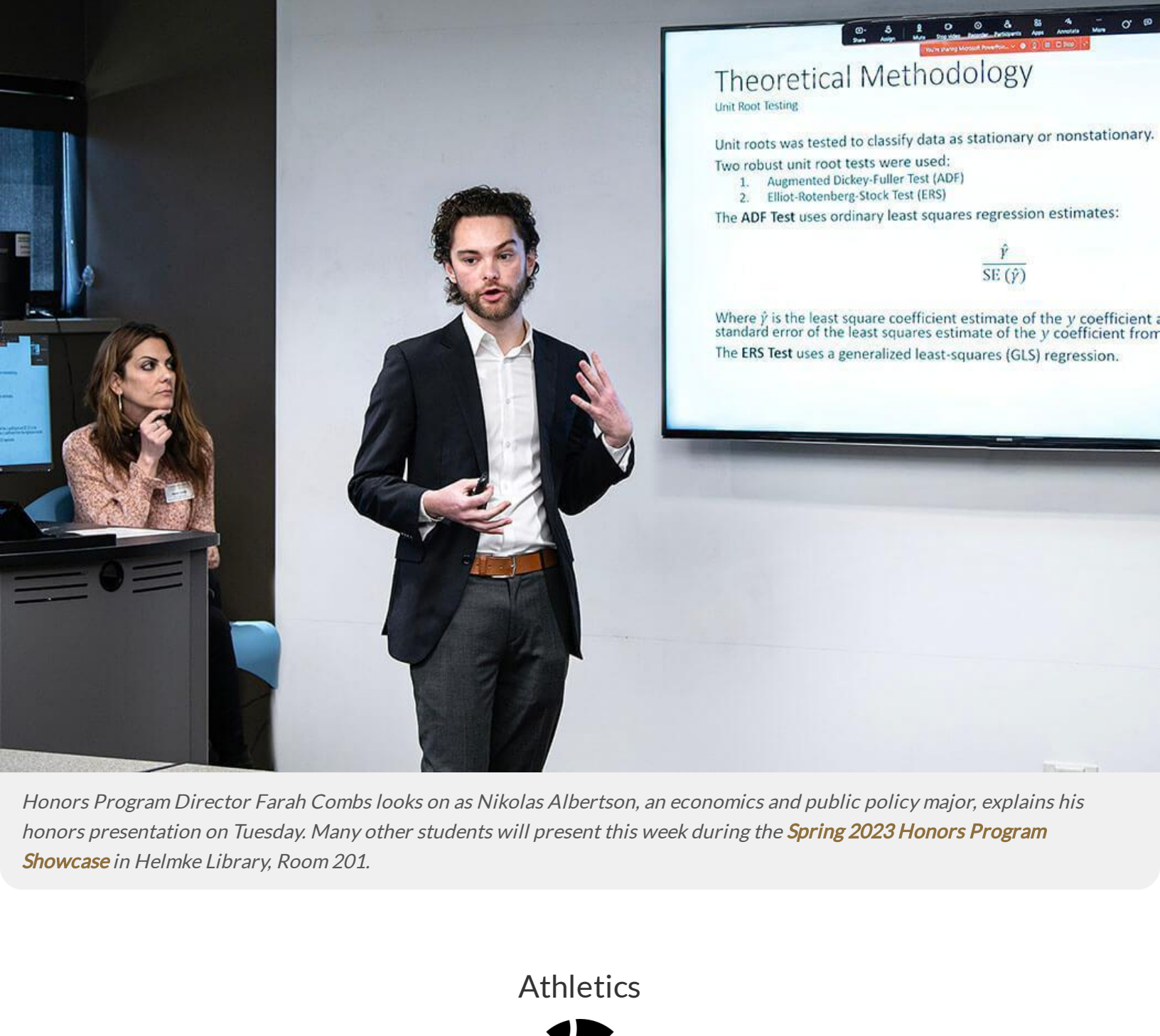
Join the director of dining services to learn how to cook without a meal plan. Register today...

Little Women, the Musical

Louisa May Alcott's timeless and beloved story, brings to life the adventures of the March sisters in a glorious musical version filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope, and everlasting love...

Mastodon Moments

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

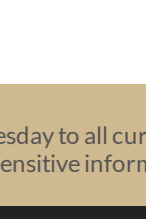


Honors Program Director Farah Combs looks on as Nikolas Albertson, an economics and public policy major, explains his honors presentation on Tuesday. Many other students will present this week during the **Spring 2023 Honors Program Showcase** in Helmke Library, Room 201.

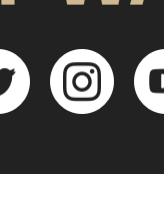
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