



ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Actor, Activist Takei Excited for Omnibus Series Finale

Though just returning from five months in London performing in the 2015 Broadway musical *Allegiance*, George Takei is excited to meet his audience April 25 at Purdue Fort Wayne. And despite enduring eight shows a week and turning 86 this Thursday, he's got plenty to say.

The musical is based on the Takei family's experiences living in three internment camps during World War II from 1942 to 1946. Those events will also be the theme of Takei's presentation next week in Auer Performance Hall.

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MASTODON LIFE

Spring Carnival on Friday Always a 'Big Night' at Purdue Fort Wayne

As Purdue Fort Wayne gears up for the end of its spring semester, the 2023 edition of **Mastodons Big Night** will give students, faculty, staff, and community members a chance to kick back and relax along the banks of the beautiful St. Joseph River. In what has become an annual carnival extravaganza on the PFW campus, rides, games, and plenty of opportunities to socialize will be on the agenda for all who attend. As expected, food and dessert items from sources such as Aladdin, Local Apple Cart, King Arthur's Trolley, and Wicked Good Cupcakes will also be available for purchase.

Mastodons Big Night is set for Friday between 5 and 10 p.m. in parking lots 10 and 11 on the west side of the main campus. Purdue Fort Wayne and Indiana Fort Wayne students can get into the carnival for free. Tickets for PFW and IUFW employees and their family members are \$20 per person, and \$25 for members of the general public. Admission includes access to all the rides.

Open Forums on the University Budget and Final Quality of Place Recommendations Scheduled

Purdue Fort Wayne is nearing the end of its annual process of preparing the budget for the next fiscal year. Faculty and staff are invited to take part in two final open forums to learn more and to hear from the Quality of Place Action Planning Team on its final recommendations.

Please join the university's senior leadership April 26 for an open forum on the budget. This session will take place at 1:30 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 101. The discussion will include a review of key priorities and a preliminary revenue outlook for 2023-24. It will also be **livestreamed via Zoom**.

The major focus of the university's strategic planning and implementation efforts throughout the 2022-23 academic year has been addressing Quality of Place. Please join members of the Quality of Place Action Planning Team as they recap this year's initiatives and share the team's final recommendations for additional efforts to be undertaken in the near future. This online open forum will take place May 1 at 1 p.m. **via Zoom**.

Both open forums will also be recorded, and links will be posted on the **Strategic Plan SharePoint site** at the conclusion of each event. Before these next two open forums, visit the site to watch recordings of prior sessions and learn more about the work undertaken by the entire university community to implement Purdue Fort Wayne's strategic plan.

Entrepreneurial Spirit Takes Center Stage at High School Pitch Competition on Purdue Fort Wayne Campus

With nearly 2,500 statewide sign ups, the STARTedUP Foundation's Innovate WithIN program is the largest high school pitch competition in the country. During the month of April, 51 teams across Indiana are competing to qualify for the state competition in Indianapolis later this spring.

On April 27, 10 teams will be participating in the Region 5 competition hosted by Purdue University Fort Wayne. All the action will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The top two teams from each region move on to state, and if they advance further, a national competition in Washington, D.C., where \$25,000 in venture capital funding and \$10,000 in 529 funds are up for grabs.

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Retirement celebration for Ramesh Narang



The entire campus community is invited to honor Ramesh Narang, associate professor in the School of Polytechnic, at his retirement celebration on April 25 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science Building, Room 246, which is the faculty and staff lounge.

Narang has been with the university for more than 30 years and will retire in May.

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.*

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Tues., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

University and Community Orchestra Concert

The orchestra will present a program that highlights the music of Arthur Honegger (1892-1955) with PFW faculty member and guest artist Hamilton Tescarollo, piano...

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Wed., noon-1:15 p.m.

Curt Witcher: 'The Power of Story'

The Anthropology Club will host Curt Witcher, manager of the Allen County Public Library's Genealogy Center, to its Lunchtime Lecture Series...

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Thurs., 10-11 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: Plant Appreciation

As part of National Garden Month, Employee Well-being at Work events will focus on plant appreciation. Participants will receive a plant starter gift that includes a seed packet and small pot. Stop by for wellness tips, healthy...

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

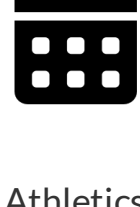


The Asian Heritage Festival was held in Alumni Plaza on Wednesday. Many customs and countries were represented. The festival was sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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