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Dare to Share: Walb Piano Players Show Courage and Add to Atmosphere

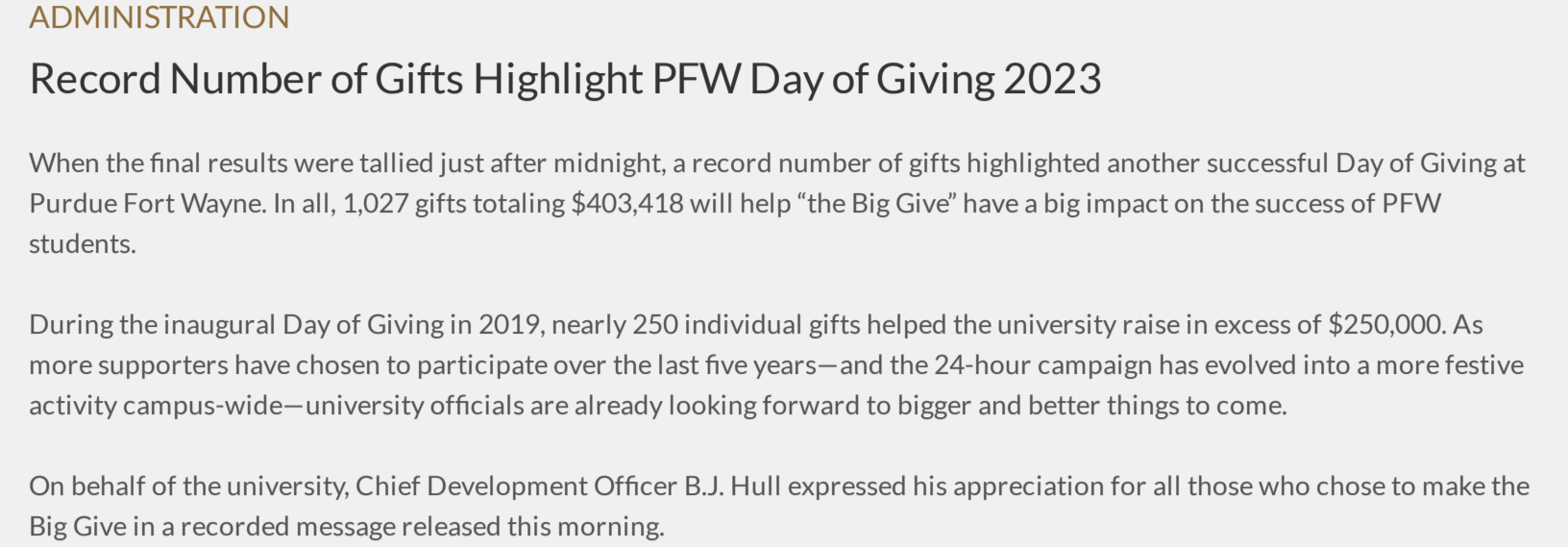
Continuing a long tradition, there are maybe a dozen performers who show courage and dare to share by playing the 1973 Grand Model L Steinway and Sons piano tucked away in the corner of the Walb Student Union's ground floor.

Though not music majors, most are self-taught within the last few years or took lessons long ago. They won't become professionals, but always show a performer's fearlessness. Some play for reasons more important than personal enjoyment, though that always comes through.

Piano playing can also positively influence others, changing the building's atmosphere and the moods of those listening.

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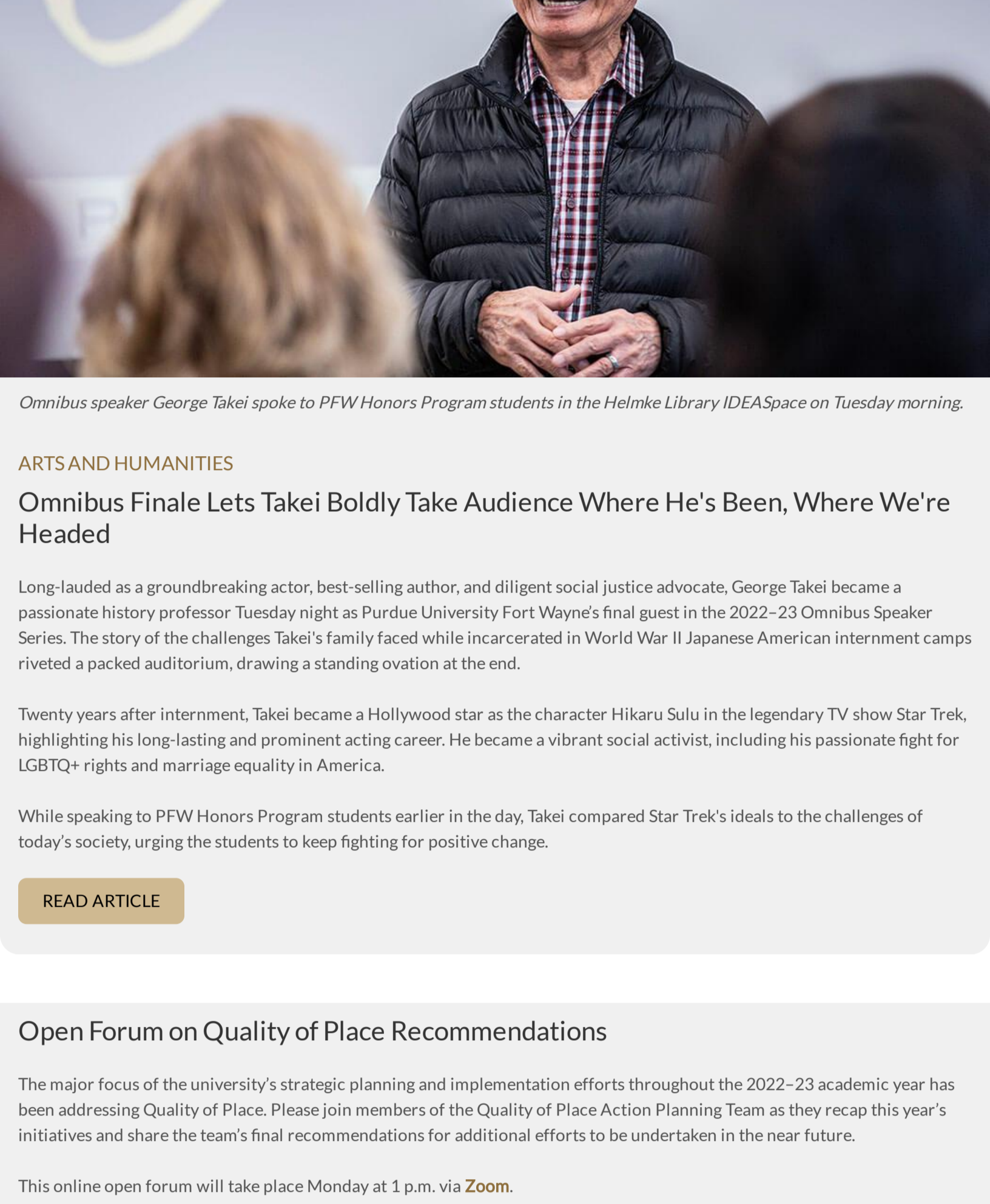
Record Number of Gifts Highlight PFW Day of Giving 2023

When the final results were tallied just after midnight, a record number of gifts highlighted another successful Day of Giving at Purdue Fort Wayne. In all, 1,027 gifts totaling \$403,418 will help "the Big Give" have a big impact on the success of PFW students.

During the inaugural Day of Giving in 2019, nearly 250 individual gifts helped the university raise in excess of \$250,000. As more supporters have chosen to participate over the last five years—and the 24-hour campaign has evolved into a more festive activity campus-wide—university officials are already looking forward to bigger and better things to come.

On behalf of the university, Chief Development Officer B.J. Hull expressed his appreciation for all those who chose to make the Big Give in a recorded message released this morning.

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Omnibus speaker George Takei spoke to PFW Honors Program students in the Helmke Library IDEASpace on Tuesday morning.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Omnibus Finale Lets Takei Boldly Take Audience Where He's Been, Where We're Headed

Long-lauded as a groundbreaking actor, best-selling author, and diligent social justice advocate, George Takei became a passionate history professor Tuesday night as Purdue University Fort Wayne's final guest in the 2022–23 Omnibus Speaker Series. The story of the challenges Takei's family faced while incarcerated in World War II Japanese American internment camps riveted a packed auditorium, drawing a standing ovation at the end.

Twenty years after internment, Takei became a Hollywood star as the character Hikaru Sulu in the legendary TV show Star Trek, highlighting his long-lasting and prominent acting career. He became a vibrant social activist, including his passionate fight for LGBTQ+ rights and marriage equality in America.

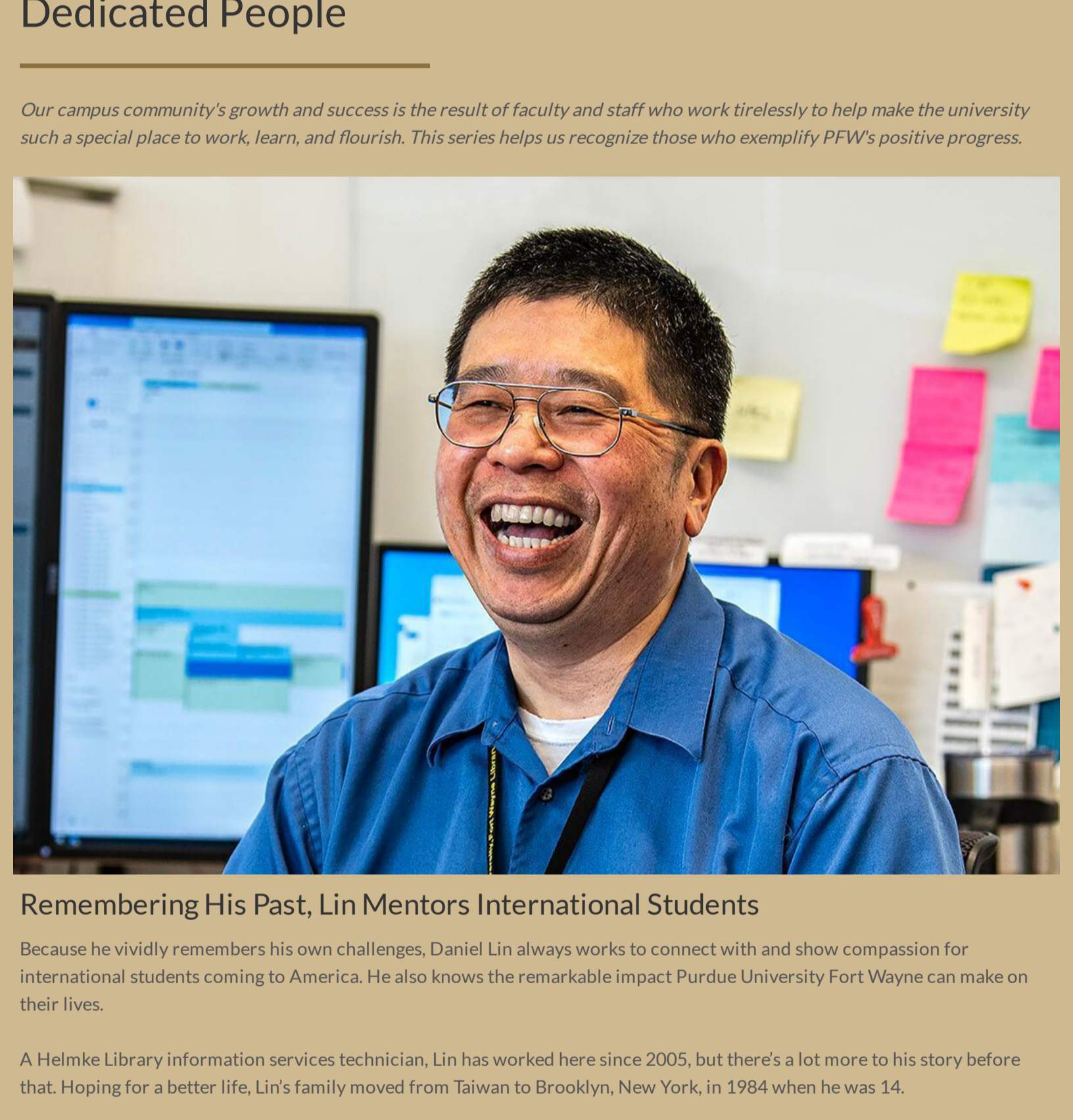
While speaking to PFW Honors Program students earlier in the day, Takei compared Star Trek's ideals to the challenges of today's society, urging the students to keep fighting for positive change.

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Open Forum on Quality of Place Recommendations

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 Monday at 1 p.m. via [Zoom](#).



Student Leader Awards Presented

The 2022–23 Student Leader Award winners were recognized Monday evening in International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The awards celebrate the accomplishments of students, staff, and faculty during the academic year.

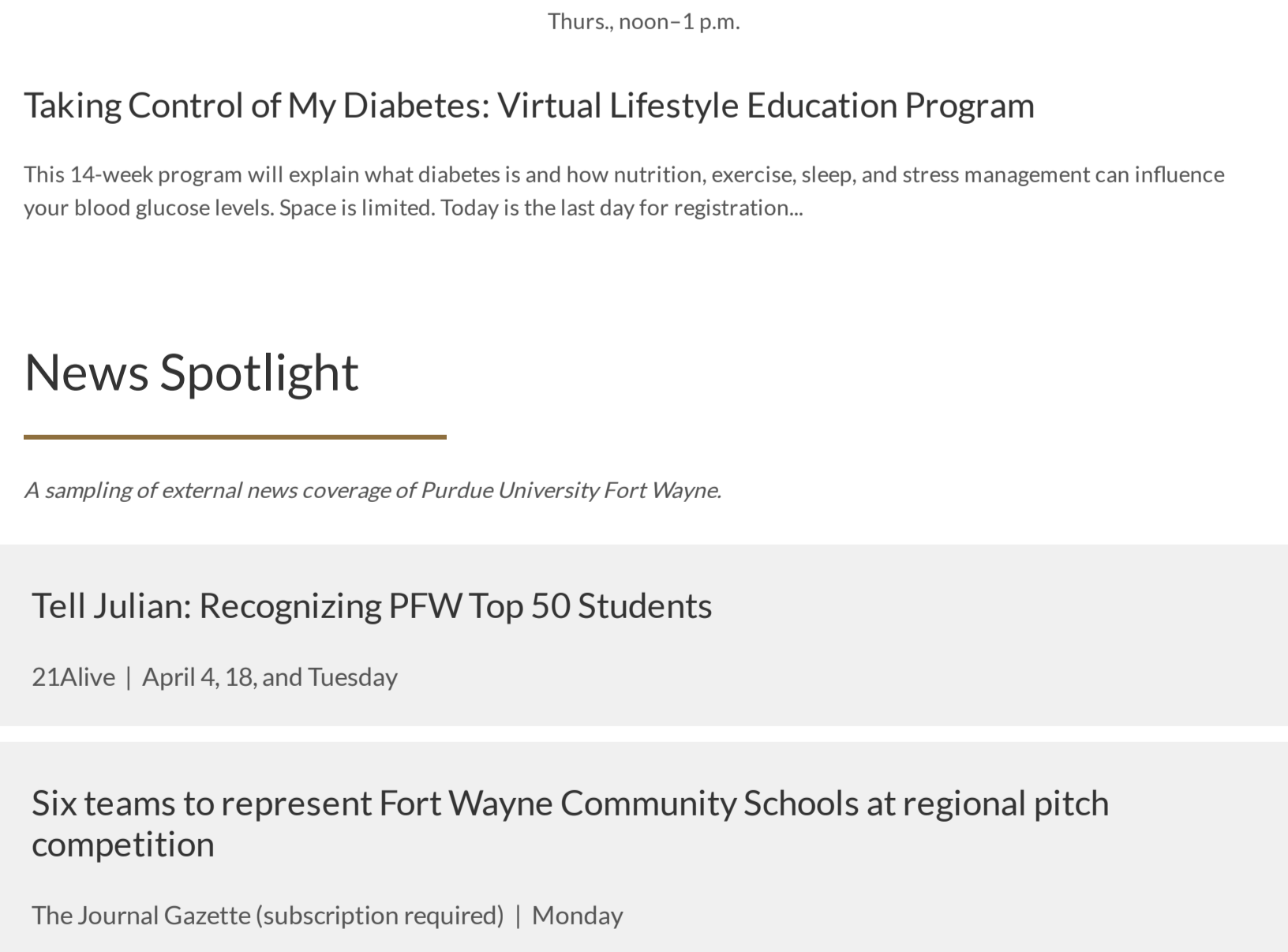
View the list of recipients and additional information [here](#).

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.



Remembering His Past, Lin Mentors International Students

Because he vividly remembers his own challenges, Daniel Lin always works to connect with and show compassion for international students coming to America. He also knows the remarkable impact Purdue University Fort Wayne can make on their lives.

A Helmke Library information services technician, Lin has worked here since 2005, but there's a lot more to his story before that. Hoping for a better life, Lin's family moved from Taiwan to Brooklyn, New York, in 1984 when he was 14.

"Even though I was with my parents and two sisters, it was a culture shock because everything was different, including the language," Lin said. "It was very challenging and I was isolated because of the language barrier. If you can't communicate with other people, it's very hard to make friends."

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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.

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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

Employee Yoga: In-Person and Virtual Class

Participants work at their own level guided by health coach and fitness instructor Lindsay Bloom. All levels of fitness are welcome...

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Thurs., noon–1 p.m.

Taking Control of My Diabetes: Virtual Lifestyle Education Program

This 14-week program will explain what diabetes is and how nutrition, exercise, sleep, and stress management can influence your blood glucose levels. Space is limited. Today is the last day for registration...

News Spotlight

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

Tell Julian: Recognizing PFW Top 50 Students

21Alive | April 4, 18, and Tuesday

Six teams to represent Fort Wayne Community Schools at regional pitch competition

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Monday

PFW's Velez helps walk area newsrooms through Mastodons Big Night

Fort Wayne-area media | Friday and Saturday

In a Snap

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

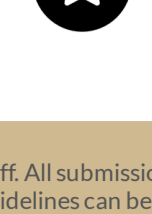
Andy the miniature therapy horse returned to campus Tuesday to provide some welcome stress relief before finals, courtesy of the Disability Access Center.



Athletics



Ripples



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