



Because of PFW Experience, New Grad Finds Purpose through Tough Times in Foster System

After being nominated for a Top 50 designation at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Renae Wallace tried encapsulating her life in an essay that described growing up in the foster care system – experiences she continued to endure up through her arrival on campus.

"Then I was moving again. Another new bed, another new room, another new city, but this time everybody is new," Wallace said. "Everybody has a new bed, everybody is in a new city, and nobody knows what they are doing."

Though most freshmen are anxious and excited about being dropped off for what may be their first extended time away from home, Wallace has always been dealing with those emotions. At 6 months old, she entered the foster care system and lived in assorted parts of Tennessee and Indiana.

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The Pantry Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation

While heading to the grocery store to stock up for Memorial Day cookouts, maybe consider helping the Purdue University Fort Wayne pantry stock up while you're at it.

The **FRIENDS of the University Food Pantry** maintains its locations at Walb Student Union and the Student Housing Clubhouse on the Waterfield Campus throughout the summer. The pantry in the Clubhouse is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, and the Walb location in G36 near the basement atrium is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Last summer, the pantry served 752 students.

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Purdue to Hold Public Hearing for Tuition and Fee Proposals



Purdue University will conduct a public hearing June 1 to discuss proposed tuition and fees to be paid by students attending school on the West Lafayette, Fort Wayne, or Northwest campuses during the 2023–24 and 2024–25 academic years.

The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in Stewart Center, Room 326, in West Lafayette. A videoconference location at Purdue Fort Wayne will also be offered in the Science Building, Room 176. Those who are not able to attend in person may view the hearing by clicking on this [livestream link](#). A summary of the fee proposal is available [online](#).

Those wishing to speak during the hearing should notify the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer by Tuesday at 765-494-9705 or evpt@purdue.edu.

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CSSAC Education Grant Applications

Submissions for the CSSAC Education Grant are due by June 30. Learn more about the fund on the [Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee website](#), as well as the application form.

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The annual Cherry Blossom Festival, celebrating Japanese culture, moved this year from downtown Fort Wayne to the PFW campus. Taiko drumming—always a big “hit”—filled Walb Student Union on Sunday with traditional sights and sounds.

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