



The Purdue Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble presented a European send-off concert in Auer Performance Hall on April 20.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

After Six-Year Absence, PFW Wind Ensemble Returning to World Stage

After a successful trip to Austria and Germany in 2018, Purdue Fort Wayne's Symphonic Wind Ensemble was scheduled for a tour in China in 2020 when the pandemic closed the world down.

The recently graduated seniors in the ensemble were freshmen then, and they've been holding their breaths ever since, hoping for one last chance tour before their college careers end. Tomorrow, 49 student musicians, nine faculty, guest musicians, and chaperones fly from Chicago to Europe for a dream 15-day circuit of Paris, Geneva, and several stops in Italy—a list that includes Milan, Florence, Corciano, and Rome.

"We've known we were going to be going on a trip since we've been here, and we've just been waiting for the cards to fall correctly—and they finally have," said senior saxophonist Cassie Welker.

[READ STORY](#)



ADMINISTRATION

PFW Class of 2023 Takes Thunderous Footsteps

On Wednesday, Purdue Fort Wayne celebrated the accomplishments of the Class of 2023 with a night to remember at commencement. More than 1,000 Mastodons participated in commencement—814 undergraduate students and 194 graduate students—with thousands of guests filling most of the available seats. The house was packed.

Food, fun, and photo ops were featured at the after party in Expo III, as well as live music. Grads also received a free commemorative gift.

The inaugural Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner in Expo II welcomed 140 attendees. It was the perfect setting for family members to gather, enjoy each other's company, and relax without needing to find dinner reservations elsewhere after the ceremony.

For those unable to be there in person, here are a few of the sights and sounds from the big day.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

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.

MAY
19
Friday, 7-10 a.m.

Bike to Work Day Breakfast

Join WellRec, the Environmental Resources Center, and the City of Fort Wayne to celebrate National Bike to Work Day. PFW will host one of four breakfast stops on the Rivergreenway trails...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Seth Balmer-Fontenot, administrative assistant | Registrar
- Brenda Diaz, academic advisor | College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science
- Tony Peterson, facility systems technician | Operations and Maintenance

New Hires, cont.

- Tyler Schoditsch, academic advisor | Student Advising and Advocacy Center
- Chris Shumate, plumber | Operations and Maintenance

In a Snap

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



On the Alumni Plaza near a famous friend, bright tulips in the morning sun belied the intensity of finals week just a few short days ago.

[News Center](#)



[Events Calendar](#)



[Athletics](#)



Ripples



Inside PFW is an official university communication for faculty and staff. All submissions should be sent to inside@pfw.edu no later than 2 p.m. on the day prior to the next edition to be considered for inclusion. Newsletter guidelines can be accessed in the PFW News Center by [clicking here](#).

Inside PFW is produced twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday by the Office of Communications and Marketing. *Inside PFW Special Edition* is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE

