



Sherif Elfayoumy Chosen as Steel Dynamics Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science



Sherif Elfayoumy, director of the School of Computing at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, has been selected by Purdue University Fort Wayne to become the Steel Dynamics Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science. Chosen as part of a national search, his official start date is July 1.

Working in various roles, Elfayoumy has been with UNF since 2000, where he also served as a professor and associate dean of the College of Computing, Engineering and Construction. His accolades include receiving the FIS Distinguished Professor Award in 2014 and the UNF Distinguished Professor Runner-Up Award in 2018.

"We are very fortunate to have a nationally known scholar and leader join us as dean of our College of ETCS," said Carl Drummond, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Purdue Fort Wayne. "I am particularly thrilled that Dr. Elfayoumy comes to us with leadership experience in computer science, our strongest and fastest growing program at both the undergraduate and graduate level. He brings a wealth of experience in building community connections and I am certain he will rapidly become connected with our many corporate partners."

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Adilov's Strong Research Impresses Faculty and Family

Colleagues think Nodir Adilov's work is fascinating, and his students are intrigued, but there's an easy way to tell the impact of his work. His 11-year-old son thinks what dad does is cool.

Dan Adilov is fascinated with everything in outer space such as planets, rockets, and satellites—and his father, the Purdue University Fort Wayne professor of economics, is among the nation's leading experts on the economics of space, particularly the debris ringing the planet.

NASA estimates there are about 23,000 items of space debris larger than a softball orbiting the earth. That includes nonfunctional spacecraft, abandoned launch vehicle stages, mission-related debris, and fragmentation debris—all traveling at up to 17,500 miles per hour. According to NASA, there are 500,000 pieces of debris the size of a marble or larger and more than 100 million smaller pieces.

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DEI, HR-OIE Offer 'Civility and Beyond' Workshops

PFW's workplace landscape continues to evolve, making it imperative that all members of the university community operate, communicate, and engage in ways that support workplace civility. Join the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity as they jointly present the workshop, "Civility & Beyond." Four sessions will be offered between May 18 and August 17.

Attendees will have an opportunity to assess their civility self-awareness level; engage in activities to help identify common workplace actions that can be construed as insensitive, discourteous, or inappropriate; and learn ways to respond and avert behaviors that are contradictory to the university's expectations.

[Click here](#) to reserve your spot for one of the coming workshops this summer. Questions can be directed to Dimples Smith at smid@pfw.edu.

Last Day to Reserve Your Seat for the Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner Is Wednesday

The Mastodon Alumni Community invites faculty and staff to join our graduates, family, and friends for the inaugural Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner in Expo II at Memorial Coliseum. Menu choices include chicken, beef, and 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.

The last day to register is Wednesday.

[REGISTER FOR THE DINNER](#)

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., 7–9 p.m.

Fusion Band Final Concert and Reception

Led by 15 PFW music education majors, 50 Fort Wayne Community School 7th and 8th grade band students will present a final concert showcasing the work they have accomplished during the Fusion Band project...

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Monday, 4–5 p.m.

Lavender Graduation

The Q Center and the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will host the 3rd annual Lavender Graduation, an LGBTQIA+ inclusive and ally ceremony that is separate from PFW's Commencement...

In a Snap

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



Biology major Allyssa Hennessey shows off her partially completed graduation cap at the SAB cap-decorating event on Thursday. The creation portrays the senior's interest in sea turtle research, with a touch of SpongeBob whimsy.



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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