

## Jospeter Mbuba Purdue Fort Wayne's 2nd Fulbright Recipient for 2023

For the second time in two months, a member of Purdue University Fort Wayne's faculty has received a prestigious Fulbright grant. Jospeter Mbuba, a professor and chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration, was recently notified of his selection for the Fulbright Award to Zimbabwe. His five and a half months devoted to curriculum development at Africa University will begin in August.

"On behalf of Purdue Fort Wayne, I would like to congratulate Dr. Mbuba on receiving this distinction," said Connie Kracher, director of University Research and Innovation. "We are proud of our faculty scholars as they engage in high impact teaching and other academic activities. Jospeter will be building long-lasting collaborations with his international colleagues and we look forward to learning about these experiences when he returns to Fort Wayne."

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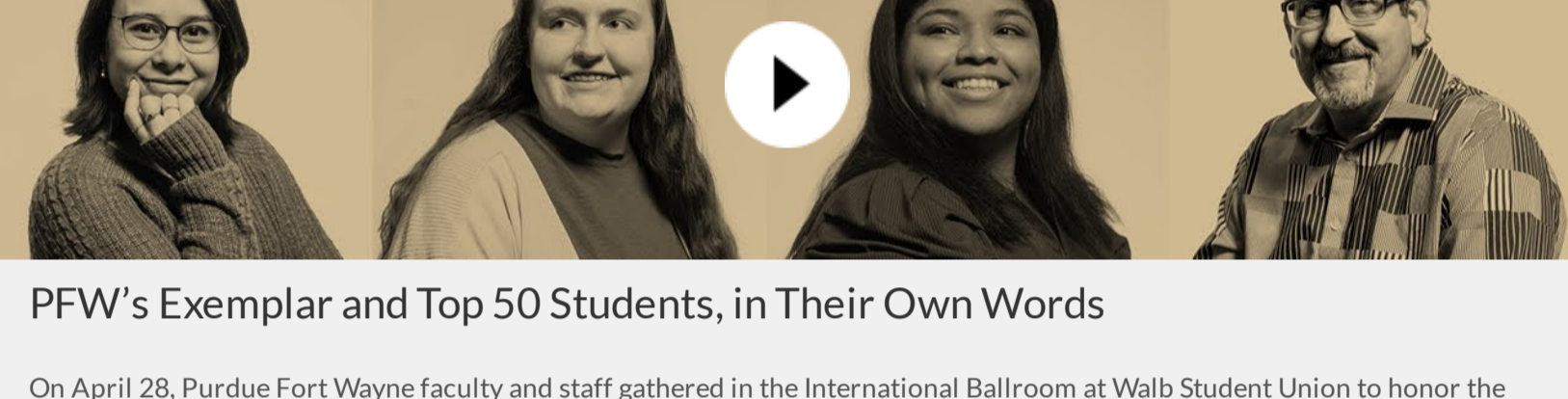
## Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement Highlights the Big Payoff for Grads

In addition to some clear social benefits, students dive into higher education looking to build future opportunity and set up the next phase of their lives. More than 840 of the 1,408 Purdue University Fort Wayne students who have already received, or are on track to receive, a degree this academic year will celebrate the conclusion of their studies Wednesday during the 2023 Commencement at Memorial Coliseum. They're expected to be joined by approximately 8,000 guests.

Then the graduates will spread across the city, the country, and even the world to launch their careers.

Many students representing all six of PFW's colleges and schools have shared how the university helped them prepare for the future. Here are just a few of their stories.

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## PFW's Exemplar and Top 50 Students, in Their Own Words

On April 28, Purdue Fort Wayne faculty and staff gathered in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union to honor the 2022-23 Exemplar and Top 50 recipients. These students not only excel academically, but go above and beyond in their communities.

Each year, college and school deans, department chairs, and/or faculty select a handful of students to be Exemplars. And since 2016, PFW has also recognized via its Top 50 classes a larger group of Mastodons for their enthusiasm and success in making the most of the full college experience. The Top 50 recipients are selected by a committee; these individuals not only have high GPAs, they also excel in university activities, events, and organizations—and through community engagement both here in Fort Wayne and in their hometowns.

Hear from a few of them about what it means and what it takes to achieve these distinctions.

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## Sun Sets on Sunshine the Therapy Dog's Career

When people walk into Helmke Library at Purdue Fort Wayne, they might be surprised to sometimes see a bear-size dog laying on a blanket about 30 feet inside the door.

What in the world?

Except Sunshine, a 150-pound, 7-year-old Newfoundland, is an invited and highly prized guest. She's a therapy dog who has been a frequent visitor to the library over the past six years. During the last two semesters, she made two or three weekly appearances and has been known to interact with as many as 200 students during a visit. Licensed by the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, she's become part of the library family for students, faculty, and staff members who rush to pet or even lie down with her.

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## Summer Hours Set for Some Services

- Dining**
- Don's at Walb | Monday–Friday, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
  - Einstein Bros Bagels and Java Spot will be closed throughout the summer

- Fitness Center**
- Monday–Thursday | 7 a.m.–8 p.m.
  - Friday | 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
  - Saturday | 8 a.m.–2 p.m.
  - Sunday | Noon–5 p.m.

- The Pantry**
- Monday, 2–4 p.m. | Student Housing Clubhouse
  - Thursday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. | Walb Union, Room G36

## 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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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

### Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Skin Cancer Awareness

This workshop will discuss other important factors to take into consideration when spending time outdoors to protect your skin from sun damage. The registration deadline is May 16...

## In a Snap

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



Horizon League Men's Golf Coach of the Year Billy King and his Horizon League team champions react on Wednesday as they are called out during the NCAA Men's Golf Selection Show to play in the East Lansing Regional. A watch party was held at Pine Valley Country Club, celebrating this first in the program's history. The men tee off for the first round of the regional on Monday.

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