



## Employee Discounts for Mastodon Athletics Season Tickets and Group Sales

Season tickets for PFW Athletics are available at a discounted rate for PFW faculty and staff. All season tickets are prioritized, so they provide some of the best seats in the house. Prices are listed below:

- Women's volleyball: \$65
- Men's basketball: \$120
- Women's basketball: \$65
- Men's volleyball: \$65

Group tickets are also available for departments that want to attend games this season. Discounts apply for groups of 10 or more people and provide perks like in-game recognition, tabling opportunities, and more.

All interested employees and/or departments should reach out to the PFW Athletics ticket office at 260-481-5769 or email [aatwood@pfw.edu](mailto:aatwood@pfw.edu) for more information.



## Local Pastor Earns MBA to Serve Congregation

No matter what has been happening in his life, Francois Mikobi has always been able to outlive his circumstances. And there have been many noteworthy challenges.

Mikobi and his family survived civil wars in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to immigrate to America, where he has started an international church representing families from more than 10 countries. He's also earned three degrees from PFW.

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## Jon Coffman Kids Basketball Camp Starts June 12

Boys and girls entering grades 1–8 can enjoy four action-packed days of games, drills, and contests at the Jon Coffman 2023 Kids Camp, June 12–15.

Activities will be held on campus in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse at Gates Sports Center, and campers can choose to attend either the morning (9 a.m.–1 p.m.) or all-day (9 a.m.–3 p.m.) sessions. Children of PFW employees will receive a 10 percent discount by using the promo code: Mastodon.

This year, the doors will open at 8 a.m. every day for on-site registration and the flexibility of early drop off.

Visit the [camp website](#) for more information or to register.

Questions? Contact Isaac Hibbard, camp director, at [hibbir01@pfw.edu](mailto:hibbir01@pfw.edu).

## Upcoming Diversity Trainings

It is imperative for PFW employees to work, communicate, engage, and hire in ways that support the strategic goals of the university. Join representatives of the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and HR-OIE as they jointly present several upcoming workshops.

- **Civility Workshop** | This is an opportunity to shed light on actions and behaviors that can be construed as insensitive or discourteous, and provide ways to avert and respond to behaviors that are contradictory to the university's expectations. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot. Departments can also request the workshop for their specific area.
- **Inclusive Hiring Workshop** | Learn to recognize and minimize biases that can arise in the hiring search process. If you are going to serve on a hiring search committee, or if you just want to learn what it means to conduct an inclusive hiring search, you are encouraged to [register](#).

Questions? Contact Dimples Smith, learning and development director, at [smid@pfw.edu](mailto:smid@pfw.edu).

## Farewell Celebration for James Velez

All faculty and staff are invited to a farewell celebration for James Velez on Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m. in Walb Student Union, Rooms 222–224–226.

Velez has been a staple on campus and in the Division Enrollment Management and the Student Experience for well over a decade, serving as special events coordinator, coordinator of Student Life, assistant director of admissions, and finally director of Student Life. He has poured thousands of hours into his work and made a tremendous impact across campus in all those roles.

## Scholarship Reception for Nancy Mann

Nancy Mann, clinical professor of dental hygiene at Indiana University Fort Wayne, will be honored with a named scholarship at a reception on Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom. The entire campus community is invited.

Mann was an IPFW employee for 20 years prior to the creation of IU Fort Wayne.

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## News Spotlight

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

### Midwest primed to be next frontier for invasive plant kudzu

KTLA-TV | Monday

### The Fort Wayne Philharmonic's move to Auer Performance Hall at PFW brings high-quality performances to the northeast Indiana community

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

### Wise beyond his years: G-C senior is driven to help others, including his five siblings

Greenfield Daily Reporter | May 24

## In a Snap

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



*Bruce Kingsbury, professor of biology and director of the Environmental Resources Center, made a weekend visit to tidy and water the native plants garden newly installed near the center's entrance.*

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