



Back row (left to right): Chris Lowery, commissioner for higher education; Katie Jenner, Indiana secretary of education; Wylie Sirk and Brad Oliver, Purdue Fort Wayne; Amy Heavin, Trine University; Phil Downs, Trine University; Mark Daniel, superintendent of Fort Wayne Community Schools; Oliver Barie, Borrer Public Affairs. Front row (left to right): Rep. Dave Heine; Gov. Eric Holcomb; Marilyn Hissong, superintendent, East Allen County Schools.

## EDUCATION

### PFW Faculty Drive Education Legislation for Transition to Teaching Scholarship Dollars

Whenever Brad Oliver teaches educational policy classes, he describes Chinese finger traps when referencing the relationship between lawmakers and education leaders. Each side sticks a finger in but immediately pulls back because neither wants to give in, meaning they are stuck together in battle.

“That’s education policy in a nutshell,” said Oliver, chair of Purdue University Fort Wayne’s **Department of Counseling and Graduate Education**. “You have practitioners in educators and school administrators, and you have policymakers in legislators, and instead of coming together and talking, they are often working in opposition to one another.”

That makes a recently passed Indiana law more intriguing.

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### Open Forums for Senior HR Business Partner

Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity will host online open forums on Thursday to provide an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet the two finalists for the senior HR business partner position in HR-OIE. The schedule includes:

Tracy Mitchener  
 11–11:30 a.m. | [Open Forum for Staff](#)  
 11:30 a.m.–noon | [Open Forum for Faculty](#)

Jenifer Nicelley  
 3–3:30 p.m. | [Open Forum for Staff](#)  
 3:30–4 p.m. | [Open Forum for Faculty](#)

### Official Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2023–24

The official holiday/recess dates for Purdue University Fort Wayne for fiscal year 2023–24 will be:

- Tuesday, July 4, 2023 | Independence Day
- Monday, September 4, 2023 | Labor Day
- Thursday–Friday, November 23–24, 2023 | Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, December 22, 2023 | President’s Designated Holiday
- Monday–Tuesday, December 25–26, 2023 | Christmas Holiday
- Wednesday–Friday, December 27–29, 2023 | Winter Recess\*
- Monday, January 1, 2024 | New Year’s Day Holiday
- Monday, January 15, 2024 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, May 27, 2024 | Memorial Day

\*The winter recess was approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees at its February 2023 meeting.

### Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee Looking to Revitalize with New Members

A Purdue University Fort Wayne group has been around longer than almost anything else, though most on campus don’t realize it exists. In many ways, the group represents a university cornerstone because of its institutional knowledge and work that affects all Mastodons.

As part of the campus since 1975, the **Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee**. More commonly known as CSSAC, it’s made up of more than 200 employees, including the administrative assistants, clerical, and service staff from each department.

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### State-Required Surveying to Close Venderly Bridge Wednesday and Thursday



The Ron Venderly Family Bridge linking PFW’s main and west campuses will be temporarily closed on Wednesday and Thursday as part of a comprehensive study to evaluate its current condition and determine if any maintenance and repair work will be required in the coming years. This type of surveying by the state is conducted proactively to ensure the safety and longevity of bridges.

### Annual Office Supply Swap Is July 25

Save the date for the annual Office Supply Swap on July 25. Get rid of office supplies you’ve been storing but don’t need—it’s a great way to be green and save the campus money.

1. Drop off your unused/unwanted office supplies in Kettler Hall, G41, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. (They cannot be stored before the sale.)
2. Everything collected will then be organized for “store” hours.
3. Return from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and find items that your office can use. It’s helpful to bring your printer model number when shopping for toner.

These supplies will not be accepted:

- Broken items
- Equipment such as printers and scanners
- Furniture or chairs
- Floor mats
- Clothing, vases, dishes, wicker baskets

Everything is free. Items that have not found new homes will be donated when possible. More expensive items such as toner cartridges will be advertised. Questions? Contact Purchasing at [purchase@pfw.edu](mailto:purchase@pfw.edu).

## On the Job

*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### New Hires

- Tiffany Davis, HR generalist | Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity
- Alison Falls, assistant director of sponsored programs | Office of Sponsored Programs
- Melody Kadenko, post-award manager | Office of Sponsored Programs

### Transfers

- Tamara Davich, administrative assistant | Department of Teacher Education
- China Howard, administrative assistant | Department of Mathematics

## In a Snap

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

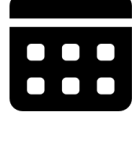


Admissions counselor Griffen Waltmire discusses all the things Purdue Fort Wayne has to offer during the presentation section of a campus visit on Monday.

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