



## PFW's TRIO Upward Bound Program Gives First-Gen High School Students a Taste of College Life

The TRIO Upward Bound program's primary goal is to allow first-generation high school students to experience a college atmosphere, encouraging them to plan for their future. That's why nearly 200 high school students taking part in TRIO programs at seven Indiana universities were on the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus last week as part of a six-week summer program.

Funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant that caps the university's program at 116 high school students, PFW's Upward Bound team and 30 of its summer participants hosted an annual Olympiad last week, which included volleyball, basketball, dodgeball, relay races, debate, math, and a quiz bowl.

"We want to give them the full college experience, taking classes and staying in [Student] Housing for two weeks," said Sunila Chowdhry, director of PFW's program. "They are great kids. They are very passionate about learning and moving forward in life. They are the first in their families to go to college. For those of us who work in the program, our favorite event is going to graduations and seeing them meet that milestone and go into college."

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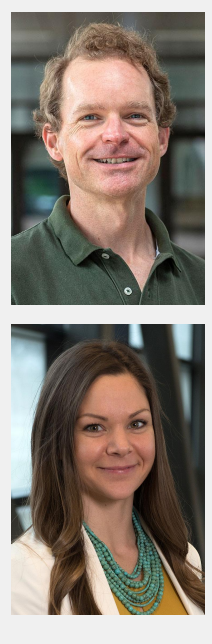


## Helmke Library Wins 2023 EBSCO Solar Grant

Purdue Fort Wayne's Helmke Library has been named one of three recipients of grants from EBSCO Information Services to offset the cost of installing solar panels to help libraries reduce their electricity costs and environmental footprints. PFW is receiving \$135,000 to support its efforts.

"With the assistance of this grant, we can demonstrate the positive impact of solar energy in Indiana and educate our students and community about the importance of doing so," said Mitch Davidson, PFW's associate vice chancellor for ITS and CIO. "This project will reduce CO2 emissions by approximately 25 tons annually, which is a very positive step forward, and it will power all the technology and lighting in Helmke Library as well as a portion of electricity consumed by other building services."

## Recipients Named for 2023 Online Excellence Awards



Purdue University Online and the Office of the Provost have announced the recipients of the 2023 Online Excellence Awards.

Each is intended to recognize professional accomplishment and to promote creative and effective approaches to learning delivered via digital education media. The awards are accompanied by a cash payment of \$2,500 per award, split between multiple team members where applicable.

At Purdue Fort Wayne, Damian Fleming, associate professor, Department of English and Linguistics, and Rachel Ramsey, instructional consultant and designer, CELT, received the Excellence in Online Course Design and Delivery (Credit) award for the course CLCS 205 Classical Mythology.

[View all of the recipients.](#)

## 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.

JUNE  
28  
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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### Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Women's Health—Hormones across the Lifespan

No matter what age you are now, it's important to know how hormones affect your health and well-being in all stages of life...

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