



Exchange Student Ready for Long ‘Winter’ of International Study

According to John Jensen, Purdue University Fort Wayne’s director of the **Study Abroad Program** and its **National Student Exchange program**, 34 Mastodons participated in international programs this summer. The destinations included Costa Rica, Italy, France, Greece, Spain, and China.

And this fall, two more students are headed abroad—one to the United Arab Emirates and another to Argentina. Junior political science major Bobby Way left July 29 to head into South America’s winter. It’s just his luck that he’ll be returning in late November to start North America’s cold season.

Way is so excited, he couldn’t care less what the temperature is in Buenos Aires.

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BBQ to Wrap Up First Student Move-in Day Next Week

It's two of the fastest-moving days of the year at Purdue Fort Wayne, but also two of the most fun.

Move-in days for all student housing locations are Aug. 17 and 18, and your help is needed.

Faculty, staff, and student volunteers are urged to join the "PFW Student Housing Movers and Groovers" during two shifts each day, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and from noon to 3:30 p.m. Faculty and staff are asked to [sign up here to volunteer](#).

A record 1,599 students are scheduled to live in university-contracted housing this fall—Waterfield Campus, Holiday Inn, St. Joe Place, The Arch, and Canterbury. Volunteers can help make move-in as smooth and as seamless as possible, and ensure an enjoyable start to the semester.

There will be a variety of assigned roles—greeters, assisting with handing out room keys, providing directions and information, helping students move their belongings to their rooms via carts, etc. There are assignments for all abilities, and each volunteer will receive a meal and a T-shirt to show their Mastodon spirit.

At the end of the first move-in day on Thursday, there will be a BBQ for faculty, staff, and helpers from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Alumni Plaza outside Walb Student Union to celebrate the start of the fall semester. All faculty and staff are invited, so stop by to grab a bite and a cold drink.

This is expected to be the biggest move-in week in the university's history, so please consider signing up for more than one shift if you are able. This is a great opportunity to welcome our students and their families during a very special time that is both joyful and stressful for them.

[Register for the Aug. 17 Civility Workshop](#)

PFW's next civility workshop will 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. Participants will have an opportunity to assess their civility self-awareness level and engage in activities that help build belonging.

[Click here](#) to reserve your spot for the Aug. 17 session. Departments can also request the workshop for their specific area. Questions can be directed to Dimples Smith, learning and development director, at smid@pfw.edu.

CSSAC Excellence Award Nomination Deadline Extended through Sept. 29

The Purdue Fort Wayne Excellence Award honors administrative and service support staff members for excellence in service to the university community. All fully benefited members of the PFW campus who have completed one year of service are eligible for nomination. Those who receive the award receive both a plaque and a nomination award of \$250.

Previous recipients are not eligible in the three years following their award, but are eligible thereafter. Staff members may nominate themselves or be nominated by another university employee.

The nomination deadline has been extended to 5 p.m. on Sept. 29.

Learn more about the Excellence Award and download nomination forms on the [Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee website](#).

Mastodon Memories

This summer series explores the campus experiences of current PFW faculty and staff who are also alumni.



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The thing Kevin Stoller loves most about attending and now working at Purdue University Fort Wayne are the relationships he's been able to develop. More than just building those relationships that shape his life, they're also helping shape his professional journey.

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Good to Know

Helmke Library

Helmke Library will be closed on Friday (Aug. 11) for a staff in-service day.

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

News Brief | Environmental Resources Center

SOE Newsletter | School of Education

In a Snap

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



A butterfly alights on some of the beautiful vegetation that can be found in Alumni Plaza.



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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