



ITS Nearing Completion of System Upgrades for Classrooms

After significant investment and hard work over the last three years, Information Technology Services has made tremendous headway in the seemingly never-ending process of keeping Purdue University Fort Wayne computers up to date.

“I believe the new investments in classroom technology will provide the tools necessary to contribute very positively to the teaching and learning mission,” said Mitch Davidson, associate vice chancellor for ITS and executive director for distributed campus services.

Brian Spaulding, associate director of technology spaces and Esports, said he estimates 85% of the 150 rooms ITS supports on campus are up to date with digital hardware, which will operate easier for every faculty member and class. The remaining 23 will be completed over the next two years.

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Good Times, in a Kayak, Down by the River

A flotilla of kayaks made its debut Wednesday on the west side of campus near the Ron Venderly Family Bridge. The event, part of Rec Fest, provided plenty of fun, camaraderie, and quiet time down by the St. Joseph River. Be sure to follow WellRec on [Instagram @pfw_wellrec](#) for announcements of future kayaking dates, which are open to faculty, staff, and students.

Watch this video with footage of students enjoying the river and a brief interview with Vice Chancellor Krissy Surface, who took a moment to share why PFW is excited for this new program.

WATCH VIDEO





CAMPUS KICKOFF

Campus Kickoff 2023

The Herd is back! Purdue Fort Wayne celebrated the first day of classes on Monday with Campus Kickoff, a festive gathering on the Science Mall with a variety of games, fun in the sun, and free T-shirts.

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Retirement Reception for Audrey Ushenko

The campus community is invited to a retirement reception for Audrey Ushenko on Aug. 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts Gallery.

A retrospective of Ushenko's work, spanning more than 35 years of her career as an educator and professional artist, is on display in the gallery through Sept. 17.

Next Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Sept. 5

If you would like to have your portrait taken, you may do so Sept. 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

This is a great opportunity for new faculty and staff to have professional portraits taken.

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.

AUGUST

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Mon., Noon–2 p.m.

Mastodon Music Monday

Local recording artist Jonah Baker will present an acoustic session on the Alumni Plaza...

AUGUST

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Tues., Noon–1:30 p.m.

Andy the Mini Therapy Horse

Take a break and spend some time with Andy, a mini therapy horse and he loves getting pets, hugs, and pictures...

News Spotlight

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

Teaching scholarship provides ‘life-changing’ support for aspiring Hoosier educators

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

Purdue Fort Wayne 2023 move-in days highlight record occupancy in student housing

Fort Wayne-area media | Aug. 17 & 18

In a Snap

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



It was high energy on a hot day at the volleyball court, one of the many Rec Fest activities on the Science Mall yesterday. Did you know, the Mastodon Men's Volleyball program has been to six NCAA Final Fours? Check out the schedules for the women's and men's 2023-24 campaigns at gomastodons.com.



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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