



Summer Smash

Check out Shareef and Daniel, members of Purdue Fort Wayne's table tennis club, as they engage in an epic game that takes them all over campus.

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Psychology Major Using Degree to Save Endangered Species

After earning a degree in zoo animal technology, Steve Fosselman was working with African primates at the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo. Though he loved the job, Fosselman also realized he could accomplish more to protect animals if he came to Purdue University Fort Wayne to study—if you can believe it—psychology.

“I felt like I wasn’t making the impact I could,” Fosselman said. “With every keeper talk (presentation) and encounter at the zoo, I poured my heart out trying to connect with each guest. I realized, although important, the people I needed to connect with were those that called that land their home. That is where the discipline of social psychology comes into play.”

Fosselman, B.A. ’22, has a unique interpretation of conservation. Instead of telling people bluntly to stop harvesting natural resources and driving animals into extinction, what if other suggestions could support the planet better?

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Briefly Noted

Helmke Library

Helmke Library will be closed Friday, Aug. 11, for an staff in-service day.

Parking Permits

Parking permits for 2023–24 are now available. **Submit your application** through Qualtrics; paper payroll-deduction applications are not available. Parking tags can be picked up at the police station in the Support Services Building.

Mastodon Memories

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



Daniel Patten, B.A. Psychology '09; B.A. Sociology '10

Assistant professor of criminal justice in the Department of Criminal Justice and Public Administration

Despite having a varied professional background that includes stints in Virginia, Michigan, and Texas, Daniel Patten wanted to come home to be closer to family and friends, and returned to PFW two years ago to teach criminal justice.

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In a Snap

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



Sunny hibiscus flowers in the Alumni Plaza—just another example of how beautiful the Purdue Fort Wayne campus is all year-round.

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