

For Faculty and Staff

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Help Make Our Students Feel Welcome during Move-in Days, Aug. 17–18

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.

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.

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**.

Remember, the more people who sign up, the less work and more rewarding it is for everyone. At the end of the first move-in day on Aug. 17, there will be a BBQ for all 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. Food wins! So stop by to grab a bite and a cold drink.

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.

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.



ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Sophomore Steps up to Lead New ETCS Summer Camp Program

A number of years ago, shortly after his grandfather introduced him to computers, soon-to-be sophomore Brian Waltz started working with his three younger siblings to teach them some skills. Then he did the same thing as a middle and high school student with classmates.

For the past five years, serving first as a camper and then as a counselor with Purdue University Fort Wayne's engineering and computer science exploration camps, Waltz's talents have been on display. When he started attending PFW last fall, representatives of the university's **College of Engineering**, **Technology**, **and Computer Science** quickly drafted him to help with their outreach programs.

"We have all known that Brian was so beyond his year in his knowledge of computer science and technology," said Janet North, ETCS outreach program coordinator. "He never stops thinking about the next way to improve or invent a program, even while he was still in high school. I am in awe of his abilities and accomplishments."

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Volunteers Needed for Military Appreciation Day



Military Student Services will host Military Appreciation Day on Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will honor campus veterans and military-affiliated students, staff, and faculty. Volunteers are needed to help make this event successful. **Sign up here**.

The goal is to help bridge the gap between military/veteran students and more traditional students. There will also be several demonstrations, activities, and events that will provide an opportunity to learn about the university's military/veteran community.

Register for Fall Community Arts Academy Classes Today



Helping youth find their passion in the arts is now easier thanks to a new PFW Community Arts Academy mobile-friendly online store. PFW faculty and staff get first crack at fall classes. **Registration is open now**.

Veteran instructors Gloria Minnich, Morgan Schrock, and Ramie Kuhns return this year for Saturday morning theatre, art, and

movement classes. Classes are now 'stacked' so kids can try two different genres back-to-back—art and drama or movement and art.

In a Snap

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



Professor Scott Bergeson took his biology students out in the field near Cedar Creek to study bats, whose populations have been decimated by a highly contagious disease. Here, as the sun sets, Bergeson demonstrates how to set up a trapping apparatus consisting of tall poles and soft netting.

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