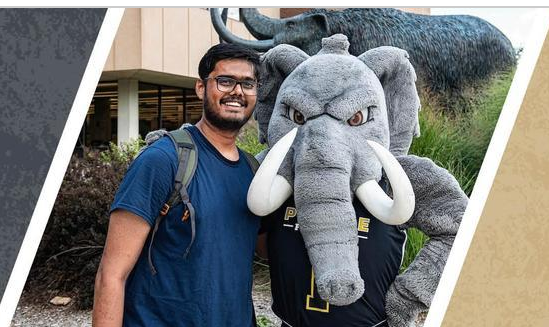


donlife



For Students

October 11, 2023



PFW Student-Athletes Support Grannan in 'Stars' Spotlight

Kim Grannan knew precisely whom she wanted to recruit when she committed to last week's Dancing with the Fort Wayne Stars competition to benefit The Carriage House.

Grannan, Purdue University Fort Wayne's chief of staff to the chancellor and community relations officer, wanted to showcase PFW student-athletes along with her dancing skills and asked the coaches if they thought any of their team members might want to participate. The athletes mostly agreed, to a point.

"Our part is self-explanatory, just basketball stuff," women's basketball player Sydney Graber said. "If I had to actually dance, I'd be freaking out because I have no rhythm, no beat, no anything."

[READ STORY](#)



TechHub Completing Transformation in Updated Space

A couple of times a day, a few of the burgeoning number of Purdue University Fort Wayne esports players will wonder what's going on next door and stick their heads inside out of curiosity.

What they find is worth checking out.

After starting renovations during the spring semester, work is now virtually complete on the **IT Services' TechHub**, which is located on the second floor of Walb Student Union, Room 220. A significant investment in hardware and resources was spent on renovations and purchasing equipment. The new TechHub name is an umbrella for the existing Mastodon Makerlab, PFW Esports, and the newly revitalized Studio M. An open house will be held Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

[READ STORY](#)



First-Generation Celebration Nov. 8

In observance of the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965, signed into law on Nov. 8 of that year, and its creation of the term “first-generation college student,” the entire campus community is invited to celebrate Purdue University Fort Wayne’s vibrant and thriving first-generation students, faculty, staff, and graduates.

A First-Generation Celebration will take place Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The event will include a photo booth, lunch, a group photo, and a panel discussion.

For more information, contact Shubitha Kever, associate chief diversity officer, at kevers@pfw.edu.



Students Encouraged to Participate in Strategic Planning

On the surface, strategic planning might sound like something just for university leaders, faculty, and staff. At Purdue Fort Wayne, that couldn't be further from the truth. The goal of the Oct. 30 strategic planning meeting called *Forward Together* is to do what the name of the opportunity suggests—build a shared vision for PFW's future that reflects the valued contributions and input from all members of the university community, not just those at the top of the organizational chart. This is a great chance for students to have their voices heard, and many have already signed up to attend.

Everything takes place on Oct. 30—less than three weeks from today—in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A light breakfast, lunch, and refreshments will be provided. Take some time to review *Empowering Transformation, Strategic Plan 2020–25*, and if you haven't already, register by clicking on the gold button below.

For any questions or suggestions, contact strategic planning design committee cochairs Farah Combs at combsf@pfw.edu, Joel Givens at givensj@pfw.edu, and Shubitha Kevers at kevers@pfw.edu.

REGISTER HERE

Participate, Volunteer, and be Recognized at Serving Those Who Serve Brunch on Nov. 9

Are you—or someone you know—in a service-related field of study? Do you currently serve in the community, the military, or do you wish to move into public or community service?

Military Student Services and the Student Government Association are looking for volunteers who would be willing to provide short bios, along with a photo. They are also seeking a few students to take part in a short in-person interview. All information

will be included in a slideshow at the third annual Serving Those Who Serve Brunch on Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

If interested, contact the Office of Military Student Services at mss@pfw.edu or Nicole Welsh, senior compliance officer, at welsnr01@pfw.edu with your name, service-related career field or major, a two-to-three sentence bio describing why you serve or why you decided to go into this field of study, and a high-resolution profile photo by Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.



Adopt-a-Don for the Holidays

The **Adopt-a-Don** project is an assistance program that aids selected students and their families during the holiday season. Through this campaign, students/student organizations, faculty, staff, and campus departments, are invited to assist recipients with toys, clothing, and household needs.

A maximum amount of \$250 is allowed per family. Donated gifts and items should be unopened, bagged, and/or wrapped upon delivery. The deadline for registration is Oct. 20.

If you have questions, contact women@pfw.edu.

ADOPT-A-DON SIGN-UP

Herd That

The student experience is a big part of who we are as Mastodons. Here's one of our stories.



Grandparents, PFW Help Biology Major Enhance Love of Agriculture

One of Josh Handshoe's earliest memories was his grandmother asking him as a young child to remove the "tomato worms" from the plants. Walking rows of vines twice his size, he laughed as white butterflies landed, tickling his hands.

There's a reason Handshoe studies biology with a concentration in genetics and molecular biology at Purdue University Fort Wayne, serves as president of the biology club, and wants to continue to graduate school.

He recently received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Fort Wayne chapter of The Gardeners of America. Handshoe's eventual goal is working in industrial agriculture, hoping to do large-scale food production, especially in urban areas.

[READ STORY](#)

Don Dates

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the [Don Dates](#) website often to see what's happening on campus.

OCTOBER

12

Minor Match-Up

Talk with minors and certificate programs available at PFW to learn how you can add them to customize your degree and achieve your personal academic and career goals. Lunch and refreshments will be provided...

OCTOBER

12

Thurs., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Bands Concert I

The concert will feature the music of Giroux’s off-kilter Tiger Tail March, John Mackey’s brilliant Aurora Awakes, and Symphony No. 3 by Russian composer Boris Kozhevnikov. Free Admission for PFW Students with ID...

OCTOBER

13

Fri., 7–10 p.m.

Comer al Ritmo

Comer al Ritmo means “eat to the beats” in Spanish and is The Multicultural Center’s premier inaugural Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Dinner will be provided by La Catrina Food Truck LLC, dance instruction and music by Unify Ballroom Dancesport Center, and three Latino faculty/staff will...

Mastodon Moments

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



Numerous board game players gathered in the Walb Student Union atrium on Friday for one of the monthly **Spielfreaks** campus/community board game nights.

Athletics



Don Dates



News Center



Don Life is an official university communication sent weekly on Wednesday to all currently enrolled students. Don Life Special Edition is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE

