



*Drone image of Pampa la Cruz Monticulo (photo courtesy of the Proyecto Arqueológico Huanchaco)*

## PFW Professor Digs What Archaeology Magazine Considers a Top Discovery of This Century

Clearly, 76 more years is a pretty long time to stick around on any ranking of things taking place in the 21st century, but an archaeology project with a direct link to Purdue University Fort Wayne has already made a compelling argument for permanent inclusion on one such list.

When Rick Sutter, PFW professor of anthropology, met Oscar Gabriel Prieto in 2011, they were working on an archaeology project on the north coast of Peru. They had no idea their collaboration on another nearby project would soon achieve international acclaim, being called by Archaeology Magazine in 2021 one of the “Top 10 discoveries of the decade.”

National Geographic, CNN, and Smithsonian Magazine have also highlighted their work at the Huanchaco Archaeological Project, and Discover Magazine described it in 2022 as one of five interesting archaeological discoveries within the last decade.

[READ STORY](#)



## New Requirements for Bringing Food Trucks to Campus

A recent change implemented by Purdue University means any food truck selling food and beverages on a system campus, including the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus, will be required to gain preapproval through the Strategic Sourcing office in West Lafayette. This process is intended to ensure consistent and safe practices for sales by external vendors, and to ensure compliance with system and state guidelines.

In the coming weeks, a list of **preapproved vendors** will grow to include businesses from northeast Indiana, many of whom PFW hosts regularly. Some of those vendors have already been contacted and asked to submit the required documentation. Criteria for preapproval and additional information may be requested by contacting Lisa Zerkle, director of special events and campus emergency preparedness, at [lisa.zerkle@pfw.edu](mailto:lisa.zerkle@pfw.edu). Questions may also be emailed to the Strategic Sourcing office in West Lafayette at [hfs-FSBuyers@groups.purdue.edu](mailto:hfs-FSBuyers@groups.purdue.edu).

Food being provided on campus free of charge by a host group, department, unit, student organization, third party, etc., does not need to come from a preapproved source; however, using vendors from the preapproved list is strongly encouraged.

Any food truck or vendor can work directly with the Strategic Sourcing office to request addition to the list. Once approved, the vendor will then submit a per event registration using [this link](#).





## 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, faculty, staff, campus departments, and/or students and student organizations 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](mailto:women@pfw.edu).

[ADOPT A DON SIGN-UP](#)

## Good to Know

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### PERF Retirement Program Overview Is Friday

Join Jennifer Lowery from Indiana Public Retirement System for a special Public Employees Retirement Fund program overview Friday at 10 a.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. PERF participants will have the opportunity to learn more about their retirement program and retirement income options.

# Featured Events

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*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.*

OCTOBER

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Sun., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

## Jazz Ensemble: Shades of Blue and Latin Jazz

Purdue Fort Wayne's premier jazz ensemble will present a program featuring blues and Latin styles...

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OCTOBER

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Wed., 6–8 p.m.

## TRIO Book Launch

TRIO Student Support Services students have written personal narratives about what it's like to be the first person in their family to go to college. "Every Student Has a Story: Personal Narratives from First-Generation College Students - Volume II" is a collection of essays about...

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OCTOBER

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Wed., 4:30–6:30 p.m.

## Diversity Experience

This event will highlight the university's commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. The evening will showcase diverse student talent, department and program initiatives, and remarks from campus leaders. RSVP by Oct. 16...

# On the Job

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*Check out the new faces in new places.*

## New Hires

- Natalie Handschu, assistant registrar-operations and systems | Registrar

## Transfers

- Maureen Linvill, director of international education | Office of International Education

# News Spotlight

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

## Community Research Institute measures economic impact of 122nd Fighter Wing

Fort Wayne-area media | Monday

## Dons row, row, row their boats at 'Day on the River'

Fort Wayne-area media | Sept. 28

# In a Snap

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



Students in professor Ryan Farber's astronomy class lined up to a special telescope for a clear view of sunspot activity on Tuesday.

News Center



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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