



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."

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Everyone Can Play an Important Part in Strategic Planning

On the surface, something like strategic planning might sound like an exercise reserved exclusively for senior leaders. 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.

In less than three weeks, faculty, staff, and students will have the chance to participate in this important dialogue. Take some time to review *Empowering Transformation, Strategic Plan 2020-25*, and if you haven't already, register today 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 Keever at keevers@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.

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.

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Tues., noon–1 p.m.

Banned Books Discussion

This discussion will center on the current state of banned books in America and why these books have caused a stir...

OCTOBER

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Wed., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Rorem and Friends: A Centennial Celebration

Vocal students will present songs by Ned Rorem and the friends who inspired his compositions. This recital celebrates the life and legacy of the Indiana-born composer through his vocal music...

OCTOBER

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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...

In a Snap

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



Buck Jordan, director of the Doermer School of Business Student Success Center and advising, escorted his business class from the Liberal Arts Building lecture hall to the grassy lawn of the Science Mall on Friday to enjoy what might have been one of the last warm days of fall.



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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