



Global Student Celebration to Cap Off International Education Week

The **Global Student Celebration** is always a much-anticipated opportunity for Purdue University Fort Wayne's international students to show off their culture and friendship via poetry, fashion, cooking—and yes—dancing. This year's celebration will take place Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union and includes traditional clothing, food, and all kinds of displays highlighting the students' home countries.

Nirja Shah, president of the **International Student Organization**, and Ebenezer Amartey, president of the **African Students Organization**, will serve as emcees for Friday's event. The cuisine comes from sources throughout northeast Indiana. Usually, the vendors take extra time to design and show off their creations. Student entry is free; staff, faculty, and community members are asked to donate one non-perishable food item to the FRIENDS of the University Pantry.

International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, is being celebrated through Friday at universities nationwide. Activities at PFW honor students who hail from 63 different countries this semester and make up 7% of PFW's enrollment. The campus observance started Monday with Global Awareness Day and continued Tuesday with a Diversity and Cultural Student Organizations Fair. Up next is **International Trivia** on Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m.

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Future Educator Guided by Spirit and Strong Will

Elizabeth Farlow woke up on Jan. 15, 2015, feeling a twinge in her shoulder blade. After the pain worsened while she was in the shower, her parents suggested she lie down after taking a couple of pain relievers. A short time later, Farlow found herself unable to reach over to shut off an alarm that had just sounded. She had no strength in her neck muscles, a little movement in her arms at the elbows, but no control.

After eliminating everything else, doctors suggested transverse myelitis, a spinal cord inflammation that sometimes happens two weeks after infections or in people with autoimmune diseases. Though Farlow had not been sick, tests showed pneumonia antibodies in her spinal fluid.

Regardless, Farlow, who's now a sophomore at Purdue University Fort Wayne, has been paralyzed from the chest down since age 11. Since then, she's needed to use a wheelchair but has never allowed it to contain her. Farlow remembers her fifth-grade classmates sending cards and gifts with a few of the notes suggesting they wished it happened to them instead.

"The reality is, I wouldn't wish this on anyone," Farlow said. "I told people I was glad it was me and not any of my friends or family. I think I was able to handle it better than most. I'm told that it is special, and I realize that it is, but what else would I do? I can't do anything about it except try to push past it."

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Keep Checking 'Other' Tab if Focused Inbox Option Reenabled

As of late last week, the Focused Inbox option in Microsoft Outlook is no longer the default setting for Purdue Fort Wayne email users. For anyone who prefers this option, and has also reenabled it manually, continue to check the emails that populate the 'Other' tab. Based on algorithms developed by Microsoft, certain mass emails sent to large distribution groups—including important university communications—may be delivered to the Other tab instead of the Focused tab, if the Focused Inbox option is selected.

Remember, an active Other tab may include emails containing vital and/or time-sensitive information. Communications delivered to the Other tab are not spam or junk.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Focused Inbox option in Outlook.

Save up to 30% during the Mastodon Campus Store Friends and Family Sale

The holidays are just around the corner! Grab some fantastic Purdue Fort Wayne-branded clothing and gifts at low prices during the **Mastodon Campus Store Friends and Family Sale**—online only—Nov. 22–27.

Use the code FRIENDSFAM23 to save 20% off one, 25% off two, or 30% off three or more items.

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.

NOVEMBER

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Thurs., 6–8 p.m.

Friendsgiving

Join the College of Liberal Arts Student Affairs Committee for Friendsgiving! Open to all COLA students. Decorate cookies and get to know your faculty and peers...

NOVEMBER

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Sun.. 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Jazz Combo Concert

The PFW Jazz Combo presents a concert of classic jazz repertoire from the 1950s to the present. Individual improvisational creativity is explored in a variety of styles including bebop, modal, Latin jazz, and jazz-funk...

NOVEMBER

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Tues., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Talent Tuesday: Meet Your Next Employer

Speak with employers who are offering internship positions and part-time and full-time positions that you wouldn't get the chance to know about otherwise...

NOVEMBER

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Tues., 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble Concert

Student musicians in the percussion ensemble will take your ears on a journey through different tonal landscapes and an exploration of textural differences of varied, struck materials...

Mastodon Moments

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



Sebastien Wilson, senior political science major, and Eric Manor, director of Well-being and Recreation, roll very full carts to stock the FRIENDS of the University Pantry. Some of these items helped PFW finish second overall—first among Fort Wayne colleges and universities—in the 2023 **U Can Crush Hunger** campaign.

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