

For Faculty and Staff November 30, 2023



Family Provides Primary Inspiration for PFW Ceramics Professor

Like any artist, Seth Green pulls from multiple inspirations to create his signature pottery style. He talks about leaning into his Christian faith, discovering distinctive church spires in Prague, experiencing a sun-silhouetted lighthouse in Chile, and studying other international architecture to help develop the rituals, symbolism, and ceremonies of his craft.

And, of course, he keeps his family close to heart. Green, an associate professor of ceramics at Purdue University Fort Wayne, and his wife, Julianne, have been married for 22 years. Their children are SeAnna, 12, Jeran, 9, Jillian, 7, and Scott, 3.

"Everything I do, like coming to work every day, I do because I know I have a family at home to provide for, to pay the mortgage and to buy food and clothes and all the extra things that come up," Green said. "I feel really blessed to be able to do it and make a living as an artist."



Tonight's Goldstock '23 Promises Peace, Music, and Homegrown Talent

Asked to be recorded for a music class, Natalie Dominiak was surprised when someone suggested she might recruit a band to back her vocals. Though just a freshman at the time, Dominiak already knew good musicians from her classes and asked bass guitar player Eleysha Lee, drummer Michael Boyd, and two others if they'd mind joining in.

"I felt like I was supposed to be playing with them the rest of my life," Lee said of that initial experience. "The chemistry was there. You can play with other people, and it doesn't click this fast, but playing with them, we were locked in from day one."

As Boyd said, they were all in the same place during their musical journeys, trying to find someone to grow with, and the band presented that opportunity.

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Good to Know

Sherif Elfayoumy, the Steel Dynamics Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science at Purdue University Fort Wayne, was named a recipient of the Professional Award in Computer Science & Engineering from the J.B. Speed School of Engineering at the University of Louisville on Oct. 27. Elfayoumy earned a Ph.D. in computer science and engineering, and master's in computer science, from the university.

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

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.

DECEMBER

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Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fall 2023 Honors Program Showcase

The Honors Project is the capstone educational experience for the Honors Program and the final step the student must take to earn the Honors Certificate and Honors Medal...

DECEMBER

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Mon., noon-1 p.m.

Healthy Boiler Workshop: The Art of Kindness

There's one gift that you can give to family, friends, and strangers year-round—the gift of kindness. Learn strategies to be more intentional about practicing kindness in your life and turning it into a habit. Register by Friday...

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Tues. & Wed., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Fall Ceramics Club Pottery Sale

Choose from among an array of handcrafted pottery and find the perfect gift for the holidays. Profits from the sale will help support students as they travel to Richmond, Virginia, for the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference...

DECEMBER

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Tues, noon-1:30 p.m.

DEI Talk Series: Am I Privileged?

All are invited to participate in a 30-45 minute talk with Honors Program Director Farah Amer Combs, senior lecturer and coordinator of Arabic. Combs will share her personal journey as an immigrant, shedding light on the challenges she has faced...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Jami Black, administrative assistant | First Year Advising Center
- Savana Gonzales, academic advisor | First Year Advising Center
- Linsi Kinney, academic advisor | First Year Advising Center
- Kathleen Pifko, administrative assistant | Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:



News Spotlight

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

Aquatic sector of vital importance as world seeks sustainable solutions

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Tuesday

Foreign students need help in adjusting to campus life

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

Farlow's fossil: Auburn geology professor honored with named fossil

The Star (subscription required) | Friday

In a Snap

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



Helmke Library is showing holiday cheer as Melissa Minser, senior library assistant, flashes a smile from the front desk.

News Center



Events Calendar



Athletics



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