



Payton Offers Cybersecurity Advice during Omnibus Presentation

To illustrate a point during an classroom session Tuesday afternoon, technology and cybersecurity expert Theresa Payton was talking about how artificial intelligence is exploding into many parts of our existence.

“If I want to know what the weather is before I go on my run this morning, I could look up the news, or turn on the news, or ask Siri,” Payton said as an example.

Within seconds, a voice piped up from her phone sitting 10 feet away, “It is currently 54 degrees.” Once the students stopped laughing, Payton said, “They are always listening, always listening.”

Later in the evening, Payton took her turn as the second presenter in the 2023–24 Purdue University Fort Wayne Omnibus Speaker Series at Auer Performance Hall. Most casual internet users have no idea about the predominance of artificial intelligence in their lives, but the former chief information officer in the George W. Bush White House warned her audiences about how AI helps cybercriminals. They often use tools such as voice imitation, manipulation, and misinformation to rob their victims.

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Learning Experiences Key Focus of Farm to School Summit

Teachers are supposed to inspire their students, but it also works in reverse, which is why Purdue University Fort Wayne will host its first-ever **Farm to School Summit** on Nov. 14. Sponsored by the School of Education and starting at 2 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union, the event gathers local experts to discuss the possibilities for getting local food into schools and institutions, sustainable food systems, and the importance of providing learning experiences for children at area gardens and farms.

"I just feel like this generation is much more environmentally aware," said Julia Smith, PFW assistant professor of early childhood development. "These young people are coming out and speaking up for the environment. If we can give them some ideas of ways where they can push back a little bit against that more conventional thinking in education, they might just say, 'Hey, let's go back to the basics and look at the beautiful environment we have and how can we teach from this?'"

Topics at the summit include school gardens, food and farming curriculum, and local food procurement in schools. The free event is scheduled to finish by 5:30 p.m.

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Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium Information Workshops Next Week

The **27th Annual Student Research and Creative Endeavor Symposium** will highlight the incredible work undertaken by our talented students. It will serve as a platform to present their research and creative projects through poster presentations—fostering intellectual discourse and promoting collaboration between faculty and students.

To help gain a better understanding of what the symposium has to offer, two information workshops will take place in the Honors Center at Helmke Library, Room 212, on these days:

- Wednesday | noon–1 p.m.
- Thursday | 11 a.m.–noon

These workshops are open to faculty and staff, and will provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about the March 22 event.

As an added bonus, free pizza will be provided—so bring your appetite for fascinating conversations, inspiring projects, and delicious food. For any questions or further information, **[check out the website](#)**.



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Mon., 5:30–9:30 p.m.

CPR, AED, and First Aid Certification Class

The American Heart Association Basic Life Support and First Aid classes teaches basic life-support techniques—including CPR using various methods to assist victims of all ages—and how to operate an automated external defibrillator. A CPR Completion Card...

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Mon., 7–8 p.m.

Pop 'n' Rock Supershow #1

Popular music ensembles will perform an evening of Pop 'n' Rock covers and original music in their first "Supershow" of the school year...

News Spotlight

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

Experts weigh in on Pence's loss and future

Indiana Public Media | Nov. 1

Why do we feel phantom vibrations from our phones?

WCCO (CBS News Minnesota) | Oct. 30

In a Snap

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



The Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience invited students to a free Thanksgiving-style meal served by PFW faculty and staff on Tuesday. Turkey and all the fixings were served up in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

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