



Faculty, Staff Play Important Roles in Early Registration

Even if it's not considered an essential job function for every individual employed by the university, supporting students in their pursuit of a degree is at the core of what all faculty and staff do.

The early registration window for the 2024 spring semester opened for certain priority groups this week. Next up on Monday—starting at 8 a.m.—juniors, honors students, student-athletes, and students with disabilities will have their chance to begin reserving a spot in the classes they want at the times they need.

A simple reminder can be just the word of encouragement our students need. Don't miss this chance to make all members of the campus community feel valued and supported.

New Series Explores 'How We Work'

How much do you really know about Purdue Fort Wayne—the university's daily operations, its support for students and employees, its engagement in the community, and its various achievements? Beginning today, a new series called "How We

Work” will share a few of those stories covering themes such as:

- Behind-the-scenes collaborations
- Things our units, programs, departments, schools, or colleges do to bolster student achievement and success
- Little-known accomplishments, especially those that raise Purdue Fort Wayne’s profile

In some cases, you may even come to the realization that “I didn’t know Purdue Fort Wayne did this!” To kick it all off, read below about the work being done to get PFW in position to start construction on its new on-campus music technology building.

How We Work



Planning for New Music Technology Building Reaches Key Phase

When prospective students visit the Purdue Fort Wayne Sweetwater Music Center, John Buteyn goes into his pitch.

“Well, now that you’ve been blown away by how awesome this place is,” the director of the popular music, music industry and music technology programs at PFW says, “just imagine we’re going to have a place three or four times this size in a couple of years.”

That will be the \$22 million, 26,000-square-foot **music technology building**, funded in part by matching \$3 million

contributions from Chuck and Lisa Surack and the Auer Foundation. University officials plan to break ground in mid-2024 with a projected fall 2027 opening.

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PFW Graduate Students Offering Computer Programming Consulting

The product of a collaboration between the Department of Computer Science and Helmke Library, Purdue University Fort Wayne is offering computer programming consulting to help staff, faculty, and students with teaching and research projects.

Computer science graduate students Abdul Jawad Mohammed and Vibhor Gupta work out of the library's digital arts and humanities lab, room 418. Hours are Mondays 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. To request a consultation, visit library.pfw.edu/CS_Consultant.

Support can be provided in extracting data from multiple sources, creating databases, presenting data through visualizations and dashboards, creating computational models in Python or similar languages, and assisting in web development and design of PFW-hosted pages. Other services offered include assisting with software and application development, assisting with senior capstone and graduate student theses, and recommending digital resources, platforms, and tools.

Appointments with the consultants are required.

New Campus Research Journal Starting Publication



Michele Shawver had an idea she couldn't get out of her head. While attending a conference several years ago, she was intrigued by another university's peer-reviewed journal publication and loved the idea of bringing it to Purdue University Fort Wayne.

But then Shawver switched positions, becoming the Chapman Scholars Program director, and life got a little busier. No matter how occupied her calendar became, the idea wouldn't go away until last fall when she pitched it to the 24 Chapman Scholars. Seven students saw the potential and became the first executive board members.

The first-ever **Summit City Journal: A Student Research Publication**, meant to showcase student research and creative endeavors of all disciplines in an online format, will be posted online in the near future, including three essays and two art pieces. Kendra Roberts critiques “Mulan” as a feminist film, Cassidy Bigelow examines the issue of queer representation in “Stranger Things” and the “It” franchise, and Maddie Boesch writes about “Sexual Education in the United States: A Need for Change.” The first edition concludes with two drawings from Francesca Carlo.

Though there’s no definitive publication date, **plans are already rolling for next year’s efforts**, with a Feb. 1 submission deadline.

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Less Than 2 Hours Remain to Register for Monday’s Strategic Planning Meeting

The goal of Monday’s strategic planning meeting called *Forward Together* is to do what the name 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.

Strengthen your understanding of PFW’s ongoing efforts by reviewing ***Empowering Transformation, Strategic Plan 2020–25***, and if you haven’t already, register by clicking on the gold button below by noon today.

Questions? Contact strategic planning design committee cochairs Farah Combs at combsf@pfw.edu, Joel Givens at givensj@pfw.edu, and Shubitha Keever at kevers@pfw.edu.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

First-Generation Celebration

In observance of the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965, signed into law on Nov. 8 of that year, and its creation of the term “first-generation college student,” the entire campus community is invited to celebrate Purdue University Fort Wayne’s vibrant and thriving first-generation students, faculty, staff, and graduates.

A **First-Generation Celebration** will take place Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The event will include a photo booth, lunch, a group photo, and a panel discussion.

For more information, contact Shubitha Kever, associate chief diversity officer, at kevers@pfw.edu.



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Mastodon Student-Athlete Gear Available Through Athlete’s Thread

Purdue Fort Wayne Athletics and Athlete’s Thread have announced a Name, Image and Likeness licensed merchandise program featuring Mastodon student-athletes.

The new partnership will sell NIL licensed products for every Mastodon sport. New gear featuring Mastodon names and numbers will be added continuously as student-athletes opt to sign with Athlete's Thread. As of now, men's basketball and women's basketball student-athletes have licensed gear available for purchase. Fans can purchase replica jerseys, sweatshirts, graphic t-shirts, sherseys, and more.

Check out the current items.

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.

OCTOBER

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Mon., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Orchestra Hallowe'en Concert

This concert is in celebration of Hallowe'en—anyone who wants to celebrate by attending in costume is encouraged to do so. The program features music of Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninoff, Mussorgsky, and Berlioz. The featured soloist is Dr. Jonathan Young, piano...

NOVEMBER

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Wed., 11:30–11:40 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: 10-Minute Dance Fitness Workout

Let's dance for fun and fitness! Take a 10-minute break from work and join health coach Lindsay Bloom via Zoom to move your body. Participate in a variety of workouts over the course of the month...

News Spotlight

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

The Dekko Foundation awards \$90,000 to Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

Fox 55 | Friday

Conservation Conversation promotes sustainability through hope and effort

In a Snap

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



One of the features of the Chancellor's Chili Fest on Tuesday was a photo "booth" with fun props.

News Center



Events Calendar



Athletics



Ripples



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