

For Faculty and Staff

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Purdue Fort Wayne Adding 2 Health Care Business Options to Course Catalogue

The Doermer School of Business at Purdue University Fort Wayne is adding two new undergraduate options for students wishing to pursue degrees and employment in the health care field. Both will be available for the upcoming spring semester.

Recognizing the essential role health care plays region-wide, and its increasing demand for trained professionals, PFW will offer a health care administration concentration as part of an existing management major, and a minor in health care decision making, which will be available to students from any major. The minor will be offered both online and in-person. The **Doermer School of Business** has achieved accredited status from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business for its bachelor of science in business and MBA degrees.

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Why We Choose to Move Forward Together

Why do faculty and staff find working at Purdue Fort Wayne to be so rewarding? What excites them about the university's future? What makes our students so special? Watch *Forward Together*, a video that helped kick off Monday's strategic planning meeting, and find out.

WATCH VIDEO



Favorite Role Leads PFW Professor Back to the Stage

When he couldn't find a good fit for the part during student auditions for the "Urinetown, The Musical" character Lockstock, show director John O'Connell tried a longshot. Dean of Purdue University Fort Wayne's College of Visual and Performing Arts, O'Connell met with Jeff Casazza, a professor of theatre and accomplished director himself with more than 20 Department of Theatre productions under his belt. Though Casazza has never acted on PFW's stage, O'Connell already knew Casazza was an excellent performer, he loved the play, and especially the part.

Casazza replied, "Ah ... Oohhh ... I don't know about that," O'Connell recalled, knowing he'd offered him an intriguing opportunity.

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Annual Brunch Thanks Those Who Serve Community

Purdue University Fort Wayne's third annual "Serving Those Who Serve" bunch will be held Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Organized by **Military Student Services** and sponsored by PFW's Student Government Association, the event honors all students in service-oriented degree programs or careers including, but not limited to, education, nonprofit, the military, healthcare, or any field where service is provided to the community.

Representatives from PFW, Indiana University Fort Wayne, and community leaders will serve a complimentary brunch to those attending as a thank-you. The list of dignitaries holding the spoons and spatulas is highlighted by PFW Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer, members of his cabinet, and other university leaders including deans from the related fields of study.

"The brunch is becoming a signature event on campus," said Michael Kirchner, director of Military Student Services. "It has a special kind of purpose, which ties together so many people."

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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.

6 Mon., 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Art of Hope

This exhibition joins the arts and mental health to raise awareness and inspire hope. The exhibit will run through Jan. 7, 2024. Artist reception on Nov. 6 from 5 to 8 p.m..

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Mon., 11:30–1:40 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: 10-Minute Strength Workout

Take a 10-minute break from work to move your body. This workout focuses on building strength. Participate in a variety of workouts over the course of the month. Registration required...

In a Snap

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



Eve Colchin, director of development, and Ryan McCombs, director of the Disability Access Center, display their table's pictorial answers to the questions "Who are you?," "Why did you come to the meeting today?," and "How do you want to feel at the end of today's meeting?" during the morning session of Monday's strategic planning meeting, Forward Together.

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