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PFW Computer Science Majors Fare Well in Big Competitions

Maybe last spring's results should have been a hint. Purdue University Fort Wayne's **National Cyber League** team finished 36th out of 315 in a major cybersecurity competition, which was PFW's best finish since it first fielded an NCL team in 2018.

That outcome came in the more challenging experienced division because one team member held a job in cybersecurity. Not surprisingly, there were high hopes for this fall's NCL competition that took place Nov. 3-5. This semester's PFW team participated in the inexperienced (undergrad) division, though it did include an intimidating 1,062 total combatants.

PFW's collection of computer science majors matched last spring's performance to finish 36th again despite the increase in competitors.

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Good to Know

Social Media Office Hour is Today

Campus social media publishers are invited to attend a monthly virtual office hour led by the Office of Communications and Marketing's social media specialist, Dave Fenker. The next meeting is at 2 p.m. today, via **Microsoft Teams**.

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Today

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so today 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.

How We Work

How much do you really know about Purdue Fort Wayne? The "How We Work" series explores some of the untold stories about the university's daily operations, its support for students and employees, its engagement in the community, and its various achievements. In some cases, you may even come to the realization that "I didn't know Purdue Fort Wayne did this!"



PFW Connects Takes Old Idea and Pushes It Forward

When Allie Lane came to Purdue University Fort Wayne in January from the Fort Wayne Mad Ants of minor league basketball, she figured the networking group she founded two years ago was left behind. But when the Indiana Pacers, which is the Mad Ants parent organization, announced in May that it would be moving the team to Noblesville, some networking members reached out to Lane because they weren't ready to let the group disappear too.

When something that's probably supposed to end finds new life in another form, that's a pretty good pat on the back that you did something right. Lane reformed the group this fall as PFW Connects, and the influence continues to spread. Attendance is increasing, and, though it's only been up and running for two months, **the LinkedIn page** already has more than 650 followers.

Sponsored by American Senior Communities, PFW Connects' goal is to be a resource and asset to the region, Lane said, including community members, students, alumni, and co-workers, with individuals from all types of professions represented. The group meets for 90 minutes starting at 8 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month at the **Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center**.

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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.*

DECEMBER

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Thurs., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Destress with Dogs: Therapy Dog Visit

Therapy dogs can help you calm down, relax, and refocus. They are ready for pets and cuddles! Stop by and enjoy spending time with these furry friends...

DECEMBER

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Fri., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble: Holiday Tunes with Bonuses

Enjoy an evening of holiday tunes with bonuses, as the premiere University Jazz Ensemble presents festive, big band arrangements to celebrate the season...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Lisec Campos, custodian | Building Services
- Cody Glass, custodian | Building Services
- Logan Steere, operations assistant | Development

Transfers

- McKenzie Clem, international services coordinator | Office of International Education

In a Snap

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



Don the Mastodon donned reindeer antlers for some ring toss fun during the annual Jingle Jubilee and Adopt-a-Don dinner Saturday evening. The program organized through **The Women's Center** gave Christmas presents to 39 families, thanks to donations from staff, faculty, and student organizations.

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