



Mechanical Engineering Major Helping Build Future Student Success

Sometimes half the job of training to become an engineer seems to be learning to bounce back from failure to figure out the solution. But how does someone studying for that profession learn how to handle it?

That's partly why Sidney Basham loves being co-leader of the **ETCS LEAD Mentor Program**—the acronym LEAD standing in this case for Learn, Engage, Achieve, and Discover. Along with senior Isaac Wendel, Basham pairs freshmen with upper-level mentors to adjust to the rigorous academic demands of the curriculum. There are around 70 freshmen taking part in the program this year, and more can [join this semester](#).

“We wanted the program to be a ray of sunshine for people,” said Basham, a mechanical engineering major. “Engineers statistically are more prone to depression, and we wanted to bring light to let the mentees know they are not alone. That’s part of why we want to bring people together. People struggle and think they are dumb for struggling, but they are not. It’s supposed to happen, and then you’ll come out on the other side.”

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Library's Digital Arts and Humanities Lab Wants to Show Students What It Can Offer

Helmke Library's **digital arts and humanities lab** describes itself online as “an interdisciplinary and collaborative space to support digital scholarship and connect students and faculty to innovative technologies to achieve learning discovery objectives and realize creative endeavors.”

That covers a lot, so it might actually be easier to start out with a few examples of what the lab can help produce rather than trying to explain it right off the bat.

One includes production of web-based resources like the **Purdue University Fort Wayne Encyclopedia**. Another involves lending assistance with digital publications such as last year's **50th anniversary of the Women's Studies Program**. Other services include support with 3D or AR/VR technologies.

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Registration for the 2024 Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium Is Now Open

The Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium, scheduled for March 22, provides an excellent platform for undergraduate and graduate students from both Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne to enrich their academic and professional development via collaboration with faculty mentors.

Participation in the symposium provides students with documented evidence of their involvement, benefiting their pursuit of employment opportunities and application to competitive graduate programs. Additionally, presenting at the symposium offers valuable experience for students as they prepare to share their findings at regional, national, and international conferences.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in both undergraduate and graduate categories, as well as the prestigious Dean's Choice Award recognizing outstanding students within each college and school. All presenting students will receive a small token of appreciation.

Hurry, as registration closes on Feb. 5. Don't miss out on this enriching opportunity.

Visit the website for more details and to register for the symposium.

Honors Program Info Session Scheduled for Friday

Get ready for a virtual information session about the Honors Program at Purdue University Fort Wayne on Friday at 10 a.m., via WebEx.

If you're curious about what the Honors Program has to offer, this session is perfect for you. To sign up, **visit this page**.

Don't miss out! If you know someone who would be interested in exploring this opportunity, be sure to pass along the invitation. Take the first step towards an exceptional academic journey.

Don Dates

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the [Don Dates](#) website often to see what's happening on campus.

JANUARY

19

Fri., 5–7 p.m.

MLK Jr. Multicultural Mixer

Come meet your old friends and make some new ones. Free food and games provided...

JANUARY

22

Mon., 10–11 a.m.

Plan It and Achieve It!

This session will help students (with or without a disability) with strategies for organization, planning, and executive functioning. Learn how to organize and plan your day for academics, fun, and life in general...

JANUARY

23

Tues., 5–8 p.m.

GAYmer Night

Regardless of your knowledge or skill level with any game, come check out this inclusive and affirming gaming space with

Mastodon Moments

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



A hardy cyclist braved the mastodon-era weather Tuesday morning as the Facilities Management team worked to clear the way.

Athletics



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News Center



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