



New Recognition Gala Merging Smaller Events Into Bigger Celebration

With a goal of making the celebratory aspect of the honor more equal to the significance of the achievement, Purdue Fort Wayne is combining various recognition events for staff and faculty this spring into one evening gala in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. New this year, those reaching service milestones, retirees, featured faculty award recipients, and **APSAC** and **CCSAC** excellence award winners will all be honored at the dinner. Each will be presented with beautiful, newly designed awards that represent the PFW spirit and celebrate its dedicated employees.

Honorees are receiving personal invitations to the **2024 Employee Recognition Dinner**, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Once the red carpet is rolled out, the evening will begin with photo opportunities to help the employees feel like the stars they are. Prior to the start of the program, a slideshow featuring images supplied by those being honored will also be shown.

Except for a cash bar—honorees each receive one free drink ticket—this year's event is being presented free of charge and is open to all PFW employees who wish to show their appreciation. Registrations may be made via the **event webpage** and must be submitted no later than Feb. 20. This year's gala is sponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience, the Office of Financial and Administrative Affairs, APSAC,

CSSAC, and Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity.

Any PFW employee who has received a recent degree is also invited to be listed in the event program. Those interested should email Alicia Mahoney, senior administrative assistant for HR/OIE, at armahone@pfw.edu by Feb. 9.

Additional questions may be sent to hr@pfw.edu.



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 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 gear up 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.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity before registration closes on Feb. 5.

Visit the [website](#) for more details and to register for the symposium.

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.

JANUARY

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Fri., noon-12:30 p.m.

Employee Well-being at Work: Circuit Training

Circuit training involves rotating between several exercise stations to work different muscle groups with little rest in between. All levels of fitness are welcome to join...

JANUARY

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Fri., 1-2 p.m.

Healthy Boiler Workshop: Overview of the 2024 Healthy Boiler Program

This workshop will provide a comprehensive overview of the various wellness initiatives designed to support your overall health and well-being...

In a Snap

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 this morning as the Facilities Management team worked to clear the way.

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