



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.



College TV Fort Wayne Has Solid Reputation for Developing Talent

Maybe the hardest part of teaching his intro to TV production class is that Art Herbig has to lower the students’ expectations just a bit before he can start raising them.

“You made a 10-minute movie? Wow, that’s amazing,” the Purdue University Fort Wayne director for the **Center for Collaborative Media** said. “What I want is three minutes of quality. I’m not going to be grading you based on length. Three good minutes is way greater than 10.”

And Herbig has a pretty good track record of teaching talented students who are now spread throughout the area at TV stations and advertising agencies. Others are working across the country in TV and movie production. They all started by earning a television production minor, most majoring in communication.

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Guest Speaker to Discuss Experience Surviving Genocide

For the fourth consecutive year, Purdue University Fort Wayne’s **Q Center** and the **Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies** in the College of Liberal Arts are collaborating to observe International Holocaust Remembrance Day on Jan. 27, a date which was chosen by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 to coincide with the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz during World War II. Jeanine Ntahirageza, founding director of the Center for Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora at Northeastern Illinois University, will speak on Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library.

“Jeanine’s work on genocide and human rights research in Africa and the diaspora is a vital bridge between the catastrophic murder of six million Jews during the Holocaust and the ongoing and ever-present threat of genocide that into the 21st century continues to cast long shadows across the African continent and elsewhere,” said Steve Carr, PFW director for the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. “She is a remarkable scholar whose research, based on her own experience as a survivor of mass atrocities, helps put meaning behind making ‘Never Again’ a reality.”

A native of Burundi in central Africa, Ntahirageza lost her father, two brothers, and cousins to genocide in 1972. Since 2013, she has served as chair of NEIU's Genocide and Human Rights Research Group, an interdisciplinary research team that hosts an annual symposium on the topic. She has presented about genocide and mass atrocities both domestically and globally.

Thursday's event is free to attend.

Retirement Party for Chief Potts Next Week

The campus community is invited to a retirement party for Chief Tim Potts on Monday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Light refreshments and desserts will be served.

After attending St. Joseph's College, Potts worked for the West Lafayette Police Department before joining the Purdue University force. In 2015, Potts left Purdue to become the police chief at the University of Mississippi. He has served as police chief at Purdue Fort Wayne since 2018.

Registration Deadline Nearing for Employee Development Program

Feb. 9 is the registration deadline for the **spring 2024 Supervise for Success** employee development program. Beginning Feb. 22, this certificate-based opportunity is designed to help participants build self-awareness and learn how to lead forward for success. Employees will engage in case studies, problem solving, and other activities that enhance and develop key leadership skills.

Visit this page for full program details and the sign-up link. Contact Dimples Smith, learning and development director, at smid@pfw.edu or 260-481-6681 for additional information.

Eventful

*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full **events calendar** often to see what's happening on campus.*

JANUARY

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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

Turn Down for Hwaet: Hip-Hop and Medieval Poetry

The Anthropology Club Lunchtime Lecture Series will present Dr. Damian Fleming from the Department of English and

Linguistics. Fleming will examine the parallels between medieval poetry and rap, from Vikings to Lil Wayne and Cardi B to Wife of Bath...

JANUARY

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Thurs., 7–9 p.m.

Trivia Night with the Mastodon Alumni Community

Join the Mastodon Alumni Community for trivia night at Kekionga Craft Company for prizes, snacks, and community competition...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Kathryn Henry, director of engagement | College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science
- Brian Easterday, maintenance mechanic | Operations and Maintenance

In a Snap

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



Grant McGibbon, a sophomore in Information Systems, trims excess plastic from one of the many 3D printing projects currently being produced in the Mastodon Makerlab.

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