



## Exciting Teams, Chill Activities to Highlight 2024 Homecoming Blizzard

The best way to adjust to winter weather often involves moving the action indoors, and that's just what Purdue University Fort Wayne has in mind for its Homecoming 2024 observance.

A “**Blizzard of Dons**” is getting ready to blanket the campus with an extra layer of school spirit Monday through Feb. 4. The fun will include a **full calendar** featuring top-notch Mastodon Athletics, social activities, and various other competitions. To energize the Herd as the atmosphere heats up, there will also be tons of food and giveaways galore.

The week's athletic activities will focus on three up-and-coming programs that began their current campaigns red-hot—men's basketball, women's basketball, and men's volleyball.

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## Faculty, Staff to Show Off Artistic Talents during Exhibition

As Purdue University Fort Wayne metallurgist and mechanical engineering technology professor Barry Dupen says, each person who finds their creative process learns to engage their mind as well as their hands and the tools.

“I believe when you’re able to make things with your hands, whether it’s painting, sculpture, woodcraft, metalworking, fiber arts, etc., it adds something to your life,” Dupen said. “It also means that you have to be inventive and use the same parts of your brain that engineers use in designing mechanisms, or computer programmers use in writing code.”

Dupen enjoys woodworking and was one of the first members of the campus community to sign up for PFW's inaugural **Creative Arts Exhibition**. All proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for students in the **Department of Art and Design** in the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The free exhibition starts Monday and runs through Feb. 25. Patrons may visit the gallery from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends. An opening reception will be held Feb. 1 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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## Encourage Students to Apply for Community Service and Service-Learning Grants

Purdue’s Office of Engagement provides grants to students or student organizations for work on community service and service-learning projects. The program’s goal is to expand the engagement of Purdue students in partnership with communities, nonprofit agencies, schools, and governmental bodies.

The application, guidelines, and tips are [available online](#).

All faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with students and student organizations who may be interested in

applying for the grant, including graduate students.

The application deadline for the spring semester is Feb. 21. After that date, applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by a committee created by Purdue's Office of Engagement. Students will be notified of the committee's decision via email no later than March 8.

Inquiries may be directed to Lisa Duncan, Purdue Office of Engagement, at [llduncan@purdue.edu](mailto:llduncan@purdue.edu).

## Eventful

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*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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Mon., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

WellRec and the American Red Cross are inviting all healthy and eligible individuals to give blood at the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Please check the eligibility guidelines before signing up...

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JANUARY

29

Mon., noon–1 p.m.

### Strategic Publishing for Faculty and Graduate Students

Choosing the right place to publish can be daunting. This workshop will show you tips, tricks, and tools to give you confidence in your choices and help you explore new ways and venues for your work, maximizing your impact...

## News Spotlight

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## Vigilance vs. genocide must be eternal

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

## “Purduber:” PFW student shuttle program sees growth, success 1 year after inception

wane.com | Jan. 18

## Fort Wayne officially has a new police chief

wane.com | Jan. 16

## In a Snap

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



Students were practically a blur as they quickly shelved products during Wednesday's restocking shift in the FRIENDS of the University Pantry at Walb Student Union.

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