



Senior Plans Out Future of Service That Includes Stint as Leader of the Free World

When he was 6 or 7 years old, current Purdue University Fort Wayne senior Evan Gregory promised his grandfather he would make a difference someday. A Vietnam War veteran, the grandfather was and is Gregory's hero, and the boy decided he could best fulfill his goal by becoming president.

And that is still Gregory's goal. He's taking steps to learn as much as he can now to become a better elected representative in the future. Already majoring in criminal justice and sociology, he recently added another in history, which will push his graduation back a semester.

"I have to know everything, plain and simple," Gregory said. "If I don't know everything, I will not be making the best decisions, I will not be fair to myself or other people."

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Feb. 29 Omnibus Event Will Count Toward Civics Literacy Requirement

Students will have a chance to add to their **Civics Literacy Proficiency Requirement** at the end of the month by attending an Omnibus series event featuring guest speaker **Donna Brazile**.

What is the Civics Literacy Proficiency Requirement? That takes some explanation.

Believing the general population's understanding and participation in civic responsibilities had been declining for decades, the Purdue University Board of Trustees **voted in June 2021** to implement a civics literacy graduation requirement. Purdue University Fort Wayne rolled out its version of the obligation during the fall 2022 semester.

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\$17K in Bonus Funds up For Grabs on Day of Giving April 24

The entire Mastodon community is invited to participate in Purdue Fort Wayne's annual day of giving—The Big Give—on April 24. The goal is to unite the campus and demonstrate its collective power of generosity.

Colleges, units, and student organizations can earn bonus funds by participating in a variety of hourly, all-day, and social media challenges. This year there is \$17,000 available to be awarded. Check out last year's [leaderboard and challenges](#) for a reminder of who came out on top.

Contact Michelle Shaw, director of annual giving and stewardship, at shawm@pfw.edu to express interest in the 2024 campaign and learn how to make The Big Give successful.

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.

FEBRUARY

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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Concerto and Composition Orchestra Concert

This concert features the PFW School of Music students chosen, by competition, for an opportunity to solo with the orchestra, or have a musical composition premiered...

FEBRUARY

16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24

8 p.m.; 2 p.m. on Feb. 18

The Tempest

This fairy tale romance/comedy by Shakespeare begins when a violent and terrifying storm wrecks a ship and scatters the passengers throughout a mysterious, magical island, filled with spirits and witches...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Lynn Armstrong, security officer | University Police Department
- Andrea Bearman, instructional designer and consultant | CELT
- Austin Martin, accounting technician | Accounting and Budget
- Hau Thang, police officer | University Police Department
- Abby Walker, athletic ticket sales and annual fund director

Transfers

- Seth Balmer-Fontenon, assistant registrar | Communications and Graduation
- Chadi Braish, executive director of Continuing Studies | Division of Continuing Studies
- Penelope Epple, senior administrative assistant | School of Polytechnic
- Jamie Hallet, assistant director of General Studies | General Studies
- Jayla Heller, sponsored funding administrator | Sponsored Funding
- Shawn Shem, senior turf technician | Grounds

In a Snap

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



It's "Random Acts of Kindness" week. Abby Wang, assistant director of Student Leadership, and Kate Long, coordinator in the Office of Student Conduct and Care, encouraged passers-by in Walb Student Union to jot down some kind regards and snag a pop fidget bracelet on Monday.

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