



*Psychology major Liv Hope modeled business professional attire at the 2023 fashion show.*

## Career Development Center Fashion Show Mixes Fun with Function

Though most college students would never consider modeling professionally, some on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne don't mind gliding down the runway to help others learn how to dress professionally.

Each year, the **Career Development Center** attracts students who ditch their shyness to demonstrate potential job-interview fashion wearing clothes found in the university's **Mastodon Career Closet**. The fourth "Dressing for Your Success Fashion Show" will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The event is so much fun, sometimes the models come back the following year. There have even been alumni, faculty, and staff participants, but the focus is on current students.

"I love fashion and presenting a story," said Liv Hope, a junior majoring in psychology. "I also love the career center. What drew me to the closet is that they are very inclusive and don't judge what you pick. I like to be more expressive in my appearance and what I like to wear and make a statement."

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## Oxford Professor Featured as COS Honorary Invited Lecturer

Michael Dustin, professor of molecular immunology at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, will be the fifth featured presenter in the College of Science's Honorary Invited Lecturer Series on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Dustin will be speaking on "Parasites: How they ward off attack by our immune system" in Neff Hall, Room 101. The presentation may also be viewed remotely by plugging [bit.ly/PFWparasite](https://bit.ly/PFWparasite) into a web browser.

Also the director of research at the Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology at Oxford, Dustin is a United States citizen who has taught in the U.K. since 2013. He has received many awards, including being elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2023, and elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in 2021.

"Dr. Dustin has been a pioneer in the studies of the immune system, leading to surprising findings that assist in the treatment of human diseases," said Ron Friedman, dean of the College of Science. "When an esteemed faculty member has been invited by a department in COS to meet with faculty and give a departmental seminar, we often extend an invitation to the visitor to also give a general, non-technical evening talk open to the public."

Dustin has a B.A. in biology from Boston University and a Ph.D. in cell and developmental biology from Harvard University. He has led multiple research teams at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis and at the New York University School of Medicine continuing work in cell immunology, which has led to many discoveries. While at the NYU School of Medicine, he was also the director of the NIH-funded Nanomedicine Center for Mechanobiology to further advance studies on the immunology synapse and the treatment of human diseases.



## Faculty Judges Needed for Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium

The Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium on March 22 is a pivotal event that offers a platform for academic and professional development. Featuring a diverse array of disciplines from every college and school, the symposium promises to be an enriching experience for all participants.

With numerous student participants and a wide range of poster presentations, judging will be organized into multiple sessions throughout the day. Faculty judges play a crucial role in the success of the symposium, and their involvement is vital in ensuring its continued success.

Often, faculty judges have noted that they found the experience rewarding as they collaborated with colleagues and gained valuable insights while evaluating the diverse range of student research projects.

Judges will work in pairs to evaluate posters within their own discipline or a closely related discipline, using a scoring sheet provided by event organizers. The results will determine the first, second, and third place winners. Detailed instructions and judging assignments will be provided to the judges in advance.

To participate as a judge, complete the [registration form](#) by March 1. Both faculty and staff are welcome to sign up.



## Order Commencement Academic Regalia by April 4

All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in Purdue Fort Wayne's 2024 Commencement on Wednesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia (tams optional) for the ceremony. Those in need of regalia can use this [online form](#) ; the university will cover the cost of rentals. There will be no pickup on campus this year, as everything will be shipped directly to recipients and will include a return shipping label. The deadline for orders is April 4.

## Register for DonZone Training

Learn more about Mastodon Athletics and the student-athlete population by registering for DonZone training—a fun, informational training program developed specifically for Purdue Fort Wayne faculty, staff, and administration. The next session will be offered March 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Mastodon Academic Performance Center.

Topics that will be covered include the history of, and interesting facts about, PFW's athletics programs; its student athletes; the Mastodon Academic Performance Center; academic requirements and NCAA compliance; and game-day operations.

Registration is limited to the first 20 people who sign up. Upon completion of the training, all participants will receive a placard to display outside their office and a free ticket to the men's volleyball match that same day at 7 p.m. at Gates Sports Center. Participants can also purchase additional tickets for \$5 each for family and friends.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

# Good to Know

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## CARE Team Informational Sessions

There's still time to register for a one-hour informational session that will provide an overview of what the CARE Team is, who sits on the team, and what happens after a referral is made. Participate in an online session tomorrow (Feb. 21) from 11 a.m. to noon, or an in-person session on March 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. in Walb Student Union, Room 114. Contact [PFWCARE@pfw.edu](mailto:PFWCARE@pfw.edu) to sign up.

## Mastodon Campus Store Spring Break Hours

During the week of spring break—March 4–8—the Mastodon Campus Store will be open Monday–Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# 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.*

FEBRUARY

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Fri., noon–12:30 p.m.

## Employee Fitness Class: Chair Yoga

Chair yoga is helpful for people who sit for long periods of time or who struggle with stiffness, tense muscles, musculoskeletal pain, balance, or movement challenges. This low-impact exercise accommodates all body types, ability levels, ages, and more...

FEBRUARY

23

Fri., 1–2 p.m.

## Healthy Boiler Workshop: Cultivate Kindness to Boost Health

Looking for quick ways to boost mood and improve physical well-being? Try random acts of kindness daily and experience the benefits of an instant mood lift, increased energy, and stress reduction...

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FEBRUARY

24

Sat., noon–1 p.m.

## Story Hour: Highlighting Coretta Scott King’s Award-Winning Children’s Books

Helmke Library will hold a story hour featuring Coretta Scott King's award-winning children's books in the Media Wall Presentation Space on the 2nd floor. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to bring their children to this family event...

## On the Job

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*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### New Hires

- Hanna Gorman, sponsored funding administrator | Sponsored Programs
- Ryan Hawkins, associate director of student housing | Student Housing
- Emily Hetrick, communications and operations specialist | Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching
- Josh Logan, assistant men’s soccer coach | Athletics
- Bridget Perry, assistant registrar, student services and records | Registrar

## In a Snap

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



*Passersby could relieve stress on Thursday at a "Smash or Pass" car destruction event, held in Parking Lot 8 and sponsored by the Biology Club.*

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