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For Students

March 13, 2024



## Complete Survey on Future Student Housing and Win Prizes!

Purdue University Fort Wayne has partnered with The Scion Group to help the university plan the future of student housing. Learning about student preferences and recording that input are essential steps in the process!

As part of the analysis, Scion created a confidential survey designed to gain feedback on elements such as desired floor plans, rates, and amenities.

To show appreciation for taking the time to participate, respondents are eligible to enter a drawing to win one of the following prizes: **Two iPads and One \$200 Amazon gift card.**

**Click here** to learn more and find a link to the survey.



## Office of Engagement Connects University Resources to Help Community Businesses

Sean Ryan loves saying he has Purdue University Fort Wayne's best job.

For 18 years as the **Office of Engagement's** founding director, Ryan has helped business leaders from across the region solve problems and improve results by connecting them with university resources. As he says, there's a lot of intellectual capital and student capability on campus waiting for opportunities.

"I work with a lot of smart people, and it's just a matter of finding the right smart person to answer the question that was asked," Ryan said.

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## Computer Science Ace Aiming to Support Others with Her Gifts

As an eighth-grader taking a computer science class in her native India, a confused Yashi Yadav was struggling badly and asked for help. A tutor she connected with helped Yadav develop skills that went on to spark her life's work.

"Everything clicked and he made it so nice," said Yadav, B.S. '23. "It was like putting a puzzle together, and I went from almost failing to getting 90 out of 100. I started fixing all the problems. I love it when the red things go away, and everything works."

Now, as a graduate student studying computer science at Purdue University Fort Wayne, almost everything Yadav tries with a computer works—and she's often the one struggling students turn to for help.

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## Tickets for Sarah Thomas Omnibus Series Presentation Now Available

Trailblazing National Football League official Sarah Thomas will examine her career during the next installment of Purdue University Fort Wayne's Omnibus Speaker Series on March 26. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall.

Tickets to see "Breaking Through: My Journey to Becoming the First Female NFL Official" will be released at 1:30 p.m. today. They are free and available on a first-come, first-served basis through the [Schatzlein Box Office](#) or PFW's [online ticketing platform](#). A \$1.50 convenience charge is assessed per ticket for online orders, with a limit of four tickets per person.

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## Poet Laureates Assemble: Crisler Invites Counterpart from Michigan to Present at PFW

Michigan Poet Laureate Nandi Comer will be the featured guest of the Visiting Writers Series on March 19. The event will start at 1:30 p.m. in Walb Student Union, Room G21. It is sponsored by the vice chancellor for academic affairs, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Department of English and Linguistics.

Comer writes and performs pieces that incorporate the history of Detroit, while also examining race, gender, sexuality, and class. She is the author of "American Family: A Syndrome" and "Tapping Out."

Comer is visiting PFW at the invitation of Indiana Poet Laureate Curtis Crisler, a professor in the Department of English and Linguistics.



## Welcome Spring's Arrival through Art

Celebrate the connection between art and nature with the Environmental Resources Center on the first full day of spring—March 20—as an artist, an attendee, or both. Naturally Inspired: Vernal Equinox Celebration through Art will take place at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center from 5 to 7 p.m.

Participants are welcome to display handmade goods or crafts, such as digital photography, prints, paintings, sculptures, tattoos, vintage or thrifted outfits, short stories, cartography and maps, poetry, songs, animal calls, or other creative, nature-inspired forms of art.

Admission is free. Appetizers will be provided; beer and wine will also be available for those age 21 and older.

The center would like to know how many are coming, what kind of art to expect, and how to showcase it. To participate or reserve free tickets, contact [erc@pfw.edu](mailto:erc@pfw.edu).



## Campus-wide Emergency Alert Test Scheduled for Thursday

As part of Indiana's observance of **Severe Weather Preparedness Week**, March 10–16, Purdue Fort Wayne will conduct a

semiannual test of its emergency notification system at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

In the event of severe or inclement weather, the test will be rescheduled for the following day.

Procedures to follow during a tornado are available by [clicking here](#). Additional information can be found on the campus's [Safety and Security website](#).

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up to [receive emergency mobile alerts](#), which arrive much faster and with greater reliability than automated phone calls.



## After Commencement, It's Time to Party!

It's never too early to start thinking about what to do after the pomp and circumstance is over on May 8. Be sure to stop by the commencement **After-Party** in the Conference Center lobby and Room C at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum to enjoy appetizers and even a cocktail at the cash bar. And be sure to share your photo station snaps to social media! New graduates at the party will also receive a free commemorative gift.

Want to skip the crowded restaurants afterward? The Mastodon Alumni Community invites you to the **Chancellor's New Alumni Dinner** in Conference Center rooms D and E. Dinner choices for graduates, family, and friends include chicken, beef, and vegetarian plated meals with a cash bar option. Ticket prices for the dinner are \$10 for 2024 graduates and children ages 3–12, and \$25 for adults. Children 2 and under eat for free. [Register for the dinner here](#).

*Please note, you must be 21 years or older to purchase alcoholic drinks at either post-commencement event.*

## Graduating May 8? Also Remember These Important Deadlines

If you're planning to participate in the May 8 commencement at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, don't forget to keep these deadlines and details in mind:

- To include your name in the commencement program, remember to apply to graduate by March 31. Complete the application in [goPFW](#) under Registration Tools in the Enrollment section.
- After you apply to graduate, [register yourself and your family for the event](#). Tickets aren't needed, but sharing an estimated number of your family and friends who will be attending the ceremony and the after party is very helpful for PFW's advance planning.
- [Order your cap and gown](#). All orders will be shipped directly to the address that you enter, along with a return shipping label. December graduates who aren't planning to attend commencement in May can order a cap and gown for pictures.
- [Visit the commencement website](#) often for important information, reminders, and updates.

## Repairs Scheduled at Parking Garage 1

Repair work on Parking Garage 1 will begin Thursday. As part of the project, walk-in door #2 will be closed, as well as the north sidewalk leading west toward the middle of campus. This will not impact vehicle access to the garage. It's expected that the closure will continue until June 1, at which time similar work to walk-in door #1 will start.

## 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.*

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Today, 6–10 p.m.

## WellRec Lazer X Night

Get ready to unleash your inner warrior and level up your fun-o-meter! WellRec is hosting a night of epic laser tag and arcade games at Lazer X. Forget about preregistration—just bring your fellow Dons and let the adventure commence...

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## Intramural Sports Spring 2024 Registration Deadline

Registration for session 2 of spring intramural sports is available on the Fusion Play app. WellRec will be hosting 3v3 basketball and 4v4 volleyball! Create a team to join the battle as WellRec crowns the last intramural champions of the 2023-2024 school year...

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Wed., 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

## Register to Vote

Because your voice matters! Register to vote, update your voter record, check your status, request a mail-in vote, find election information...

## Mastodon Moments

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





*Computer engineering technology student Lauren Fries took a break Tuesday to challenge friends to a game of pool in the upstairs lounge at Walb Student Union.*

Athletics



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