



*Mary Encabo-Bischoff, director of the ELP program and current TENL program director, was a recent presenter at the Anthropology Club's lunchtime lecture series.*

## University's English Language Partners Program Expands to Japan

Shortly after his sister city delegation toured Purdue University Fort Wayne in October, the mayor of Takaoka, Japan, agreed to a partnership with the English Language Partners program of the **Three Rivers Language Center** in the College of Liberal Arts. Implementation started Feb. 5 as PFW student Bella Escobar met seven students and two professors from Takaoka University of Law for a class she led online.

"My students are eager to learn English, and although some are a bit shy, I try to remind them that I also feel it intimidating learning Japanese, and that I am here to help," said Escobar, a senior who is majoring in English and English linguistics with a concentration in **Teaching English as a New Language**. "I hope to get to know them more during the semester."

The program lasts 13 weeks with Monday morning classes. Escobar has studied Japanese for four years at PFW and is president of the Japanese Club student organization. She hopes to apply for a Japan exchange and teaching program following graduation in May.

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*Donna Brazile met with a group of about 25 students in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library before her Omnibus series presentation Thursday night. She advised them to not give up on the political process and even become the leaders America needs.*

## Process Over Partisanship: Brazile Speaks to Next Generation of Political Leaders

While congresspeople near her home in Washington continue to snipe at each other over an emergency funding package—and just about everything else—political strategist and media analyst Donna Brazile refrained from adding to the vitriol during her Purdue University Fort Wayne visit Thursday. Instead, Brazile preached civility and community during her Omnibus Speaker Series presentation in Auer Performance Hall.

"Every vote matters, every voice matters, and we need every American," Brazile said. "I don't care what your partisan affiliation is; go out here and be a cheerleader for democracy. We need more people cheering democracy on."

Instead of adding to the rancor, Brazile used humor, often poking fun at herself, such as why HGTV is her favorite cable network. Brazile seemed to preach the country's political tension is caused by too many taking partisanship too seriously. The goal, she said, shouldn't be which side can dictate and force the other to submit, but how we can work together to make the country better.

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## Center For Healthy Living Now Open for Employees, Dependents on a Purdue Plan

The **Center for Healthy Living** officially opened on Monday. Located in Walb Student Union, Room 234, it should be familiar to everyone who previously benefitted from the convenience of this on-campus site.

Employees of Purdue University Fort Wayne and their dependents age 2 and older who are covered on a Purdue medical plan can now take advantage of a clinic dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the entire campus community.

Hours of operation are Monday and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Virtual appointments can also be scheduled. Same-day and walk-in visits are available, but those spots may be limited. To secure an appointment at a preferred date and time, schedule in advance via the **patient portal**, or call 765-494-0111 and be sure to request the Purdue Fort Wayne location.

Students and employees of Purdue Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne who are not on a Purdue medical plan may utilize the center and its healthcare services beginning April 1.





## Mastodons Host Horizon League Postseason Tournament Games at Gates This Week; Tickets Now Available

Purdue Fort Wayne will host a pair of home games this week in the 2024 Barbasol Horizon League Basketball Championships. Both games will be played on campus at the Gates Sports Center.

### First Round

Men's Basketball vs. Robert Morris

Today, 7 p.m.

### Quarterfinals

Women's Basketball vs. **highest-remaining seed**

Thursday, 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for lower-level seats and \$10 for upper-level seats. Students are admitted to the games free of charge with valid PFW or IUFW ID. Tickets can be purchased at the Gates Sports Center box office or **online**.

View schedules for all the upcoming athletics events at [gomastodons.com](http://gomastodons.com).



## Deadline to Order Academic Regalia for Commencement Less Than a Month Away

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, please [register 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 on-campus pickup this year, as everything will be shipped directly to recipients and will include a return shipping label. The deadline for orders is April 4.

## 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.*

MARCH

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Wed., Noon–1 p.m.

### Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: The Risk of Anxiety and Depression during Retirement

This workshop will discuss the warning signs and risk factors of depression and anxiety that you may experience as you head into retirement or have already retired. It will also provide coping mechanisms and helpful tips on how to be proactive to these and other mental/behavioral health concerns...

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MARCH

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Thurs., 10–11 a.m.

## Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Staying Connected in Retirement

Learn how maintaining social connections and being involved in the community after retirement can improve physical and mental health, slow cognitive decline, and help you age better...

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MARCH

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Thurs., 1–2 p.m.

## Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Adjusting to Retirement

This workshop will explore how this transition can affect you from a physical, mental, social, and financial viewpoint. Presenters will discuss the body's automatic response to life adjustments and offer tips and tools you can begin to incorporate for a smooth transition...

## In a Snap

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





*The Mastodon Career Expo assisted students and alumni from PFW and IUFW in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse on Wednesday. Attendees had an opportunity to network with local and regional employers—and practice the all-important elevator pitch.*

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