



## Self-Proclaimed 'Cripple Threat of Comedy' to Perform at PFW March 28

Despite being born with a disability in both arms, Ryan Niemiller, the self-proclaimed “Cripple Threat of Comedy” who finished 3rd in season 14 of NBC’s America’s Got Talent, will share his views of the world from the perspective of the disabled on March 28 at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The show kicks off at 7 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall and is open to all faculty, staff, students, and the general public. Tickets are free and may be picked up at the [Schatzlein Box Office](#) or online via the university’s [ticketing platform](#).

Niemiller’s appearance at PFW is sponsored by the [Disability Access Center](#), with help from multiple campus partners.

“We wanted to bring Niemiller to campus because he has a visible disability, is an Indiana native, and has been a well-known comic throughout the country for several years,” said Ryan McCombs, director of the Disability Access Center. “March is also when Indiana observes Disability Awareness Month, and this event will be the grand finale of our related programming.”

McCombs said the show was also scheduled to coincide with the university’s annual [Well-being Summit](#) for students, faculty, and staff. Various activities are being offered earlier in the day between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Most will take place in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.



[Click here](#) to catch all of Niemiller's 2019 AGT performances.

For more information, contact the Disability Access Center at [dac@pfw.edu](mailto:dac@pfw.edu) or 260-481-6657.

## How We Work

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*How much do you really know about Purdue Fort Wayne? The "How We Work" series explores some of the untold stories about the university's daily operations, its support for students and employees, its engagement in the community, and its various achievements.*



## Office of Engagement Connects University Resources with 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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## 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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Mon., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

Featuring work by students who are enrolled in classes in the Department of Art and Design, this exhibition will run through April 7...

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Tues., noon–1:30 p.m.

### Women’s Health in Diversity

Celebrate women's health in diversity with guest speaker Dr. Diana Jackson-David, director of diversity and inclusion at Parkview Health. This event will shed light on the diverse health needs of women across various backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles...

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## WellRec Lazer X Night

Get ready to unleash your inner warrior and level up your fun-o-meter! Forget about preregistration, just bring your fellow Dons and let the adventure commence...

## News Spotlight

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*A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.*

### Oliver comments on literacy bill that would hold back more third graders

Associated Press and WANE 15 | Feb. 29

### PFW professor uses games he created to help teach German language

WANE 15 | Feb. 28

## In a Snap

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





*Chief Diversity Officer MarTeze Hammonds (and child) welcomed attendees to this year's Eat to the Beats event. The theme was "Jamaica," and several PFW student-musicians entertained with a variety of Reggae beats. Jerk chicken and other island delights were served by Smile More Prep & Catering. The event was sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and took place in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union on Feb. 27.*

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