

Tickets for Michael Beschloss Omnibus Presentation Available Today at 1:30 p.m.

Award-winning historian, scholar, and bestselling author **Michael Beschloss** will be the final guest in the 2023–24 Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue University Fort Wayne. His April 25 presentation titled, “What History Can Predict about Our American Political Future” will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Auer Performance Hall.

Tickets will be released today at 1:30 p.m. 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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PFW Students Prepare to Celebrate Commencement, Start Professional Careers

In less than a month, more than 800 Purdue University Fort Wayne students will celebrate their graduation with nearly 9,000 friends and family at the Memorial Coliseum. PFW's 2024 Commencement on May 8 will be filled with joy, friendship, and a sense of satisfaction that comes from this kind of life-changing achievement.

For these soon-to-be PFW alumni, it required sacrifice, perseverance, and hard work to earn the degrees that will help them launch careers across the region, the country, and even the world.

Here are a few of their stories.

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Plan Ahead for New Safety Measures at Commencement

For added peace of mind, all those wishing to enter the Coliseum's main arena before and during the 4 p.m. ceremony will participate in safety and security measures consistent with many major events across the country. All guests arriving at 2 p.m. or later will pass through metal detectors, and bags and purses will be physically screened by security personnel. Small items such as keys, phones, and wallets may be carried by hand through one of 8-10 screening zones.

To accommodate these new steps, doors to the Coliseum will open earlier this year for ceremony participants and students, who may begin entering at 1 p.m. Anyone arriving after 2 p.m. will be required to pass through the screening zones.

The university and representatives of the Coliseum are in regular contact to review expected traffic patterns so the flow of individuals into the main arena can be completed as quickly as possible. The idea is to give everyone plenty of time to find where they need to be and the perfect seat. Continue to check the 2024 [Commencement website](#) for all updates and additional information.



Dons Got Music Competition Will Lead to Epic Opportunity

Three groups competing in Monday's first-ever Dons Got Music competition are hoping strong performances lead to PFW immortality. The winner will be the opening act for Flo Rida on April 26 at Gates Sports Center.

Dons Got Talent is free to attend. This battle of the bands runs from 6 to 9 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Mauve, Punching Lucky, and Natalie and Crew advanced to the finals via auditions that took place Feb. 12 and 13.

"This is our first performance where we are playing for something," said junior Michael Boyd, drummer with Natalie and Crew. "These are big stakes with over 2,000 people who are possibly going to be in the building, and we're opening for a big-name artist. This is something bigger than what we've ever done."

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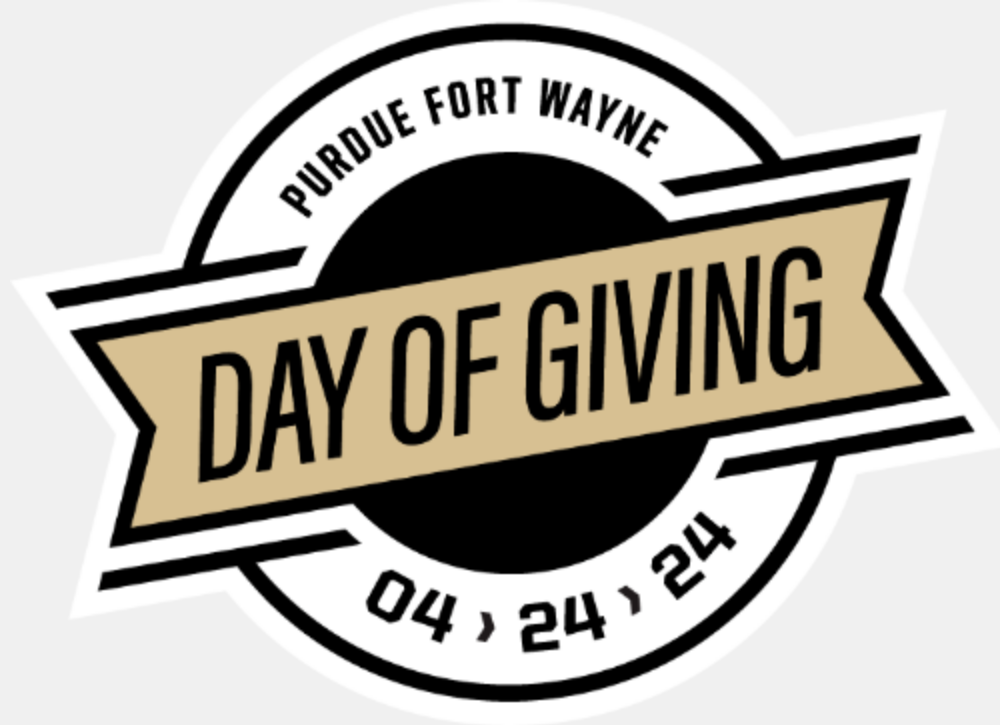
New Academic Standing Terminology Adopted

As part of its ongoing commitment to support student success, Purdue University Fort Wayne has revisited terminology it uses in describing academic standing. The new terminology that's been adopted and its associated definitions are described below:

- **Academic Notice** will replace Academic Probation – A student shall be placed on academic notice if their fall or spring semester GPA, or cumulative GPA at the end of any fall or spring semester, is less than a 2.0.
- **Academic Suspension** will replace Academic Dismissal – A student on academic notice shall be placed on the suspension list at the close of any fall or spring semester in which their semester and cumulative GPA is less than a 2.0.
- **Readmission** – A student who has been suspended from PFW, or from another university within the Purdue system, may not enroll at PFW until one fall or spring semester has passed. All students who earn readmission are placed into probationary status and are subject to stipulations implemented as a condition of readmission. A student who is academically suspended more than once is not eligible to enroll for at least one year.

“In discussing the present terms, we felt the language used was not consistent with PFW’s commitment to student care,” said Kent Johnson, executive director for academic accountability and student success. “We believe these changes better reflect the priority we place on helping students succeed.”

Students who are suspended from a program with academic standards higher than the university standard may be eligible to continue in another program and are encouraged to seek guidance from their primary staff academic advisor.



Purdue Fort Wayne's Day of Giving Invites Donors to Support Brighter Futures

For a full 24 hours on April 24, anyone who appreciates and supports what Purdue University Fort Wayne students do to secure a stronger future for themselves and the regional workforce is invited to take part in the 6th annual **Day of Giving**.

Day of Giving—the Big Give—is all about encouraging experiences and building opportunities in and out of the classroom. Gifts big or small can make a real difference in the lives of Purdue Fort Wayne students.

“Our Day of Giving is a wonderful opportunity for the community to demonstrate its active support and enthusiasm for our students and our university,” said Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer. “Everyone can express their confidence in Purdue Fort Wayne by investing in scholarships, academic programs, campus infrastructure, athletics, and other critical initiatives.”

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MIKE DOWNS CENTER FOR INDIANA POLITICS

4 GOP Candidates Vying for 3rd District Seat to Debate at Purdue Fort Wayne April 17

The Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics in the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University Fort Wayne will host a debate for some of the candidates seeking the Republican nomination for Indiana's 3rd Congressional District of the U.S. House of

Representatives. The debate will be recorded on April 17 in the IDEASpace of PFW's Helmke Library. There will be no public audience.

Kayla Blakeslee, morning news host at WOWO, Fred McKissack, editorial page editor of The Journal Gazette, and Dirk Rowley, evening news anchor at WANE 15, will serve as moderators.

The participants will be Wendy Davis, Tim Smith, Marlin Stutzman, and Andy Zay. Each was chosen based on campaign finance criteria determined by the moderators, who have also established the debate's format, rules, and questions.

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Concerned about a Student? Contact the CARE Team



These last few weeks before finals can cause students to feel overwhelmed or stressed with tests, exams, papers, assignments, and final projects. If you observe and/or are made aware of student behavior that leaves you feeling concerned, worried, and/or alarmed, trust your instincts and say something.

The CARE Team can assist with the student of concern and, in some cases, provide you with suggestions as to how you can assist them directly. Fill out a CARE referral [here](#).

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.

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Today, 4:30–7 p.m.

BFA Thesis Seminar Exhibition Opening Reception

BFA degree candidates from the Department of Art and Design will exhibit their thesis projects as the culmination of their thesis seminar I and II classes. A variety of mediums will be exhibited including metalsmithing, printmaking, painting, graphic design, and web design...

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Fri., 5–7 p.m.

Take Back the Night Mixer

This special mixer event in Walb Atrium is designed as a Take Back The Night event to stand against sexual assaults' on college campuses and in our communities at large. This gathering will provide free Panda Express, mocktail drinks, a live DJ, tips and info on drug and alcohol consumption...

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Tues., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble/Studio Recital

This program will feature the PFW Guitar Ensemble and students performing solo guitar works. A wide array of compositions

from the classical guitar repertoire will be performed...

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

EHS Newsletter | Environmental Health and Safety

Expressions | College of Visual and Performing Arts

News Spotlight

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

Henry joined city's parade of great mayors

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

Purdue Fort Wayne ceramics students raise money with Empty Bowls

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | April 4

No Time For Friends? Try the 'Friendship Snack'

The Wall Street Journal (subscription required) | April 3

Conservatory event helps spread word on Parkinson's

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | April 3

In a Snap

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



A student opted for alternative transportation on this beautiful April morning.

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