



*Abbi Winterhalter, Jake Fost, Tyler Summers, and Kaleb Waikel are members of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble horn section.*

## Wind Ensemble Performs at Prestigious Regional Conference

After a triumphant return to the world stage during a European tour last spring, the Purdue University Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble has received some domestic recognition. The 50-member group was one of six bands from eight states selected to perform two weeks ago at the College Band Directors National Association and National Band Association's north central division conference in Columbus, Ohio.

This is a blind, peer-reviewed honor that has never been attained in the history of the university, according to Daniel Tembras, director of instrumental studies and the group's conductor. PFW was the only regional university of the six that were selected, and one of two from outside Ohio.

"I think the ensemble has continued to get stronger every year," Tembras said. "This is our national association recognizing us because we are one of the strongest in the region. I think that says a lot about our School of Music. I'm incredibly proud of these students and their growth and the work they have been doing."



# How We Work

*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.*



*Choral Union co-director William Sauerland shows choir members how to enhance their performance with movement.*

## Choral Union’s Vocal Efforts Produce a Joyful Noise

When listening to Purdue University Fort Wayne’s Choral Union, it’s impossible not to allow a finger or toe to tap while nodding in time to the tune. After all, the performers’ heads are often bobbing as they sing, with necks rolling and sometimes arms and hips swaying.

They are fully enjoying their vocal efforts, and their energy and joy are infectious as they produce layers of sound building to beautiful artistry. They may not be able to smile as they enunciate, but their eyes and attitudes sure do.

Their work is also extremely good. A community choir, the Choral Union started around 30 years ago and has been rebuilding in recent years after the pandemic restricted their efforts. After seeing the numbers whittled to 18, there are now more than 50 singing sensations who take part in four concerts each year.

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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 Separation** 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.





## Faculty and Staff Invited to Post-Commencement Celebrations

The entire Purdue Fort Wayne community is invited to help deliver a warm send-off for the university's soon-to-be graduates directly following the 2024 Commencement.

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 to enjoy appetizers and even a cocktail at the cash bar.

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.](#)

## 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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Wed., 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

# Asian Heritage Festival

Campus and community AAPI organizations will showcase their cultures and organization activities at this fest-style celebration...

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APRIL

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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

## Orchestra Final Concert

This concert will feature the inspiring music of Beethoven and Dvořák. The soloist is Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo performing on piano...

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APRIL

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Thurs., 7:30–9 p.m.

## Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert

Join the bands for an evening of wonderful music featuring flute faculty Luke Fitzpatrick and Vivianne Belanger...

## In a Snap

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





*PFW students loaded into two buses bound for Chicago at 7:30 on Saturday morning for the annual day trip hosted by the Office of International Education.*

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