



## Seventh Annual Empty Bowls Event to Benefit Pantry

Because she's immensely talented in her craft, junior Alexa Ross is a great spokesperson for the upcoming Empty Bowls event happening at Purdue University Fort Wayne. But there's also another reason. The event supports the FRIENDS of the University Pantry, which Ross has turned to in times of need.

"When I was living in my own apartment, it was difficult to pay for that and pay for college, so occasionally, I'd go to the pantry to get food," Ross said. "It was like a weight was lifted sometimes, and I know other students are like that. I'm not able to donate money, but for the club to be able to help the campus in this way is really nice."

Thursday's seventh annual Empty Bowls event in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For \$30, participants receive a hand-crafted artistic bowl, a choice of chicken noodle or vegetable soup, bread, a cookie, and a bottle of water. Credit cards are accepted, and carry-out options are available.

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# 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.*



## CELT Continues Evolving to Help Faculty Grow

Few units have evolved as much recently as the **Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching**. Adam Dirksen became CELT’s executive director in 2017 and said he doesn’t do today a lot of what he thought he would be doing back then, but that’s for a good reason.

“We are constantly adapting to meet the changing teaching development and support needs of Purdue University Fort Wayne faculty,” Dirksen said, “and we have built a team and collaborations with faculty so that we do that really well.”

Recent statistics conclusively prove more faculty members are taking advantage of CELT’s services. From 2019 to 2023, there has been a 95% increase in one-on-one consultations, 145% increase in workshops offered, and a 216% increase in workshop participation. The increases are even more dramatic for certificates awarded, peer review attendance, and teaching fellow consultations.

The center’s mission is to work with instructors to enhance student learning outcomes through continuous improvement of teaching practices. Essentially, the CELT staff partners with any of PFW’s teaching staff to address whatever is asked for. If a

professor wants to redesign a class, work on engaging students more effectively, or become more proficient at online presentations – or any other teaching-related needs – CELT members will work to offer suggestions and implement the faculty’s choices.

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## Guidelines for Communication with Elected and Appointed Officials

With the 2024 election season well underway, it is important for Purdue Fort Wayne employees to be reminded and aware of the policies and guidelines that apply to interactions with candidates for political office, as well as elected and appointed officials. These [guidelines](#), issued by the Office of the Chancellor, provide the details for communication and interactions by employees with local, state, and federal elected and appointed officials. It is of utmost importance to note that university resources may not be used for campaign, lobbying, or endorsement purposes.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Grannan, chief of staff and community relations officer, at [kimberly.grannan@pfw.edu](mailto:kimberly.grannan@pfw.edu) or 260-481-6103.

## Accounting Students Heading to Two Major Conferences

Several Purdue University Fort Wayne business students and their research will be part of prestigious Las Vegas and Chicago conferences this week and next.

Grey Schrock, Lincoln Dale, Ben Vandengergh, and Zachary Adair will be presenting at the International Academy of Business Disciplines in Las Vegas from Wednesday through Friday. In addition to attending sessions, they will also be presenting on topics such as “Fraud Triangle and Ethics in Fundraising,” “Open Innovation in Accounting,” and “Accounting Technology.” The IABD is a worldwide, nonprofit organization established to foster and promote education in the functional and support business disciplines.

Beginning the week of April 8 in Chicago, Matthew Mastroddi, Brooke Wintlend, Cooper Green, Ramey Wilder, Lucas Blevins, and Thaine Boehme will present at the Midwest Business Administration Association International Conference. Their topics include, “Are exchange-traded funds a better investment option than mutual funds?,” “Can the standard audit report negatively impact stakeholders?,” “Benefits of Blockchain,” and “Effects of big data on an audit.”

Students write research papers in the class of Dan Boylan, assistant professor of accounting, before submitting them. The research at both conferences is blind- and peer-reviewed. Boylan said traditionally PFW has the largest student contingents at these conferences.



## Deadline to Order Academic Regalia Is Thursday

All faculty and staff are encouraged to take part 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 Thursday.

## 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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Thurs., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Piano Studio Recital

A program of varied piano music featuring the students of Dr. Hamilton Tescarollo. Free admission...

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Fri., 7-11 p.m.

## Spielfreaks Campus/Community Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more. Bring your favorites or learn something new. Either way, you'll find an eager crowd that's ready to play...

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Fri. & Sat, 8 p.m.

Sun., 2 p.m.

## Hot 'N' Cole: A Cole Porter Celebration!

Indiana's popular native son, Cole Porter, was one of the most sparkling melody makers of all time—the epitome of wit and sophistication. This bubbly, one-act revue of his timeless music reinterprets some of his most popular songs for a modern audience...

## On the Job

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*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### New Hires

- Hannah Bauccho, academic advisor | First Year Advising
- Chad Cussen, academic advisor } Integrated Studies
- Madeline Minobe, college success coach | Enrollment Management
- Deidre Moore, college success coach | Enrollment Management
- Kacie Noyes, academic advisor | Integrated Studies

# In a Snap

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



*Ryan Niemiller, a 2019 finalist in America's Got Talent, brought his hilarious "Cripple Threat of Comedy" show to Auer Performance Hall on Thursday night to help culminate Indiana's observance of Disabilities Awareness Month. Fellow comedian Brent Terhume warmed up the crowd.*

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