



Research Symposium Presents New Challenge for Future Science Communications Specialist

From the time she turned 13, Purdue University Fort Wayne senior Allison Velie has served as a nanny. She currently works with the offspring of three families—seven girls in all—who benefit from her knowledge as a biology major.

“When you have an inquisitive 7-year-old who asks why this food is healthy and this food is not,” Velie said, “I explain the microbiome and tell her how this food helps us because it feeds the good bacteria. [I focus on] different age levels and ranges of understanding to break it down.”

It’s good training as Velie is considering a career as a science communications specialist, breaking down complex studies and research so others can understand, making her own work and that of others relatable. She’s loved science since the fifth grade, loves research and learning, and has a passion for sharing comprehension.

That’s a big reason why she will present three posters at Friday’s 27th annual **Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium**, which is held all day on the skybridge between Helmke Library and Walb Student Union. There are graduate and undergraduate categories, as well as Deans Choice awards from each college.

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Spring Beats Concert Date Set

Get ready to let the beat drop. Spring Beats, a concert event for students, faculty, and staff, is happening at the Gates Sports Center on April 26. And we're going big—we're talking Grammy-nominee big. Mark your calendars because you won't want to miss this.

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.



Wolf Kept Busy Representing Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics

Throughout 2024, Purdue University Fort Wayne's Mike Wolf has one of Indiana's toughest jobs. During a presidential election year that happens to include high-profile contests state-wide and coast to coast, how does Wolf take the politics out of talking about politics? How does he make all the discussion points relatable to citizens who can simultaneously curse partisanship while being totally driven by it?

As interim director of the **Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics** in the College of Liberal Arts, along with being chair of the Department of Political Science, Wolf will be asked to participate in several weekly interviews to help interpret political news for local, state, and national media looking for perspective. During a recent week—though more than seven months away from the general election—Wolf gave four interviews.

“We do multiple goals,” Wolf said while sitting in the center’s designated space in room 214 of the Liberal Arts Building. “It’s a nonpartisan center devoted to helping the people of Indiana understand the wide-ranging impact of politics on their daily lives.”

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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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Sat., 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

2024 Undergraduate History Conference

This conference is an opportunity for history majors and other history students to present their research to an academic and community audience. Fifteen students will present, including majors in history, secondary education, political science, sociology, anthropology, and English...

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Sun., 5–7 p.m.

Flute Studio Recital

This recital will feature solo performances by the students of Vivianne Belanger and Luke Fitzpatrick. Admission is free for everyone...

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Mon., noon–1 p.m.

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PFW business school brings in \$1.32 million

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Wednesday

Music to the ears: PFW helps city ascent top 10-destination scale

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Wednesday

PFW music expansion receives state OK

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Tuesday

Sexting When You're Over 30: A Cringe-Free Guide for Couples

The Wall Street Journal (subscription required) | Tuesday

Purdue Fort Wayne lands \$1.3M for business school

Inside INdiana Business (subscription required) | Tuesday

Purdue Fort Wayne's Women's Basketball Team

WANE 15 (Living Local 15) | March 14

In a Snap

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



The festive Student Activities Board crew served up a potato bar on Tuesday as part of a belated St. Patrick's Day celebration.

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