



*Sophomore Finn Finney, physics major (left), and Eugenio Ursino, assistant professor of physics.*

## PFW Targets Safe Gazing, Education on Eclipse Day

When the near-total solar eclipse on April 8 peaks at around 3:10 p.m., the instinct may be to take it all in with the naked eye, but Purdue University Fort Wayne plans to offer a safer, more informative option on what is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Cutting to the chase, it's dangerous to look even indirectly at a solar eclipse without using certified solar glasses. That's why faculty and students from PFW's College of Science and its College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science will be providing, while supplies last, more than 2,000 free pairs of specialized glasses to anyone who wants to stop by the heart of campus to catch all the action.

The updated eye protection, which is much denser than typical sunglasses, will be distributed on the Science Mall starting at 1:30 p.m. The mall is located just east of the Science Building. Parking lots 4 and 5 will also be reserved from 1 to 4:30 p.m. for use by the general public. Check out the PFW [campus map](#) for additional guidance.

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*Mastodon WBB dominated Cincinnati 84-58 on Sunday to move on to the WNIT Super 16.*

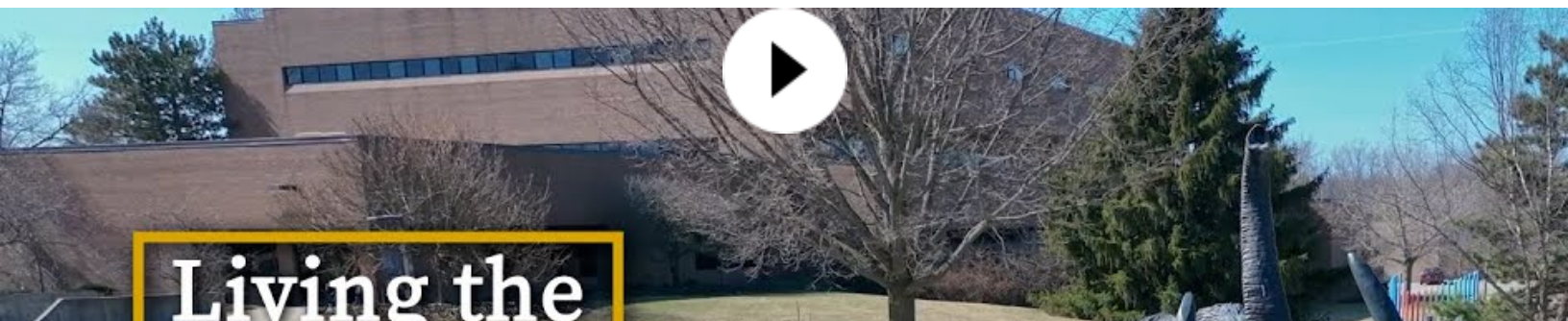
## Dons to Host WNIT Super 16 Home Game on Friday; Free Tickets for First 200 students

The Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball team will host Saint Louis (19-18) on Friday at 7 p.m. in the Super 16 Round of the 2024 Women's National Invitation Tournament. The game will take place on campus at the Gates Sports Center. The first 200 students will get free tickets thanks to the Student Activities Board. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

The Mastodons (23-12) advanced to the WNIT's Super 16 after defeating Cincinnati, 84-58, on Sunday in Cincinnati. Friday will be the Mastodons' second home game in the WNIT after topping Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday, 83-75.

PFW's men's basketball team has reached the championship game of the CollegenInsider.com Postseason Tournament after beating Tarleton State, 73-72, in a semifinal matchup on Monday night. That contest took place in Stephenville, Texas. The Dons (23-12) will battle Norfolk State (23-11) for the CIT title on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Norfolk, Virginia.

Continue to check out [gomastodons.com](http://gomastodons.com) for additional coverage on both games and more.





# Landrigan Legacy



## Living the Landrigan Legacy

Patrick Landrigan grew up on a farm outside Huntington and was the first member of his family to go to college. His Mastodon experience started with a master's degree in education that he earned on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne in 1970.

Landrigan and his wife, Susan, had four sons and three daughters. All seven followed in their father's footsteps by earning degrees under the Mastodon banner. Three met their spouses while on campus.

Patrick and Susan's seven children and their future spouses produced 48 children of their own. More than 20 have graduated as Mastodons. Theodore graduated in 2023, which leaves Lizzie, a senior, Mary Catherine, a sophomore, and Kate, a freshman, still at PFW—but more are on the way. The first member of the family's fourth generation, Henry Landrigan, will join his father, Matt, and his grandfather, Dan, as proud members of the Herd this fall.

Back in the third generation, Mary Catherine's sister Claire will be another newcomer in August. The current undergrads admit a full audit hasn't been considered until now, but including spouses, more than 50 members of the Landrigan family have either graduated or are on track to graduate as Mastodons.

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## Many Resources to Access at Well-being Summit

The annual **Well-being Summit** on Thursday gives everyone on campus a chance to celebrate the transition from winter to spring by taking a few moments to consider self-care. Centered around the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., various activities including health screenings, vendor presentations, and giveaways will help faculty, staff, and students prepare for the sprint to the semester's finish.

The options include mammogram screenings—call 260-483-1847 to register—massage therapy and spa treatments, a planting party, therapy dogs, miniature therapy horses, and a Mastodon-themed painting party. All events are free.

Along with free T-shirts, there will be 45 vendors in the International Ballroom from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local businesses and interests represented will include pickleball, counseling, physical therapy, dentistry, Pilates, and trails, along with more than 20 student organizations, academic departments, and on-campus services.

“It’s to bring awareness to the resources here and around the community to help people take a minute to consider how they are doing,” said Eric Manor, well-being and recreation director. “It’s not easy, the number of hours everyone is putting in. Take a deep breath before we wind up the school year and just remember to prioritize yourself in everything you are doing for others and your school work.”





## Self-Proclaimed ‘Cripple Threat of Comedy’ to Perform at PFW on Thursday

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 Thursday 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. Free tickets are still available 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. The show was scheduled to coincide with the university’s annual **Well-being Summit** for students, faculty, and staff.

## 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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Tues., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

YAWDAORB! - A Vocal Division Showcase

Broadway Backwards (YAWDAORB!) will highlight student soloists performing Broadway songs with a twist. The showcase will present a playful, gender-bending recital where tenors sing soprano solos and vice versa, along with a selection of pieces that reimagine gender roles of the Broadway stage...

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MARCH

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Thurs., 5:30–7:30 p.m.

## Women's Studies Homecoming Happy Hour

Join women's studies students, faculty, alumni, and community friends for light snacks and refreshments at the alumni center. Snacks and nonalcoholic drinks provided. Cash bar...

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MARCH

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Fri., 5–7 p.m.

## Paint, Sip, and Relax: Women's Edition

Celebrate Women's History Month by joining The Multicultural Center to paint by number. A glass of sparkling, nonalcoholic juice will be provided...

## On the Job

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*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### New Hires

- Celia Elder, administrative assistant | Registrar
- Chloe Rice, administrative assistant | School of Polytechnic

# In a Snap

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



It was shoulder-to-shoulder on the skybridge at the 27th annual Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium on Friday. Check Thursday's edition of *Inside PFW* for an event wrap-up including a list of award winners.

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