



Commencement Will Bring Special Joy to Daughter and Mother Team

As Tonya Burns likes to say, she raised her two children to take on the world. Though always loving her, they didn't always like her methods as she pushed them through difficult times to find out who they should and could become.

That's especially true for daughter Jordan who was born with arthrogyrosis, a variety of conditions involving multiple joint stiffness. She's undergone many surgeries and countless hours of therapy to function, now using a mobility scooter.

But she has limited use of her hands, so her mother has attended every one of her Purdue University Fort Wayne classes, taking notes and filling up stacks of notebooks as Jordan majors in human services. Because of the challenges, they needed eight years, but Jordan will graduate in May.

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New Safety Measures at Commencement Made Easier with Earlier Access to Coliseum

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 ceremony participants, students, and guests 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. Guests may enter at 2 p.m.

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.



Winners of 2024 Summit Scholars Competition to Receive Full, 4-year Scholarships to Purdue Fort Wayne

Purdue University Fort Wayne's annual effort to identify top high school seniors who, based on their academic merit and community involvement, will receive full, four-year scholarships to PFW has reached the moment of truth.

It's called the Summit Scholars Competition and the class of 2024–25 is made up of six students identified as Chapman Scholars and another who has earned the title of Doermer Distinguished Scholar.

Conducted remotely to encourage participation from applicants near and far—including those whose families may be facing a degree of financial insecurity that would make travel to Fort Wayne a hardship—this year's competition received a record 70 applications, which was a 25% increase from last year.

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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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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

Songwriters Showcase

Featuring School of Music songwriting and performance majors, this concert will showcase writers “in-the-round” performing their original songs. Free admission...

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Thurs., noon–1 p.m.

Healthy Boiler Virtual Workshop: Sip Smart—Navigating Alcohol Awareness

This presentation aims to increase awareness about the impact of alcohol consumption on both our physical and mental health. Additional topics will include information on how we metabolize alcohol, binge drinking, drinking in moderation, and "mocktail" recipe ideas.,,

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Sat., 5–7 p.m.

Faculty Artist Jonathan Young, Piano

Piano faculty member Jonathan Young will present a varied program of solo piano music including works by Bach, Mozart, Albéniz, and others...

In a Snap

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Participants from all around the community took part in the Campus United 5K Run/Walk through PFW's chilly spring scenery on Saturday morning. Proceeds from the annual event benefit The FRIENDS of the University Pantry.

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