Abby Lewis and Casey Hunter, juniors in the School of Education, are two of the PFW students who spent Tuesday mornings at Study Elementary this year.
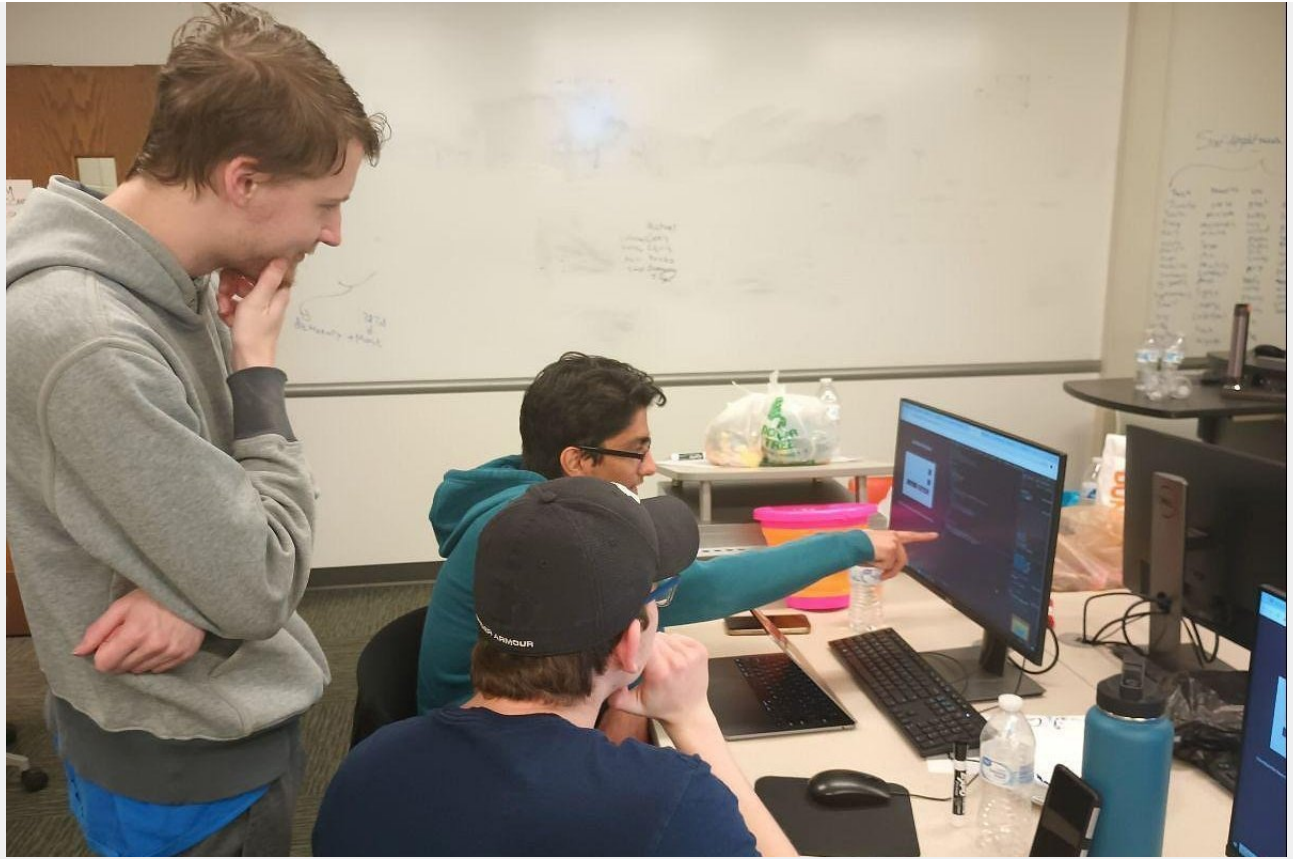
SoE Juniors Grow with Early Classroom Experience

Holly Hullinger-Sirken continually tells her students, "We learn by doing." This is why the associate clinical professor in the School of Education at Purdue University Fort Wayne was seeking to give them practical experience before becoming student teachers.

Hullinger-Sirken asked Fort Wayne Community Schools to partner in a new program that would initiate juniors into classrooms before traditionally entering student teaching as seniors. During the past two semesters, students in Hullinger-Sirken's language arts and reading courses spent Tuesday mornings at Study Elementary. A grant from PFW's Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching provided materials, among other things.

After attending a lecture in the media center, the PFW students spent two hours working with classes, small groups, and individuals, concentrating on reading. Sometimes that meant working with third grade students to help them prepare for Indiana's IREAD test.

Purdue Fort Wayne Cybersecurity Team Finishes Season with No. 14 National Ranking; Highest Spot of Any University in Indiana

One of the nation's highest-ranked teams in a cybersecurity competition that just concluded was made up of six computer science majors at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

During the National Cyber League's spring 2024 season, Purdue Fort Wayne's first team finished 14th out of 1,034 total squads who participated. That was the highest place of any university in the Indiana, and among the top 2% of all teams taking part in this biannual competition. The **Cyber Power Rankings** released Friday is a list generated by Cyber Skyline in partnership with the NCL.

"This achievement not only showcases our students' highly demanded cybersecurity skills, but it also highlights our university's competitiveness on a national level," said Adolfo Coronado, chair of the Department of Computer Science. "Competitions like these are valuable opportunities for our computer science majors to prove to themselves and others that they're ready to take what they've learned in the classroom and apply it to scenarios they'll see throughout their careers. That's important."

Hostage Negotiator Training in DSB Building Next Week

University Police and the Fort Wayne Police Department, with assistance from the FBI, will be conducting a basic-level hostage negotiator training Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Doermer School of Business Building. Monday through Wednesday will be classroom time; Thursday and Friday will be scenario-based training. All departments that are housed in the building have been notified, and signs will be placed at the doors.

Be aware of increased traffic and squad cars next week, as well as the possibility of two large command vehicles on the lot.

Good to Know

Clearance Sale at Mastodon Campus Store

Visit the Mastodon Campus Store during its end-of-season clearance sale. These items are offered in store and **online**.

In a Snap

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

In what has become a bit of an on-campus tradition at Purdue Fort Wayne, graduates began celebrating early on Wednesday with Don on the Ron Venderly Family Bridge.

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