



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.



When Building a VPA Gallery, Walls Become Decker's Canvas

Sometimes, colleagues catch Derek Decker staring at the walls in the Visual Arts Building. The Visual Arts Gallery director is not daydreaming but trying to build a picture in his mind. In a way, the walls are the canvas he uses to design displays showcasing the best work the Purdue University Fort Wayne students and faculty create. Taking time to stare is part of his process.

And, yes, there is an art and craft to Decker's decisions on where and how things go on the walls. He uses his contemplative state to hopefully inspire visitors to enter their own such world when **viewing the galleries**.

"My joy is when people walk through the gallery and they are amazed at the ability of these young artists and where it's going to go from there," Decker said. "A lot of times I can hear comments as I walk around, and people may not know who I am, so I can be that fly on the wall. It's great to hear when they say something about how they are amazed by the artwork or the layout, how it really has a flow, then I know I've succeeded."

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Official Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2024–25

The official holiday/recess dates for Purdue University Fort Wayne for fiscal year 2024–25 will be:

- Thursday, July 4, 2024 | Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 2, 2024 | Labor Day
- Thursday–Friday, Nov. 28–29, 2024 | Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, Dec. 23, 2024 | President's Holiday
- Tuesday–Wednesday, Dec. 24–25 | Christmas Holiday
- Dec 26–31, 2024 | Winter Recess*
- Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025 | President's Holiday
- Monday, Jan. 20, 2025 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, May 26, 2025 | Memorial Day

** The winter recess was approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees at their February 2024 meeting.*

Updates to Door Access

Campus Credentials and Transportation is in the process of updating the door access security system across campus. One of the changes will be new door swipe readers. The new readers are smaller and will work by tapping a card instead of the swipe magstripe procedure.

Current Mastodon Cards will work with the new readers and you do not need to get a new one. Address questions or concerns to 260-481-6611 or cct@pfw.edu.

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