



## Pianist Pushing Hard to Advance Family Legacy

Every time Christian Urizar plays a piano recital or Symphonic Wind Ensemble concert at Purdue University Fort Wayne, about 20 people in Guatemala stream the broadcast. The junior's performances are also a hot topic on the family chat for days afterward.

Urizar is following in the family business, after all, likely raising the overall quality to new heights. He's just taken a unique path to this career choice. The family members play as a group in church, while he has played in some of Europe's great concert halls as a PFW student.

While his grandparents, parents, and other relatives practiced regularly to sing weekends in their church band, a very young Urizar would often jump in during rehearsal breaks to play with the instruments. Because the family needed one, he started as a drummer at age 7. After he began to

like the piano more, his parents entered him into the Guatemalan National Conservatory of Music, but he dropped out after 2½ years to study physics and mathematics.

[READ MORE](#)

## Offices of HR and OIE Return to Main Campus

There are still a few boxes to be unpacked along the east wing of Kettler Hall, but for all intents and purposes, Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity are physically back on the Main Campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne after spending nearly four years in the Doermer School of Business building. That's not to say team members of each of these administrative units have been invisible during that time. In fact, they sometimes seem to be in multiple places at once. Even so, regular trips between PFW's south and main campuses did present logistical challenges for those directly involved in the daily operations of the university.

As of Monday, HR's new home is Kettler Hall, Room 139. That's also where employees can find payroll. OIE is just a few doors down in Room 144.

"We're pleased to be back in spaces closer to the largest segment of those we serve," said Tina Grady, associate vice chancellor, HR-OIE. "While we continue to encourage employees to reach out to us in any fashion that's most convenient to them, making those face-to-face interactions a little easier to facilitate is certainly an advantage of this relocation."

According to Grady, the satellite location HR had been using on the ground floor of Kettler will be repurposed for internal use. Effective immediately, employees and others are invited to drop by the new location in the east wing of Kettler's first floor during normal office hours.

**[Learn more about HR-OIE.](#)**





## Three Rivers Festival Moving onto Campus Tomorrow

As first reported in the **June 6 edition** of *Inside PFW*, two popular Three Rivers Festival events are moving to the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus on Friday and Saturday. The Children's Fest and the International Village will both take over the center of campus.

Children's Fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Mastodon Way, while the International Village will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday on the Science Mall.

The Children's Fest for those ages 3–9 includes face painting, rides, ice cream, lemonade, dozens of vendors, resource information booths, and first responder vehicles to explore. The International Village will feature various food options, art, culture, and a performance stage.

## In a Snap

---

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



*Buck Jordan, director of Doermer School of Business Student Success and Advising Center, spoke to incoming students at an orientation session in the International Ballroom on July 11. Attendees learned about the many things the **business school** has to offer.*

News Center



Inside PFW Archive



Athletics



Ripples



*Inside PFW* is an official university communication for faculty and staff. All submissions should be sent to **inside@pfw.edu** no later than 2 p.m. on the day prior to the next edition to be considered for inclusion. Newsletter guidelines can be accessed in the PFW **News Center**.

*Inside PFW* is produced twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday by the Office of Communications and Marketing. *Inside PFW Special Edition* is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**  
**FORT WAYNE**

