



One of the highlights of Dons College Picnic will be the return of ziplining after a one-year absence.

Tons of Social Events Highlight Semester's Opening Two Weeks

A fantastic way to get into the groove on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne—and make new friends—is by enjoying a few of the kickoff activities planned over the next two weeks. As the fall semester begins, the Student Activities Board and various other organizations are filling the calendar with opportunities to welcome new and returning students, while also helping them feel at home.

There are tons of activities to consider including Friday's Welcome Back BBQ at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus, which is open to all students and their families, not just those who live

in student housing. Other possibilities include the Multicultural Center's Welcome Station, the Q Center Welcome Table and Open House, the Disability Access Center Welcome Back Breakfast, and the TRIO Coffee Hour. Be sure to check out a full list of possibilities on the [Events Calendar](#).

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Traffic Alert for Coliseum Boulevard Entrance to Main Campus

With Monday's start of the fall semester rapidly approaching, there's a traffic alert the entire campus community must be aware of.

The Indiana Department of Transportation has begun work on what it's calling deck overlay preventive maintenance to the Coliseum Boulevard bridge across the St. Joseph River, which is just west of the Main Campus. At times throughout the project, access at the Anthony Boulevard and Coliseum Boulevard entrance will be restricted. Construction is scheduled to last until Sept. 16, weather permitting.

Crews will be closing lanes and diverting traffic on Coliseum in both directions during the project.

As of Thursday, the left turn lane on eastbound Coliseum that frequently backs up in the morning remains closed. INDOT reported to the university on Wednesday that work on this stretch of road will continue into the evening hours and may be done early next week. As the project moves to other lanes, it remains to be seen how that will impact traffic patterns, even after the left turn lane reopens.

Anyone looking to drive onto campus during this time is strongly encouraged to adjust their schedules to reflect possible delays. If in doubt, the Crescent Avenue and St. Joe Road entrances are good alternatives for the time being.

[Click here](#) to view a campus map.

Cultural Awareness Trainings

In partnership with the Office of International Education, join Suin Roberts, associate professor of German, for an insightful workshop specifically designed for both PFW faculty and staff who have students with diverse cultural backgrounds—international students, first- or second-generation immigrants—and/or colleagues from all over the world.

Through lecture-style learning, group discussion, and hands-on activities, this training will focus on bringing cultural awareness into the classroom and office while creating an inclusive space of belonging for all. Certificates are awarded upon completion.

Staff Trainings

Sept. 19 | 9 a.m.–noon

Oct. 17 | 9 a.m.–noon

Faculty Training

Nov. 1 | 9 a.m.–noon

Breakfast pastries, coffee, and tea will be provided. Registration will close two weeks prior to each respective session.

Contact iss@pfw.edu with questions.

Good to Know

60th Birthday Party Set for Sept. 26

The Office of Alumni Engagement will host a 60th birthday party for the university at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center on Sept. 26 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be food trucks, lawn games, signature cocktails, birthday cake, and memorabilia from years past. Alumni, retirees, faculty, staff, students, community members, and friends of the university are invited. [Register here.](#)

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Set for Sept. 4

If you would like to have your portrait taken, you may do so Sept. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union. Please note that this is a Wednesday rather than the usual first Tuesday of the month, due to the Labor Day holiday.

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.

AUGUST

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Tues., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Have a "Paws"itive Start! Therapy Dogs!

To help the semester start off right, therapy dogs will be hanging out in the Herd Hideout hallway for you to pet, cuddle, and take selfies with...

AUGUST

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Wed., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

WellRec RecFest

Discover the joy of recreation at RecFest, sponsored by WellRec. Dive into a day filled with excitement as they transform the Science Mall into a playground of adventure...

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Fort Wayne Police officers demonstrate emergency vehicle driving training

WANE 15 | Friday

Purdue Fort Wayne to celebrate multilingual population at new event

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Aug. 15

Fort4Fitness unveils shirt, medal designs for 2024 Fall Festival

WANE 15 | Aug. 15

PFW secures two recycling research project grants totaling more than \$560K

In a Snap

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



It's international student orientation week. At check-in, students are asked to register their local U.S. address.

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