



New Chief of University Police Brings Big Heart to Campus

A significant addition to the Purdue University Fort Wayne team became official during the June 4 swearing-in of Anthony Harrison as chief of University Police. Harrison, a former Butler University senior patrol officer, replaces Tim Potts, who retired in January after six years as head of a 13-person staff.

One of the first things Harrison did on the job was describe how everyone plays a part in safety and security.

"If they see something that doesn't seem quite right, say something; let us know," Harrison said. "The biggest culture shift in public safety is it doesn't just fall under University Police. Public safety is part of the entire campus community."

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PFW's 14th Center of Excellence Grew from a Surprising Start

A few weeks ago, the FIRST Molecules Research Center in the College of Science received noteworthy recognition when it became the 14th Center of Excellence at Purdue University Fort Wayne. However, the story behind the Fullertube Interdisciplinary Research Science and Technology—FIRST for short—Molecules Research Center that dates back to 2017 is even more remarkable.

Ryan Koenig was a 17-year-old junior at Concordia Lutheran High School who had just passed his Advanced Placement chemistry course when his teacher, Kyle Jane, received an email from PFW. The university was offering high school students an opportunity to take part in an intern program.

That's how Koenig met Steven Stevenson, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Was Koenig interested in a glorified job shadow, or did he want to be treated like a regular undergrad student and try his own research project? Koenig immediately wanted the latter, and Stevenson assigned him the task of trying to isolate C60 molecules from carbon soot.

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Progress Made on Coliseum Boulevard Project; Left Turn Lane Remains Closed

The Indiana Department of Transportation is working 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.

As of Tuesday morning, the left turn lane on eastbound Coliseum that frequently backs up early in the day remains closed. Do not drive around the orange barrels to enter campus at the Anthony Boulevard entrance.

INDOT reported to the university on Monday that work to finish this stretch of road is targeted for completion this 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.

Crews will be closing lanes and diverting traffic on Coliseum in both directions throughout the project. Work is scheduled to last until Sept. 16, weather permitting.

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.



Adopt-a-Don for the Holidays

The **Adopt-a-Don** project is an assistance program that aids selected students and their families during the holiday season. Through this campaign, faculty, staff, campus departments, and/or students and student organizations are invited to assist recipients with toys, clothing, and household needs.

A maximum amount of \$250 is allowed per family for the 2024 campaign. Donated gifts and items should be unopened, bagged, and/or wrapped upon delivery. Gift cards are accepted.

Faculty, staff, campus departments, and/or student organizations can register to Adopt-a-Don between Aug. 26 and Sept. 27. **Visit the website** for more information.

If you have questions, contact **women@pfw.edu**.

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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Today, 5–7 p.m.

DEI Block Party 2024

Games, giveaways, free food, live DJ, resources. Don't miss the annual Block Party in Alumni Plaza (follow the music between Walb and Helmke Library) as we welcome back students for a new academic year...

AUGUST

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Wed., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

WellRec RecFest

Dive into a day filled with excitement as we transform the Science Mall into a playground of adventure...

AUGUST

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Thurs., 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Day on the River 2024

Come over to the Venderly Family Bridge on the river! Some of the activities include kayaking, airboat rides, bike rides, disc golf, and lawn games...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Olivia Cape, graduate operations administrator | Division of Continuing Studies
- Kayla Payton, account clerk | Bursar and Student Finance
- Merri Peabody, administrative assistant | Department of Computer Science

Transfers

- Hannah Tevis, associate bursar | Bursar and Student Finance

In a Snap

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



A fantastic way to get into the groove—and make new friends—is by enjoying a few of the kickoff activities planned over the next two weeks. On Monday, students gathered on the Science Mall for the first major event featuring food, freebies, and giant inflatables (above).

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