



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.



John Buteyn in the recording studio at the Purdue Fort Wayne Sweetwater Music Center.

Gold Top Continues to Move the Needle

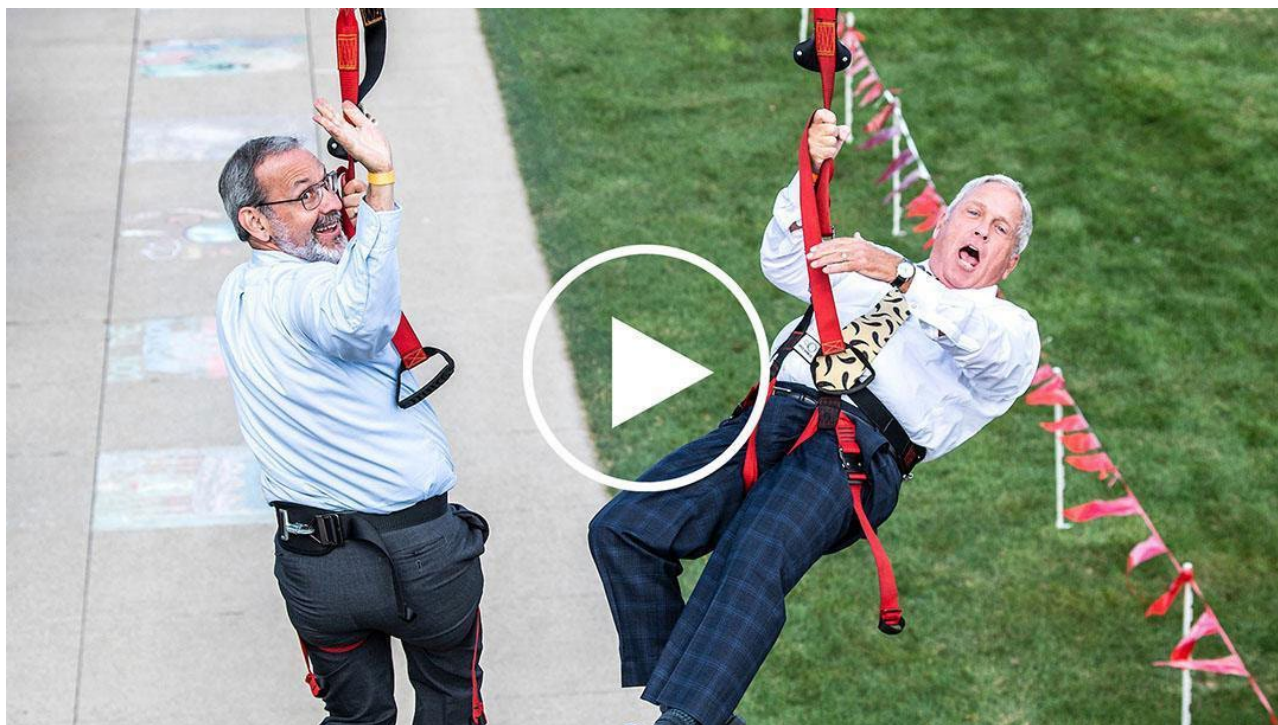
Four years ago, as he became a new clinical assistant professor of music and director of popular music in the School of Music, John Buteyn was welcomed with a to-do list. At the very top—

practically bolded, underlined, and italicized—was starting a record label.

Taking inspiration from Gibson’s iconic Les Paul Gold Top guitar, which clearly fit well with Purdue University Fort Wayne’s colors, the **Gold Top Music Group** was introduced on Aug. 3, 2021. Beside Buteyn and Jason Lundgren, clinical assistant professor of music industry, there was one student at the start.

Today, Buteyn and Lundgren are still the cornerstones of the Center of Excellence, but now supported by five full-time and 12 part-time faculty members working with between 80 and 100 students. Since 2021, approximately 200 students have graduated with popular music and music industry degrees.

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Deans and Dons on the Zipline: Popular Picnic Pastime Returns Tuesday

After a jam-packed first five days of the fall semester, students, faculty, and staff may need the upcoming Labor Day weekend to rest up. Once that box is checked, welcome back activities return for week two on Tuesday with the Dons’ College Picnic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Science Mall.

Besides showcasing the various academic opportunities on campus with food, giveaways, and a DJ supplied as incentives, the highlight of the day could be the return of ziplining after a one-year

absence. This high-flying activity in the past has even featured a couple deans racing for bragging rights. Is there a rematch in the works?

WATCH VIDEO



Mastodon Market Returns Today for Year 5

Part of what makes the Mastodon Market so popular is the variety of options to choose from. Open Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Sept. 19, the market is where employees, students, and community members can find vegetables, fruit, plants, desserts, and information. Live music and food trucks have also been featured in the past.

Starting its fifth year this week, vendors who will be setting up shop under the skybridge connecting Walb Student Union and Helmke Library include Honey Plant, The Wellness Barn, Hot Dog Boyz, and Homestead Herbal Wellness. Entertainment will be provided by The DeeBee's.

Click here to read more about the people who bring the market to life.

Progress Made on Coliseum Boulevard Project; Left Turn Lane

Now Open

The left turn lane on eastbound Coliseum Boulevard that frequently backs up early in the day reopened Wednesday morning.

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.

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. As the project moves to other stretches of road, and the pavement markings are repainted, it remains to be seen how that will impact traffic patterns.

Anyone looking to drive onto campus during this time may still need 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.

Good to Know

Review Updated Academic Calendar

There has been a recent update to the **academic calendar**, so make sure to review the dates, including the withdrawal deadline for full-term classes.

Free Faculty and Staff Tickets to Mastodon Athletics

New in 2024–25, employees can receive one free ticket to all home ticketed Mastodon athletic events by showing a valid Purdue University Fort Wayne or Indiana University Fort Wayne ID card. Ticketed sports include basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field. For soccer, faculty and staff receive one free general admission ticket per game. For indoor sports, faculty and staff receive one free upper-level general admission ticket per game at Gates Sports Center or Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Lower-level single game and season tickets can also be purchased at a discount.

Questions? Contact Abby Walker, athletic ticket sales director, at 260-481-5769 or **aawalker@pfw.edu**.

Community Arts Academy Classes

Registration for fall Community Arts Academy classes will start Sept. 21. View the course offerings and registration details at **pfw.edu/caa-classes**.

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Wednesday

If you would like to have your portrait taken, you may do so Wednesday 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.

Honors Program Information Session

You're invited to a virtual information session for the Honors Program at Purdue Fort Wayne on Tuesday from 10 to 10:30 a.m., via WebEx. This session will explore the various benefits and expectations of being part of the Honors Program. If you know students who might be interested in the program, please encourage them to attend this session and learn more about what the Honors Program has to offer. [Sign up here.](#)

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.

SEPTEMBER

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Tues., noon–1 p.m.

Healthy Boiler Workshop: Healthy Aging

Many factors can influence health as people age. Some of these, such as genetics, are not in our control. This online presentation will focus on lifestyle factors that can influence your day-to-day life—such as diet, exercise, regular doctor visits and screenings, and...

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Thurs., 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

WellRec and the American Red Cross invite all healthy and eligible individuals to give blood, because the need for blood does not go away. Check the eligibility guidelines before signing up...

In a Snap

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



What could be better when temps are in the 90s? A waterslide appeared in front of Building H at student housing Tuesday evening and quickly became a hot spot for cooling off. Here, a group of resident assistants slide as a team.

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