

For Faculty and Staff

September 17, 2024



Isabel Hollis and Owen Saalfrank dressed the parts for a viewing of the film "The Mummy" on Feb. 20. The event was part of the Medieval Movie Nights series.

# Medieval Movie Nights Offer Different View on Literary Classics

About 12 years ago, while teaching a particularly enthusiastic group of students taking a course in classical mythology, Damian Fleming one day asked, "Hey, there's all this stuff inspired by classical mythology. Would you be interested in watching movies together?"

That's how **Medieval Movies Nights** started. Early features included Disney's "Hercules" and "Troy." These days, attendance is voluntary, there's no extra credit to be earned, and anyone can come for free. And the numbers are pretty good. Last spring, about 70 people watched "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," which was related to Fleming's old English class.

"Look, that rabbit's got a vicious streak a mile wide! It's a killer!"

Fleming's goal is for everyone to relax, eat pizza, and enjoy a movie together. Afterward, there's often a short Q&A, which always surprises him because so many people stay for it. The films start around 6 p.m., usually in Neff Hall, Room 101, with everything wrapped and cleaned up by 9 p.m. There are four and sometimes even five movies per semester.

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### Why Adherence to Hybrid Work Schedule Protocol is Essential

As a reminder, the fall/spring hybrid work schedule protocol the university returned to Aug. 5 is that academic and administrative units are limited to one remote day per week. Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. With almost 7,500 students on campus this semester, it is essential that all employees adhere to this practice in order to fully serve students and ensure that they are having the best possible experience. Doing this is also an important way employees demonstrate support for each other. That being said, hybrid work is a privilege and may be discontinued at any time if misuse is observed.

Although units have the flexibility to modify the hybrid schedules, this should only be done if necessary—and as feasible and appropriate. Any modifications must be coordinated with the Office of Human Resources, and all final decisions on hybrid work schedules, outside of the one remote day a week, must be made by direct reports to the chancellor for each of their respective areas.

Questions? Email hr@pfw.edu.

# Guidelines for Communication with Elected and Appointed Officials

With the 2024 general election less than two months away, it is important for Purdue Fort Wayne employees to be reminded and aware of the policies and guidelines that apply to interactions with candidates for political office, as well as elected and appointed officials. These **guidelines** provide the details for communication and interactions by employees with local, state, and federal elected and appointed officials. It is of utmost importance to note that university resources may not be used for campaign, lobbying, or endorsement purposes.

If you have questions, please contact Kimberly Grannan, chief of staff to the chancellor and

# Good to Know

### Graduate Education Info Sessions Return This Week

Learn more about a wide array of graduate programs by connecting with directors, faculty, and admissions staff. Explore admission requirements and application deadlines, and take advantage of the opportunity to ask questions during free information sessions held throughout the fall semester. **Register today** and jumpstart your graduate journey.

# Faculty Presentation: Insights from Bangladeshi Adventure

The campus community is invited to a presentation featuring Farah Combs, Honors Program director, Ahmed Mustafa, professor of biology, and Ron Friedman, dean of the College of Science, who will describe their **visit to Daffodil International University** in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The presentation will be Sept. 30 at noon in Neff Hall, Room 101.

# CARE Team Info Session is Sept. 25

There's still time to register for a one-hour informational session that will provide an overview of what the CARE Team is, who sits on the team, and what happens after a CARE referral is made. The session will be Sept. 25 from 11 a.m. to noon, via Teams. Sign up by emailing **PFWCARE@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.

SEPTEMBER

# **18** Wed., noon-1 p.m.

### Employee Yoga: In-Person and Virtual Class

Learn poses and techniques to practice yoga anytime, anywhere. Participants work at their own level guided by health coach Lindsay Bloom. Class meets in-person and virtually every Wednesday. All levels welcome...

#### SEPTEMBER

**19, 21** Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Sept. 21 at 2 p.m.

### Antigone Now

Antigone Now asks "Why does power decide what is right or wrong?" In this modern retelling of the classic Greek tale of Antigone, we see a family squabble taken to extremes, as Antigone risks everything to defend her brother's honor and fight for what she knows is right. Admission is free...

# SEPTEMBER 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28 8 p.m. Sept. 22 at 2 p.m.

### The Catastrophist

How do you plan for a catastrophe? Virologist Nathan Wolfe, named one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World for his work tracking viral pandemic outbreaks, proposed pandemic insurance years before the novel coronavirus outbreak. No one bought it. Now, in a post-COVID world, we hear his story through the voices of multiple actors...

#### SEPTEMBER

**21** Sat., 5–7 p.m.

# Guest Artist Recital: Hyunsoon Whang, Piano Hyunsoon Whang, internationally acclaimed concert artist and professor

of piano at Cameron University, will present a recital featuring Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op. 28, as well as Schubert's Fantasy in F Minor for piano four hands, joined by Hamilton Tescarollo, director of keyboard studies at PFW...

# On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

#### New Hires

• Ryan Adamson, captain of police operations | University Police Department

# In a Snap

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



Students and alumni had an opportunity to practice their elevator pitch at the annual Mastodon Internship and Career Fair, which took place Friday in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse. Employers were recruiting for internships, co-ops, part-time, and full-time jobs.



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