



PFW Begins New Academic Year with Higher Enrollment, Credit Hours

Enrollment at Purdue University Fort Wayne was up again at the start of the fall 2024 semester. Including credit hours delivered by PFW to IUFW, the total number of students rose by 0.8% to 7,471. Credit hours were also up by 1.2%.

Along with a **10-year high in retention**, which rose by 2.2%, new undergraduate student enrollment was led by a 9% increase in credit hour production for international students and a 9.7% increase in credit hour production for students outside Indiana and the nearby Ohio reciprocity counties.

"In order to continue to increase enrollment, a mixture of retention gains and growth in new

student credit hours is essential,” said Krissy Surface, vice chancellor for enrollment management and the student experience. “While we experienced an anomaly being down in graduate credit hours for the first time in over 5 years, a 1.2% increase in undergrad credits is very positive.”

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Archaeology Students to Show off Skills during Weekend Dig

For thousands who plan on attending this weekend’s annual Johnny Appleseed Festival, their trek will start across Coliseum Boulevard on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne. Hoping to capitalize on this built-in interest in time travel, PFW students and professional archaeologists will be camping out on both sides of the Ron Venderly Family Bridge on Saturday to show off their passions to visitors walking by.

“It’s a pretty cool experience to talk to the public and tell them we are archaeologists,” senior Emily Doctor said. “We’re here to engage the public in archaeology and hope they get a better appreciation for it.”

Students will be digging from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to demonstrate techniques and methods as part of **Indiana’s Archaeology Month**. They’ll also give away coloring books created by archaeologists, crayons, and stickers for the younger fans. The event is sponsored in collaboration with RESCOM Environmental Corp and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

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Multicultural Center to Screen Award-Winning Doc 'The Girl in the Yellow Scarf' on Tuesday

The Multicultural Center is hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary "The Girl in the Yellow Scarf" on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 101. Tickets are free and can be picked up in the Multicultural Center at Walb Student Union, Room 118.

Based on the book by Fort Wayne native and film producer Sandra Chapman, the **documentary** chronicles a cold case investigation of the 1968 murder of 21-year-old black woman Carol Jenkins in Martinsville. The case's outcome was resolved in 2001 through a television news series produced by Chapman. She will be in attendance on Tuesday and participate in a Q&A session after the screening.

"Chapman deserves to be featured in her hometown, and we need to remember things that happened in our past," said Rhonda Meriwether, director of the Multicultural Center. "This young lady was a college student who was going to work her summer job when she was killed. Her family and friends didn't know what happened for 30-some years until this investigative reporter started digging and was able to discover what happened."

Earlier this year, the project won Best of Hoosier Lens Feature and Audience Choice awards at the Indy Film Fest. In recognition of the achievements, and to highlight Chapman's visit to the PFW campus, Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker has signed a proclamation naming Sept. 24 as Sandra Chapman Day in the city.

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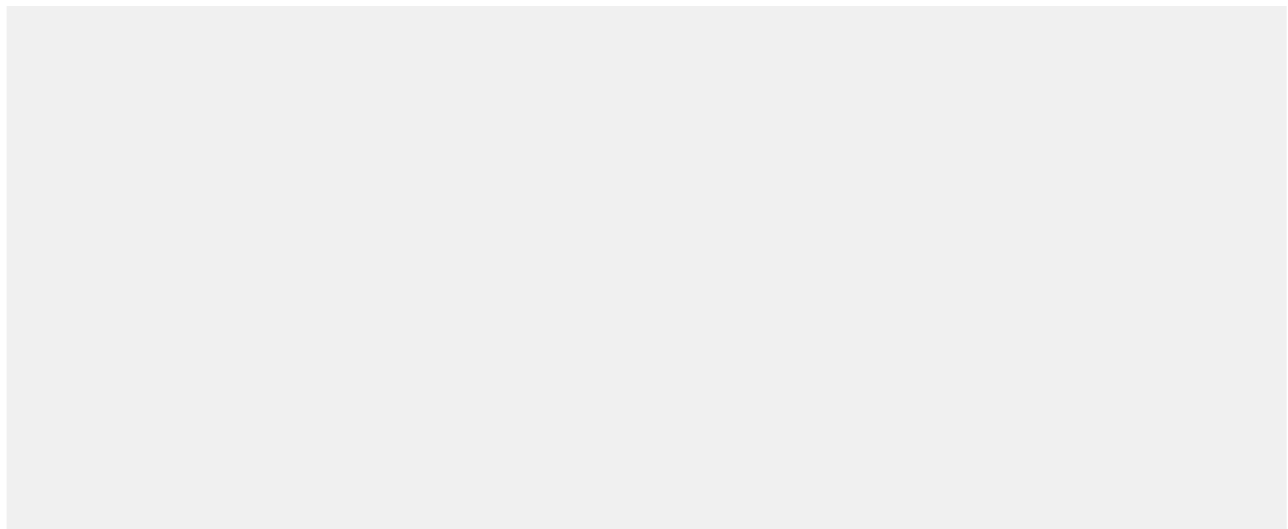
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Tuesday was Constitution Day. Various staff members, including Q Center Director Vic Spencer, photographed here at the microphone, took turns reading from the entire document outdoors at the entrance to Helmke Library.

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