

For Faculty and Staff

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PFW Celebrates Dedication of W. Paul and Carolyn Wolf Bridge

Purdue University Fort Wayne dedicated on Monday afternoon the pedestrian bridge across Crescent Avenue that connects its Main and Waterfield campuses. Now named the W. Paul and Carolyn Wolf Bridge, the recognition honors the Wolfs' support of the university and commitment to Mastodon Athletics. Surrounded by student-athletes and coaches, Paul Wolf said he would like this span to also be viewed as the "Students' Future Career Bridge."

Even more than the honor, the Wolfs seemed to enjoy meeting the current Mastodons during a small reception afterward in the Development Building. Paul greeted more than a dozen student-athletes who were predominately products of northeast Indiana high schools, a theme important to the Wolfs.

"Our hope is that more local students will consider coming here to study and compete in the future," Paul Wolf said. "I told several of them that they should go home and tell their mom and dad they did a real nice job. They are all just nice. When you have a faculty that is friendly, it flows through the students, and they in turn are going to produce that the rest of their lives and pass it on to their children."

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Faculty Senate SEA 202 Town Hall Meetings Set for Next Week

The Faculty Senate invites all faculty and staff to attend two town hall meetings that will explore some of the changes mandated by Senate Enrolled Act 202. These sessions will inform and solicit feedback on a proposal to establish a complaint process whereby any faculty, student, or staff member may file a complaint if a faculty member or instructor has allegedly failed to promote a culture of intellectual diversity in their classroom.

The first is set for Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. and the second on Oct. 4 from 4 to 5 p.m. Both will be held in Kettler Hall, Room 239. A Zoom link is available from Bernd Buldt at **buldtb@pfw.edu**.

The meetings are cosponsored by the provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; the associate vice chancellor for Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity; and the executive committee of the Faculty Senate.



Flu Shots for Employees Offered On Campus Tuesday

Seasonal flu shots for employees will be available Tuesday from 7 to 11 a.m. in Walb Student Union, Room 222. The vaccine will be administered by One to One Health from the **Center for Healthy Living**.

This on-campus opportunity is being provided at no change to all benefits-eligible employees, spouses, and dependents over age 18. Retirees on the Purdue health plan, as well as IUFW faculty and staff, are also eligible to receive the shot. Employees must present their PFW or IUFW ID.

Can't make it next week? Flu shots are part of preventive care overage and are covered on Purdue's health plan at 100%. Appointments can be made with the Center for Healthy Living by calling 765-494-0111 or visiting a primary care physician's office or in-network pharmacy.

FULL DETAILS



PFW Artwork on Display in Local Exhibition

Four Purdue University Fort Wayne faculty members are part of six artists featured until Oct. 20 at Crestwoods Frame Shop and Gallery, 314 N. Main St., in Roanoke.

The exhibition is called "Endangered Species: Environmental Ethics." Rebecca Coffman, chair of the Department of Art and Design and professor of ceramics; Derek Decker, Visual Arts Gallery coordinator and studio tech; John Hrehov, professor of drawing and painting; and Robert Schroeder, limited term lecturer, are presenting pieces. Their works include painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, and metalsmithing.

According to Crestwoods, "The artists have focused on many endangered species within our complex world. All of these threatened creatures are at high risk of eventual extinction due to human manipulation of the natural world. Including us, our fragile existence relies on finite resources on this planet."

The show opened Sept. 14. The gallery's hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. More information and samples of the artists' work, which is available for purchase, can be found on the gallery's **Facebook** page.

Create a Simple Will during Write a Will Week

Purdue Fort Wayne will once again participate in "Write a Will Week," Oct. 21–25. This is an opportunity to have a simple will created with volunteer attorneys from Barnes & Thornburg. Simple wills that contain at least one charitable bequest will be written at no cost during the session.

The dates available at PFW are:

- Oct. 21 | 2–6 p.m.
- Oct. 22 | 9–11 a.m.

These slots tend to fill up quickly. Please contact Eve Colchin, director of development, at 260-481-6659 or **eve.colchin@pfw.edu** to schedule an appointment. This service takes place at the Development Building, located on the Waterfield Campus, 4110 Crescent Ave. Please use the visitor's parking lot across from the office.

After meeting with the attorneys, your document(s) will be completed and, at a later date, you will visit the Barnes & Thornburg offices to review and sign the forms.

Song of My Blood Performance Coming to Campus Saturday

A handful of Purdue University Fort Wayne departments are sponsoring a unique cultural music experience on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Music Center. "Canturia de Mi Sangre," or "Song of My Blood," honors the universal poetry of Gabriela Mistral, the first Latin American to receive the Nobel Prize in literature. She championed the rights of women, children, and Indigenous communities. Her poetry embraced sorrow, hope, and profound humanity. The concert includes original compositions inspired by Mistral's work, weaving, past, present, and future.

The event is free to attend and is organized by **Bridging Worlds**, a Fort Wayne-based cross-cultural arts and education organization, which is hosting musicians Kike Galdames and Claudio Gonzalez from Chile. PFW sponsors of the event are the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the College of Liberal Arts, the School of Music, and the Department of International Language and Cultural Studies.

Good to Know

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

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

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

Featured Faculty Artist: John Hrehov

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Mon., 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

John Hrehov's primary interest is in the symbolic content of images. His work is based on the familiar objects and scenes from his home and neighborhood. The exhibition runs through Oct. 20...

SEPTEMBER

Thera"Pony": Andy the Mini Therapy Horse

30

Mon., noon-2 p.m.

Come hang out with Andy, an adorable mini-therapy horse that would love to meet you! He enjoys being petted and taking selfies...

News Spotlight

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

W. Paul & Carolyn Wolf Bridge Dedicated

WANE 15 | Monday

Application fees for 30 Indiana colleges [PFW] waived for National College Application Week

21Alive | Monday

New AI technology brings future of plastic recycling to Fort Wayne

FOX 55 | Sept. 18

In a Snap

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



Model UN is a student-run organization—a simulation of what happens at the United Nations. Each team represents a country; this year PFW's team selected Liberia. Training sessions are held weekly. The members attend the American Model United Nations conference, which is held in late November in Chicago. Acting as practice chairperson in the photo above is James Toole (upper left), associate professor of political science.

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