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Lineup Announced for 2024–25 Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue Fort Wayne

Contemporary themes and personal experiences will be highlighted during the 29th season of Purdue University Fort Wayne’s popular Omnibus Speaker Series. The 2024–25 schedule will include topics such as the thoughts of a New York Times political podcaster; a journey through grief; brand strategy and cultural behavior; and an award-winning chef’s insights about her cultural duality.

“We are so pleased to have such an outstanding lineup of speakers this season,” said Jerry Lewis, vice chancellor for communications and marketing at Purdue Fort Wayne. “The Omnibus Speaker Series has been a community treasure here in Fort Wayne for almost three decades, and our speakers this year are thought-leaders who will challenge us with a diversity of ideas, perceptions, and experiences.”

The new season opens Oct. 24 with Michael Barbaro, a New York Times political journalist and host of “The Daily” podcast, which is among the world’s most popular with 3 million listeners.

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Unique Connection Leads to Supreme Experience

As a student, Ben Bailey never took a class from Georgia Wralstad Ulmschneider, but calls the Department of Political Science's emeritus associate professor, "The greatest blessing I have received from PFW, for sure. I would go so far as to say she is the biggest reason why I am here right now."

"Here" is finishing as an Indiana Supreme Court Clerk before joining Fort Wayne law firm Barrett McNagny in October. A political science and economics double major who graduated in 2019, Bailey thought he was more interested in working for local government, maybe as a politician, during his time on campus, crediting Mike Wolf, department chair, and James Toole, associate professor, as big influences.

Bailey had shoved the thought of becoming a lawyer to the back corner of his mind, even working at a local brokerage firm for a year after graduation. Eventually, however, he decided to talk to Wralstad Ulmschneider, mostly out of curiosity because she has a long history of advising students considering law school. Bailey thought she could help him decide whether the legal field was right for him. They had met once previously when Bailey was applying for a Fulbright

Scholarship, and Wralstad Ulmschneider was on the award committee.

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Research Internships for High School Students

After a four-year hiatus, the **High School Research Internship Program** is back. It's a chance for high school juniors and seniors to work with PFW faculty on their research projects and also earn college credit. In fact, the university's **newest Center of Excellence** emerged in part because of this same opportunity.

To abide by Purdue University's **Programs Involving Minors** policy, PFW faculty who would like to mentor high school research interns need to complete the procedures outlined in **Faculty Mentors HS Research Internships Description & FAQs**. Those who do not meet these requirements will be out of compliance and will not be allowed to work with high school student interns.

For questions regarding youth protection on campus, contact Mary Encabo Bischoff, director of youth programs, at mary.encabo@pfw.edu, or Lisa Zerkle, director of special events and campus emergency preparedness, at lisa.zerkle@pfw.edu.



Two New University Police Officers Sworn in on Wednesday

Anthony Harrison, University Police chief, center, welcomed new officers Pierre Ramos, left, and Kris Kreager, right, to the PFW campus community during a swearing-in ceremony Wednesday at Kettler Hall. With the officers' families and other department members looking on, Glen Nakata, vice chancellor for financial and administrative affairs, conducted the ceremony.

Learn about the CARE Team

New to Purdue University Fort Wayne, unaware of the CARE Team and CARE referrals, or just want to learn more? Join the Office of Student Conduct and Care for a one-hour informational session that will provide an overview of what the CARE Team is, who's part of the team, and what happens after a CARE referral is made.

- Virtual: Sept. 25, 11 a.m.–noon (via Teams)
- In Person: Oct. 10, 10–11 a.m. (Walb Student Union, Room 114)

Sign up for a session by emailing PFWCARE@pfw.edu.

Good to Know

Athletics Garage Sale

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will host a garage sale Thursday from 1 to 5 p.m. at Lutheran Health Fieldhouse. New and used uniforms, troves of memorabilia, merchandise, and more will be available. Entry is free, and all payments will be conducted via online donation at checkout. Items will have suggested donation labels.

Kettler Hall East Wing Open House Planned for Friday

As previously announced in the **July 18 edition of *Inside PFW***, Human Resources and the Office of Institutional Equity have moved to the east wing of Kettler Hall. The office of Integrated Studies also moved this summer.

To give members of the campus community an opportunity to see where these units have relocated, an open house has been scheduled for Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Kettler Hall, Rooms 139, 140, and 144. Feel free to stop by to say hello and grab some snacks and giveaways.

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.

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Thurs., 4:30–6:30
p.m.

The View from Here: Brian Ach Photography Opening Reception

Brian Ach's photography captures the beauty of the moment. A people photographer at heart, his easy-going manner and low-key presence allows him to dissolve into the story...

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Fri., 7–11 p.m.

Spielfreaks Campus-Community Welcome Back Tabletop Board Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more. Bring your favorites or learn something new. Either way, you'll find an eager crowd that's ready to play. Open to students, faculty, staff, and community members...

In a Snap

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



Vendors set up shop under the skybridge on Thursday as part of the Mastodon Market, which has returned for its fifth year. Employees, students, and community members can choose from a variety of vegetables, fruits, plants, and desserts. The market will be open every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Sept. 19.

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