



Retention Numbers Reach 10-Year High

Keeping students on track and on campus from the day they first arrive through commencement is a challenge for many in higher education. A major component in Purdue University Fort Wayne's 2020 strategic plan focused on increasing retention, particularly among first-year students.

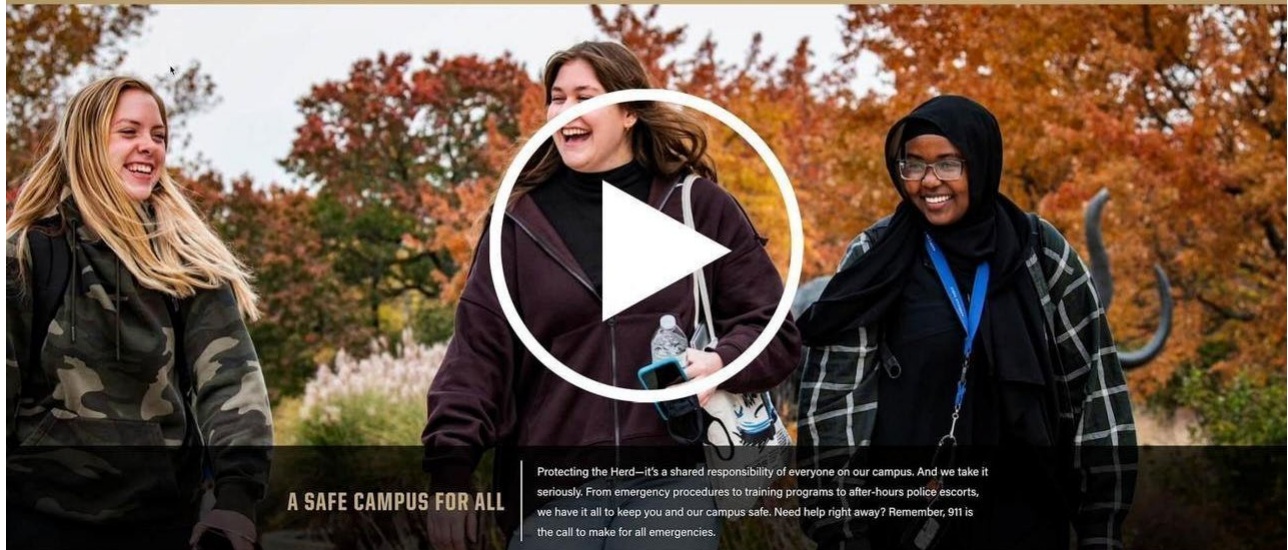
Because of new programs, PFW has raised the overall return average among first-time, full-time students from approximately 58% to 66.5% over the last three years. That's based on census data released Tuesday by the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis. It's also 2.2% higher than last year's fall semester retention numbers, and a 10-year high for PFW, according to Irah Modry-Caron, the office's executive director.

At the start of the fall 2024 semester, over 88% of all students enrolled in the spring 2024 semester returned.

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Discussing Emergency Alerts with Chief Harrison

Click on the image above or the WATCH VIDEO button below to hear from University Police Chief Anthony Harrison as he describes what members of the campus community can do to update their own safety and security plans today.

Don't wait until it's too late. Opt in to receive emergency text alerts and visit the **[Advisories and Notices page](#)** of the Campus Safety and Security website to learn more.

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Good to Know

Summit Scholars Meet and Greet

You're invited to welcome first-year Summit Scholars to celebrate the beginning of their academic journey. A reception will take place Monday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. in the Honors Center Student Lounge at Helmke Library, Room 212. Refreshments will be provided.

Party at the Pitch is Next Week

The fifth annual Party at the Pitch is set for Wednesday at the Hefner Soccer Fields. The Mastodon women's soccer team will play at 4 p.m. against Central Michigan, followed by the men at 7 p.m. vs. IU East. Admission for students, faculty, and staff is free with ID. The event, presented by Army ROTC, will have food trucks, a beer tent (21+), games, and student giveaways provided by the Student Activities Board.

Preliminary Work Starts at Site for New Student Housing Complex

Site work at the North Campus location of the new student housing complex is expected to start this week with the installation of a perimeter chain link fence on the property line, **shown here**. After the fence is installed, travel on the roadways inside the site will not be possible. Anyone who needs access to the Dolnick Center should use either the Dean Drive or Stellhorn Road entrances to get to the building from the south via Achievement Drive. This will also be the route for construction traffic.

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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Fri., 3 p.m.

Fall Cricket Fest Sponsored by International Education and WellRec

Join International Education and WellRec for the inaugural Fall Cricket Fest! Experience the excitement of cricket right here at Purdue Fort Wayne with our campus community tournament, celebrating one of the world's most popular sports...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Mastodon Bones Display Celebration

No bones about it—let's welcome Donna back home! Come on down to a celebration of the newly installed mastodon bones display. There will be a limited edition hat and visor giveaway (students only) as well as posters and cookies for all...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Library Open House

The Library Open House provides an opportunity for Purdue Fort Wayne students, faculty, and staff to learn more about the services and resources available to support their research and creative endeavors. Pick up a bingo sheet, then explore the library...

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PBS Fort Wayne Prime Time (23 min.) | Aug. 23

PFW stages annual move-in day

FOX 55 | Aug. 23

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The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Aug. 23

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All of the schools and colleges had representatives on the Science Mall at the annual Dons' College Picnic on Monday. The event featured lunch, cool giveaways, and the return of ziplining. Pictured at the College of Liberal Arts table are Richard Weiner, professor and chair of the Department of History; Damien Fleming, associate professor of English and linguistics; Andrew Kopec, associate professor of English; and Janet Badia, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

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