

For Students

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Recent Grad to Join Elite Company at Tonight's Haunted Harmonies Orchestra Concert

At the front of the instrumental rehearsal room in the Purdue University Fort Wayne Music Center, there's a list of composers on a whiteboard whose works will be performed during this evening's Haunted Harmonies: Orchestra Concert of Classic Composers. Included are names such as Liszt, Gounod, Schubert, Humperdinck, Franck, Weber, and Liadov.

"When you put the names up on the board, these are world-famous composers that people have known for hundreds of years in some cases, and Austin Hulsizer's name is up there, too," said Kevin McMahon, assistant professor of music and the orchestra's conductor.

There's a story behind Hulsizer's inclusion. He graduated from PFW's School of Music earlier this year as a trumpet player and one of ———





Michael Barbaro (back row, center) met with students in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library before his Omnibus presentation Thursday evening.

New Omnibus Season at PFW Opens With Role Reversal For New York Times Journalist

Less than two weeks before Election Day, New York Times journalist and podcaster Michael Barbaro held a different kind of town hall meeting Thursday while visiting Purdue University Fort Wayne. Instead of serving the usual role of a reporter asking the questions, Barbaro answered them during separate sessions with local media, students, and members of the general public.

To help kick off PFW's 29th year of its Omnibus Speaker Series, students taking part in an afternoon experience were deliberate and pointed as they wanted an insider's idea of how journalism works and how Barbaro thinks it should work. The students weren't trying to make points with their comments, but expressed genuine curiosity and a desire to understand.

Several times the students' questions caused Barbaro to pause and stroke his chin to consider his answer.

"I think the act of journalism itself requires so much demystification, like what is this thing we are doing and how do we make the decisions we make and what are the motivations?" Barbaro said.

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PFW Student Attends Every Campus A Refuge National Meeting

Junior Sabene Rizvi represented Purdue University Fort Wayne at the Every Campus A Refuge national meeting Oct. 20–21 at Russell Sage College in Troy, New York. Rizvi is president of the two-year-old ECAR chapter at PFW, which has 21 members.

ECAR was founded in 2015 with a mission of making every U.S. college and university a resettlement location that hosts refugees on campus grounds and supports their successful integration. Rizvi was one of 108 attendees at the national meeting that included representatives from more than 50 schools.

Rizvi said PFW is currently sponsoring seven refugee students. The club's goal is to help existing refugee resettlement agencies in Fort Wayne connect with university resources and support, including making appeals to the student body.



University Police Department Welcomes New Captain

Anthony Harrison, chief of police at Purdue University Fort Wayne, welcomed Ryan Adamson as a captain and his second-in-command during a swearing-in ceremony on Oct. 22. Adamson served almost 20 years on the Terre Haute Police Department after starting his career with Indiana State University Public Safety. Adamson and his family live in Columbia City.

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., 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Dr. Acula's Spooktacula Blood Drive

The first-ever Dr. Acula's Spooktacula Blood Drive to benefit the American Red Cross will be held at the Student Housing 's Cole Clubhouse on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Presenting donors will receive a \$10 Amazon e-gift card and a goodie bag. The event is sponsored by Well-Being and Recreation...

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"Boo"tiful Brushes: Halloween Rock Painting

Rocks and paint will be available so you can create your own work of art. While the theme is Halloween, you can paint whatever you wish. It could be spooky or motivational...

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Path to Your Future: LinkedIn

Tues., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Speak with employers who are offering internship positions and part-time and full-time positions that you wouldn't get the chance to know about otherwise. Employers in attendance include Cintas Corporation and Eaton Electrical Systems and Services Group...

Mastodon Moments

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



Competition was fierce during the student costume contest at "Trunk or Treat," hosted by the Student Government Association in the International Ballroom on Oct. 23. The frightening festivities also featured plenty of free candy, a faculty costume contest, and an opportunity to learn about student organizations.













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