



Tickets for Michael Barbaro Omnibus Presentation Available Today at 1:30 p.m.

The 29th season of Purdue University Fort Wayne's popular Omnibus Speaker Series starts Oct. 24 with Michael Barbaro, a New York Times political journalist and host of "The Daily," which is one of the world's most popular podcasts with 3 million listeners. "The Moment Demands an Explanation—`The Daily' Is on a Mission to Find It" will start at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall.

Barbaro will discuss the podcast's creation and how it embraces new forms of storytelling to confront the media industry's biggest challenge: distrust from the public. "The Daily" has won a duPont-Columbia University Award for audio excellence and has been named a top podcast of the year by Time, Entertainment Weekly, The Atlantic, Esquire, Adweek, The New Yorker, and New York Magazine.

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Tabletop RPG Club Rolls the Dice With First MastodonCon

The purpose behind Purdue University Fort Wayne's Tabletop RPG Club is to play games, but its members are always finding ways to invite fellow students into their community. It revolves around having fun, but also making connections.

"It's a 'meeting people and meeting your friends' kind of deal," said Therin Coyne, senior biology major and club president. "A lot of people struggle with getting out there and meeting people. We're not forcing people to interact with each other, but we're encouraging them to at least say something. It does start with a single word, 'Like what is your favorite class? What is your favorite game system?'"

Or how about, "What is your favorite game convention?"

Tabletop RPG is throwing its dice on the board by partnering with the Department of Organizational Leadership to present the first-ever MastodonCon on Oct. 19 in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Play starts at 8 a.m. when the building opens and continues until 10 p.m. This is a club fundraiser with tickets purchased at the door costing \$5 for members, PFW, and Indiana University Fort Wayne students, and \$20 for community members. Each ticket

includes a \$5 snack voucher.

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ERC's Conservation Conversation Will Focus on Wetlands

The Environmental Resources Center's largest event of the year, **Conservation Conversation**, will be held Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. "Wetlands: Our Imperiled Treasures" will focus on the beauty and importance of wetlands and the threats they face.

The annual event brings together members of the public, representatives of a variety of organizations and agencies, and PFW faculty, students, and staff. Its aim is to educate, inform, and encourage dialogue among local and regional organizations and other stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges for conservation efforts in the region.

General admission is \$20 and student admission is \$5, which will include access to all presentations and displays, as well as drinks and snacks. Lunch will feature gluten free, vegetarian, and vegan options, catered by **BB's Indian Kitchen**. In order to be as close to zero waste as possible, flatware and compostable dishes and cups will be available and composted by **Dirt Wain**.

Questions or concerns may be directed to erc@pfw.edu.

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Fri., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital: René Izquierdo, Guitar

Renowned throughout the world for his exceptional ability to inspire and transform musicians, René Izquierdo's artistry is nothing short of extraordinary. Don't miss an unforgettable chance to see a true guitar

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Sun., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Trumpet Studio Recital

The Trumpet Studio Recital will feature a rich array of compositions from diverse composers and historical eras. Admission is free for everyone...

In a Snap

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Allyssa Hennessey shared her journey as a Mastodon during a Don Talks session at the Environmental Resources Center on Wednesday. Hennessey is a graduate student involved in Student Government Association, founder of the Marine Biology Club, acts as the Environmental Resources Center research assistant, and is involved in many other leadership roles across campus.

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