



Noor Borbieva O'Neill and David Cochran are members of the Standard Process Lifecycle for Student Success committee.

Committee Working to Simplify Administrative Academic Process Systems

A major effort is underway to help students, staff, and faculty by improving the administrative academic processes at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The Standard Process Lifecycle for Student Success committee has been working for four years to make changes to how the university interacts to direct students through their academic careers. Previously, there was not an overall process in place, according to committee member David Cochran, professor of systems engineering and director of the Center of Excellence in Systems Engineering in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

“People were working very hard,” Cochran said. “Since the left hand did not know what the right hand was doing, it was easy to blame another unit for my unit’s issue. Our work was to first shift the tone from the blame game to the practice of thinking that if all units understood the work and the interaction with students, then the work could be improved.”

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Nick Krouse, senior mechanical engineering technology major.

ETCS Interns Often Start Professional Work Experience Early

While coordinating a senior design class earlier this semester, Don Mueller, interim chair of the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, asked the 20 students to submit résumés in the class’s project application process. Mueller wasn’t surprised that 19 students showed they had professional work experience.

“This is pretty typical of our seniors, and I would think extremely high compared to most universities,” Mueller said.

The results also show a continuing trend in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Students are gaining more experiential learning

opportunities as they continue their studies, and ETCS administrators are delighted with their corporate readiness.

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Learn More about PFW Student-Athletes; Register for DonZone Training

Would you like to know more about Mastodon Athletics and the university's student-athletes? Register for DonZone training on Nov. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. in Gates Sports Center, Room 104. DonZone training is a fun, informational program developed specifically for PFW faculty, staff, and administration to help them better understand our student-athletes and the athletics programs in which they participate.

Topics that will be covered include the history of, and interesting facts, about PFW's athletics programs; a profile of the student-athlete population; the Mastodon Academic Performance Center; academic requirements and NCAA compliance of athletes; and game day operations.

Registration is limited to the first 20 participants who sign up. Upon completion of training, all participants will receive a placard that can be displayed outside their office.

Questions? Contact Michelle Parker, associate professor of practice in information technology, faculty athletics representative, at parkerm@pfw.edu.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Faculty Artist Recital: Andrew Nesler, Piano

Andrew Nesler, piano faculty member, will present the first in a three-part series featuring Prokofiev's War Sonatas matched with works by Beethoven, along with other repertoire. Free admission...

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Sat., 8 a.m.–10 p.m.

MastodonCon

MastodonCon offers students and community members a full day of tabletop gaming events and open play space. Kick back and dive into your favorite games all day long...

On the Job

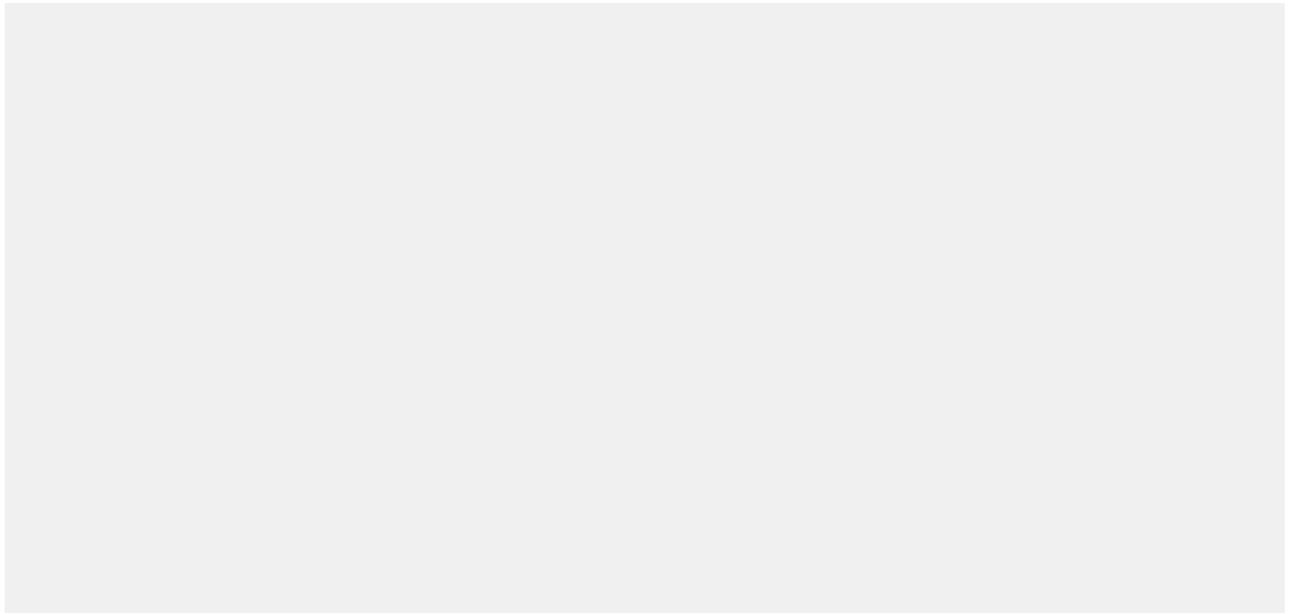
Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Nathan Maloney, Cognos developer | Student Information systems
- Nick Saddler, athletics operations and facilities manager | Athletics

In a Snap

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





Faye Pienta and assistant Jesus from Unify Ballroom Dancesport Center give dance instruction at Comer al Ritmo, the annual Hispanic Heritage Festival event with food, dance, awards, and general fun, sponsored by Multicultural Services.

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