



Graduate research assistant Justin Moore holds an adult Franklin's ground squirrel.

Endangered Squirrels Find New Guardians

As a Purdue University Fort Wayne assistant professor of biology, Scott Bergeson loves sharing his environmental philosophy with his students.

"Any endangered species, if we as humans have done something to cause them to decline, then we have a responsibility to help them be restored," Bergeson often says. "If we can help, we should help."

A current project Bergeson and graduate research assistant Justin Moore are working on with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy is helping an endangered variety of squirrels find a new future. With support from local wildlife officials, Moore snagged 25 Franklin's ground squirrels from South Dakota in May to repopulate the Efroymsen Prairie at Kankakee Sands. The area contains 8,400 acres of prairie and wetlands in northwest Indiana's Newton County on the Illinois border.

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Mastodon Career Closet Offers Professional Clothing Options to Students

The Mastodon Career Closet in Neff Hall, Room 361, offers students opportunities to check out free professional clothing options they can use during job interviews or career fairs. Like other Career Development Center services, 60-minute **appointments** to the closet can be made through Handshake. The idea to allow students to obtain free professional attire on a first-come, first-served basis started in the spring of 2020.

Clothing is acquired through faculty and staff donations, grant money from the Student Government Association, and the center's Day of Giving focus. The center also has a donation box, and coordinator Melody Monday makes pickups that can be initiated by an email to careercloset@pfw.edu.

Along with business suits and dresses, shoes, purses, neckties, pocketbooks, belts, and scarves are available. Each student is permitted one outfit per semester.

Good to Know

Michael Barbaro Tickets Still Available for Thursday's Omnibus Series Presentation

Tickets for "The Moment Demands an Explanation—*The Daily* Is on a Mission to Find It" by Michael Barbaro, Purdue Fort Wayne's first presenter of the 2024–25 Omnibus Speaker Series season, are still available. Barbaro will appear Thursday in Auer Performance Hall at 7:30 p.m.; doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

To guarantee a seat, tickets should be reserved in advance, either online through the university's [website](#) or at the [Schatzlein Box Office](#) in the Music Center lobby.

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., 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Conservation Conversation

Conservation Conversation is the Environmental Resources Center's largest event of the year. The theme of this year's event is "Wetlands: Our Imperiled Treasures," which will focus on the beauty and importance of wetlands and the threats they face. Ticket registration includes access to...

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Fri., 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

CPR, AED, and First Aid Certification Class

The American Heart Association Basic Life Support and First Aid classes teaches basic life-support techniques—including CPR using various methods to assist victims of all ages—and how to operate an AED, or automated external defibrillator. An optional first aid course will teach you...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Kate Tierney-Louch, compliance officer | Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity

Transfers

- Bray Coughlin, building services supervisor | Building Services

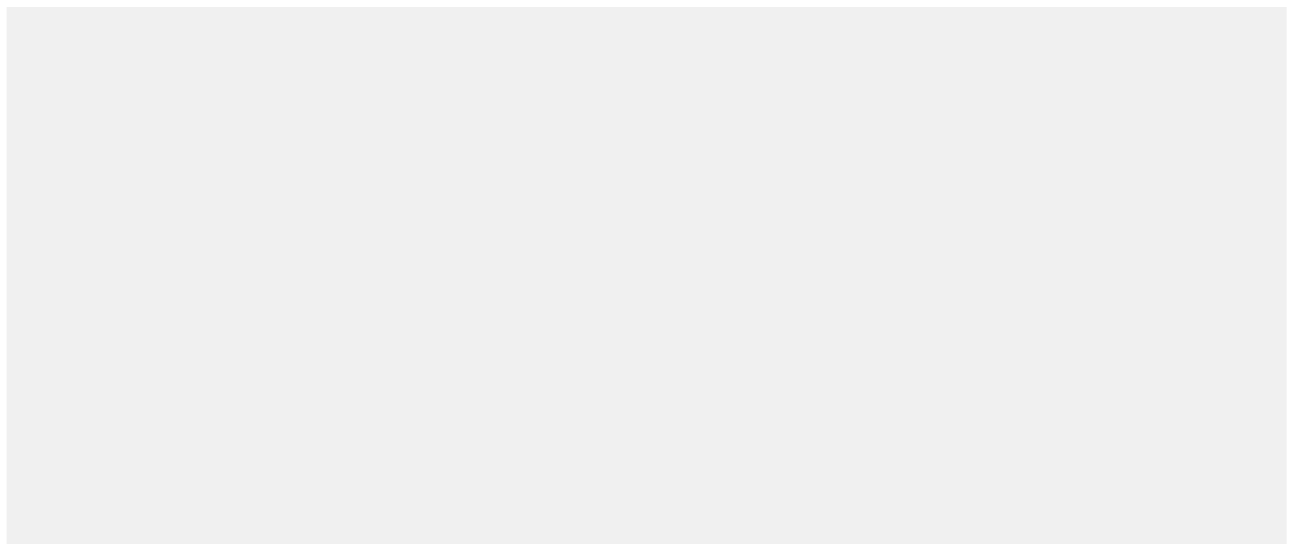
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In a Snap

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





*Communication Sciences and Disorders students who are also members of the Purdue Fort Wayne chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association planted tulips on Thursday to show support for people living with Parkinson's disease and their families. The red tulip is a symbol of awareness and support. If all goes as planned, the bulbs will bloom in the spring in front of the **Communication Disorders Clinic**, where people with the disease receive free speech therapy.*

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