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PFW Celebrates Success, Honors Outstanding Service, Support

The annual Celebrate PFW banquet held Tuesday night in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union featured good food, good music, and remarks from Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer that included a positive status report on enrollment, retention, and current construction projects totaling \$125 million. Maybe the surprise highlight of the evening was an address from recent graduate Isaac Wendel, B.S. '24, who discussed his many experiences while at PFW—and his upcoming wedding this Saturday. Wendel also acknowledged how essential the support he received as a Chapman Scholar was to his success. In fact, the new alum got the chance to thank the person the scholarship is named after in person.

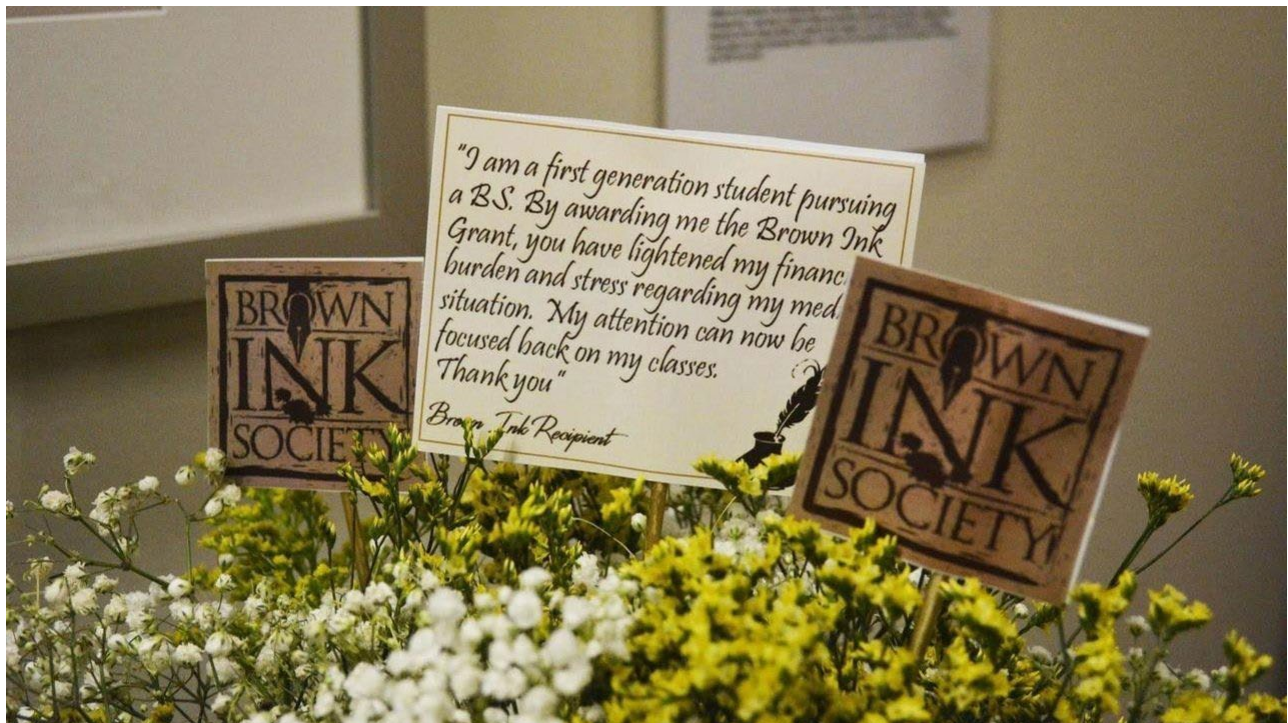
After a multiple year hiatus, the Chancellor's Community Champion Award was presented to Howard L. Chapman. It recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana. Chapman, a distinguished lawyer and civic leader, has sponsored PFW's Chapman Scholars program since 2007. It awards six incoming, high-achieving freshmen with a full, four-year scholarship.

Chapman and his late wife, Betsy, also endowed the first professorship chair on campus, the Chapman Distinguished Professor of English, in 2001.

Also presented Tuesday night, the Paul Shaffer Medal is named in honor of the late donor's support for PFW for more than 30 years. The award was first presented in 2002 and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to the university. The honor also serves as a symbol of appreciation for those whose contributions have significantly advanced the mission and values of the university.

This year's Shaffer Medal honorees are wife and husband Carol Shuttleworth and Mike Gavin. They have made significant contributions to the community through leadership roles in education, arts, business, and nonprofit organizations that included Carol's extensive involvement in various boards, and Mike's involvement with international business and local foundations. Both also served on Purdue Fort Wayne Foundation board at one time.

More than 200 attended Tuesday's event.



Brown Ink Society Continues Mission to Help Students in Financial Need

Before he passed away in 1998 from a heart attack and cancer, Steve Hollander was known for marking his students' papers using brown ink. Throughout a 30-year career, the professor in the Department of English and Linguistics also built a reputation for helping with minor emergencies by offering financial assistance.

"He wouldn't boast about it, but as his very, very close friend, sometimes I would know the story of how he helped a student who needed a tire or they couldn't get to school," said David Young, professor emeritus of psychology. "He would take care of it. He was close with the students, and

he cared.”

Hollander’s friends and colleagues founded the Brown Ink Society in 2000 to honor him and further the cause. Since then, the society has awarded 468 students a total of \$186,533 to aid with small emergencies. The money can’t be used for tuition, books, or meal plans. Last year, \$16,892 was distributed to 32 students.

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Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration Coming to PFW

Purdue University Fort Wayne’s Multicultural Center is sponsoring a Diwali Festival of Lights celebration from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31 in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. India’s biggest holiday of the year is celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and Jains across the world. The festival emphasizes new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness.

“There are a lot of Indian students on campus, but there are not a lot of Indian festivals celebrated here,” said Abhishek Srikanth, a graduate student in computer science who came up with the idea for the festival near the end of the spring semester.

Of the 442 international students registered for fall classes, 228 are from India.

The event is free for all to attend, and Indian cuisine will be provided by BB's Indian Kitchen of Fort Wayne.



PFW Hoping to Expand U Can Crush Hunger Campaign Total

Purdue Fort Wayne is again joining local colleges and universities in the fight against hunger by participating in the 10th annual U Can Crush Hunger campaign to collect funds and/or nonperishable food items. The campaign will begin Monday and run through Nov. 8. Last year, PFW led all Fort Wayne-based universities and colleges and finished second overall in the region by collecting a school-record 27,814 pounds.

This friendly competition will help the Community Harvest Food Bank provide meals to thousands of northeast Indiana families during the holidays, as well as support food pantries on college campuses. Donations made to PFW will directly benefit efforts to fight food insecurity on this campus.

Options for donating:

- Place nonperishable food items in the donation bins located outside the Herd Hideout on the first floor at Walb Student Union and near the Helmke Library side of the skybridge. These items will help stock **The FRIENDS of the University Pantry**.

Make a secure donation online through the Community Harvest Food Bank by selecting Purdue Fort Wayne. Each dollar donated is enough to purchase four pounds of food. Online donations collected through this option will be divided in half between the pantry and the Community Harvest Food Bank Farm Wagon program.

The pantry's hours of operation are 10 a.m.–2 p.m. on Thursdays in Walb Student Union, Room G36, and 4–7 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays in the Cole Clubhouse at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus.

During the 2023–24 academic year, the pantry served 8,287 people.

Good to Know

First-Gen Zone Training

Faculty and staff are invited to a training session that's designed to educate the campus community about the history, statistics, and barriers of first-generation college students. Attendees will learn about the strategies and resources that are needed to best provide for this population. Both first-gen and non-first-gen individuals are welcome. [Register here.](#)

Follett Access Request Deadline Approaching

A reminder to all faculty that the Follett Access request deadline is Wednesday. Please contact bookstor@pfw.edu if you have questions.

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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Mon., 3–5 p.m.

Film Screening: '28 Days'

The Office of Student Conduct and Care is hosting the film "28 Days," featuring Sandra Bullock. The movie (PG-13) explores themes of self-discovery, redemption, and the challenges of overcoming addiction. Free popcorn will be available...

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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Haunted Harmonies: Orchestra Concert of Classic Composers

Get into the spirit of Hallowe'en at this festive orchestra concert! Dress up in your favorite costume (not required) and enjoy an evening of eerie and enchanting music by Liszt, Gounod, Schubert, and more...

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

MastodonCon

WANE 15 | Sunday

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In a Snap

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An Elvish maiden prepared for adventure at Student Life Bingo: Trick or Treat on Oct. 16. Along with prizes, there was food—including plenty of candy—and a costume contest.

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