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Goldstock Pumping up the Volume on Big Fort Wayne Stage

During its first three years, the Goldstock music festival grew steadily, but this year's fourth annual event is leaping onto one of Fort Wayne's bigger stages. Presented by Purdue University Fort Wayne's Gold Top Music Group, Goldstock 2024 on Friday is moving to The Clyde Theatre, 1808 Bluffton Road.

Since opening in 2018, the performance and event venue has become a Fort Wayne mainstay and a showcase for national and international acts, so this is an opportunity for Gold Top performers to introduce themselves to a broader audience and maybe pick up a few more gigs around the city.

It just legitimizes Gold Top and the event to be at such an iconic Fort Wayne venue," said Jason Lundgren, clinical assistant professor of music recordings and technology. "It's just going to bring

an energy and life to the event we haven't had yet."

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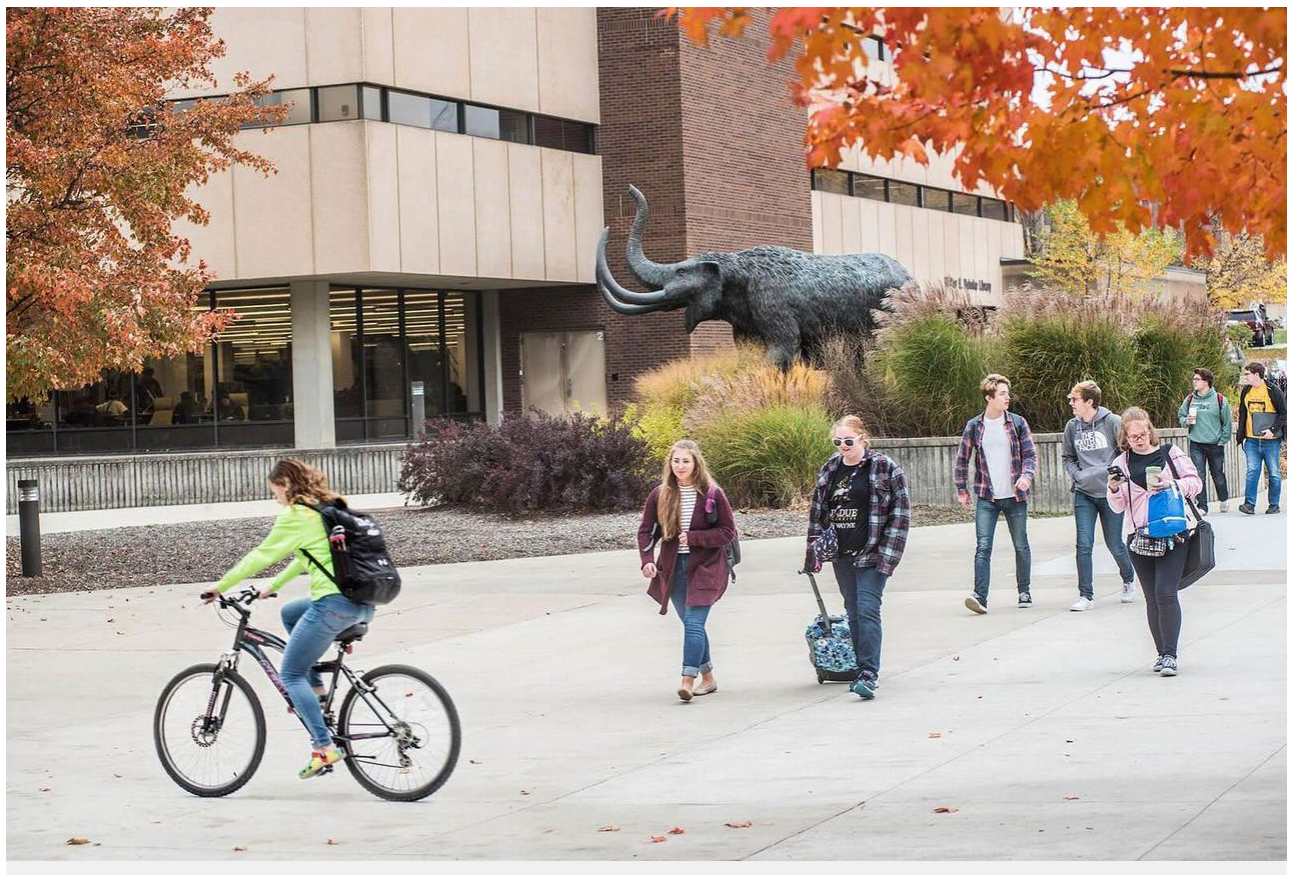
Main Campus Natural Gas Outage Scheduled for Next Week

Natural gas service to all buildings on the Main Campus of Purdue Fort Wayne will be shut down on Tuesday (Nov. 26) to facilitate a tie-in for the new Surack–Sweetwater Music Industry Building. The disruption will last from approximately noon to 5 p.m.

During this time, there will be no heat or hot water in all Main Campus buildings. The temperature inside the impacted buildings is not expected to drop significantly in the afternoon, but students and employees are encouraged to plan ahead.

Locations such as Ginsberg Hall, the Dolnick Learning Center, the Doermer School of Business Building, the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center, and Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus will not be affected.

Questions may be directed to Facilities Management at 260-481-6832.



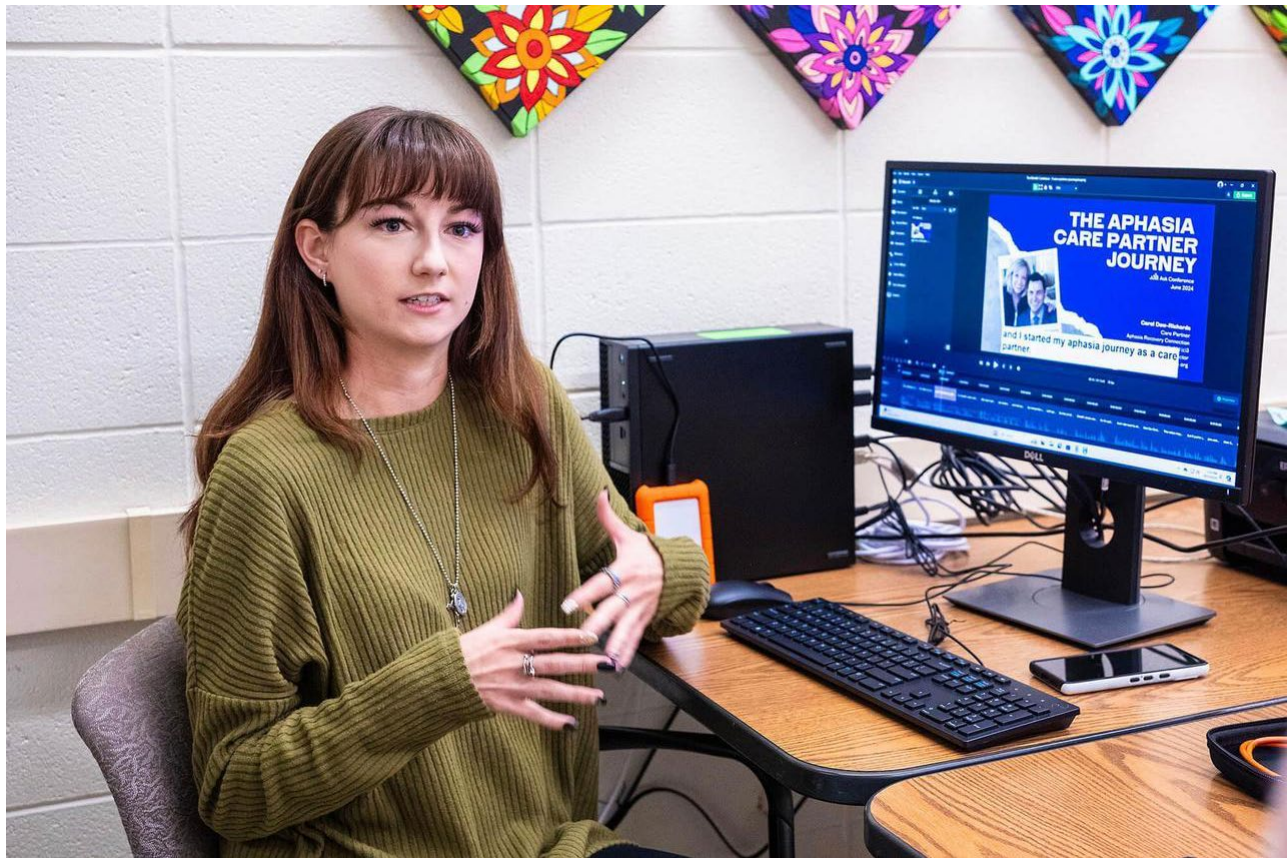
Purdue Fort Wayne Receives \$160,000 Grant to Expand Its Support of 21st Century Scholars

Maybe one of the best examples of what Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program was designed to do when it launched in 1990 can be found today at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The program, which helps students from families that meet certain income eligibility guidelines, pays up to 100% of tuition at public colleges in Indiana and part of the tuition at private or independent colleges. At PFW, approximately 13% of its students this semester are in school because of a 21st Century Scholarship.

To help PFW further expand what it does to support this segment of its student body—and eligible prospective students who as of 2023 are now automatically enrolled in the **21st Century Scholars program**—the Indiana Commission for Higher Education has awarded the university a \$160,000 grant. PFW is using the funds to bolster various resources and services, steps that include the addition of two college success coaches who will focus exclusively on the internal and external elements of the university's 21st Century Scholars pipeline.

PFW's new coaches are Madeline Minobe and DeShawn Woods. Their primary responsibilities will be to engage, support, and retain students who are in school because of the program, while also driving increased enrollment, persistence, degree completion, and the facilitation of high-demand career opportunities.

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Student Helping Make Videos More Accessible for Those with Aphasia

Purdue University Fort Wayne student Tori Perna says she decided to major in communication sciences and disorders as a coincidence, but every day that decision is turning into a lifetime passion.

While serving as a research assistant for Naomi Gurevich, associate professor in CSD, Perna is helping people dealing with aphasia, a disorder caused by damage to the language centers in the brain that affects expressing and understanding written and spoken language. Under Gurevich's direction, Perna is working on a project to render videos more accessible for people with aphasia.

Gurevich initiated the project after attending an online aphasia conference through **Just ASK**, a Rhode Island support network that gives those dealing with aphasia a way to connect, locate, and share resources. When care-partners reported that their loved ones with aphasia had difficulty watching the conference videos, Gurevich decided to experiment with ways to make audio and captioning more aphasia-friendly and asked Perna to participate.

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Popular Global Student Celebration Continues to Grow

The Global Student Celebration, Purdue University Fort Wayne's annual festival of international culture, music, and community, will be held Friday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Walb Student Union.

One of the campus's most well-attended events for more than a decade, this year's celebration is expanding again. The GSC will utilize both the Classic and International ballrooms for the first time. Featuring seven local vendors, the international meal starts at 4:30 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom, followed by the parade of nations at 6 p.m. in the International Ballroom, where the performances start at 6:30 p.m.

At the end of the performances, the Global Glow after-party, which is also open to all students, will take place back in the Classic Ballroom at approximately 8:30 p.m. Highlights of that gathering will include a DJ, photo booth, and even more food. The celebration is sponsored by the Office of International Education, and the after-party by the International Student Organization.

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Russert Uses Omnibus Series Platform to Describe How He Found What He Was Missing

When longtime NBC Meet the Press host Tim Russert died in 2008, his 22-year-old son challenged himself not to cry, even while delivering the eulogy. So many males told him to “stay strong” that he took it to heart, thinking he was fulfilling the expected norm.

But continuing that attitude denied Luke Russert the introspection and expression needed to mourn and heal. At age 30, he left his Emmy Award-winning career as an NBC correspondent. He wanted to travel for what he thought would be six months, but that turned into a three-year journey to 67 countries.

Russert, now 39, shared some of those experiences as part of the Purdue University Fort Wayne Omnibus Speaker Series on Tuesday. His visit to the PFW campus featured an exclusive session with students in the afternoon and a public presentation in Auer Performance Hall called “Grief Journey” a couple hours later. Russert’s evening appearance included an introduction by Kerrie Fineran, chief of campus and community well-being.

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Apply for a 2025–27 Purdue University Board of Trustees Student Position

The application process for students interested in serving a two-year term as a member of the Purdue University Board of Trustees (2025–27) is underway. The board is responsible for the overall leadership of Purdue University and has a position reserved for a student within the Purdue University system.

Applicants for this position will need to have two or more years left as a full-time undergraduate, graduate, and/or professional student at either the Fort Wayne, Northwest, or West Lafayette campuses. The selection process involves an initial application, which is **available here**.

The search committee will interview selected applicants, and 10 finalists will be considered by the Indiana governor's office.

Purdue Fort Wayne's in-person callout meeting will be Dec. 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Walb Student Union, Room 222–226. For more information about this meeting, contact McKayla Henry, student body president, at **stupres@pfw.edu**.

General questions about the role and the application process may also be emailed to the committee at **studenttrusteesearch@purdue.edu**.

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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Today, 6–8 p.m.

Pop 'n' Rock Supershow #2

Enjoy a vibrant lineup of popular music ensembles performing a mix of covers and original tunes in their second high-energy showcase...

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Thurs., 2–3 p.m.

International Trivia

Test your knowledge of the world for a chance to win prizes. Hosted by the Office of International Education, this event is free and open to all PFW and IUFW students...

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Fri., 1–4 p.m.

Healthy Minds, Bright Futures: Pop-up Poetry and Art Contest

Pop in to the Career Development Center to view works of art and poetry created by PFW/IUFW students and vote on your favorite works! There will be popcorn as well as smoothies for you to enjoy while you take in the art and decide on your favorites.,,

News Spotlight

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

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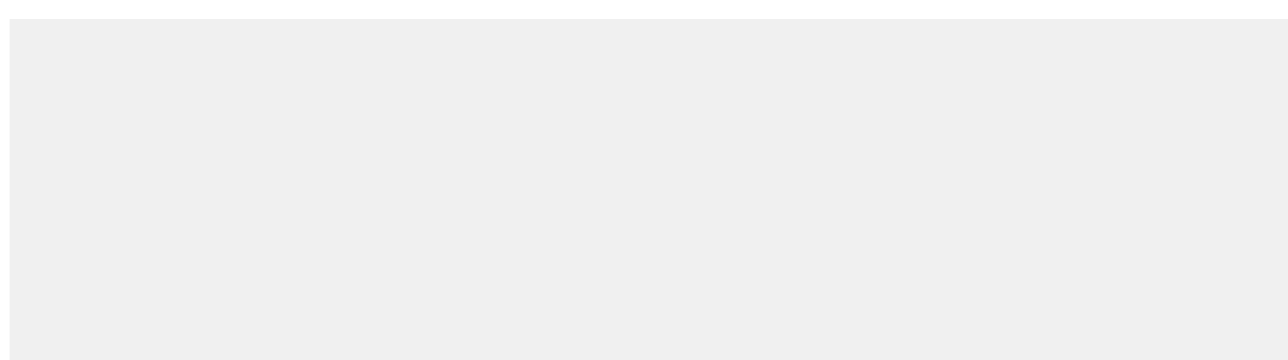
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Academic Success Tip: Assign Exam Wrappers

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Mastodon Moments

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





Graduate students in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science got to mingle over pizza with faculty and other members of the university community on Monday at the ETCS Graduate Student Mixer.

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