



Creative Endeavors Symposium Often a Roadmap for Personal Growth

Because of her pen name, and perhaps her most famous accomplishment being based on a fantastical novel, many assume Nellie Bly was a fictional character. But Elizabeth Jane Cochran was a real person who was often described as larger than life.

"I've always been interested in her," said Paige Beckwith, a Purdue University Fort Wayne senior majoring in history. "I like her story and how she was able to overcome barriers life threw her way. She was able to go on and be successful during a time when most women journalists were just stuck writing for their paper's women's page."

With dreams of pursuing a master's degree in library science, Beckwith made Bly's life the focus

of her presentation for last spring's Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium. Preparation for this spring's 28th symposium at PFW starts Nov. 20 and 21 with information sessions from noon to 1 p.m. in the Honors Program lounge on Helmke Library's second floor. The symposium will be held March 21, and registration is open until Feb. 3

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Lend Your Support for Early Registration

Even if it's not considered an essential job function for every individual employed by the university, supporting students in their pursuit of a degree is at the core of what all faculty and staff do.

The early registration window for the spring semester's final priority group—first-year students and others—opens on Monday. A simple reminder can be just the word of encouragement our students need. Don't miss this chance to make all members of the campus community feel valued and supported.



Reminders about Campus Operations during Severe Weather

As northeast Indiana enters into the winter months—and throughout the entire year—existing and predicted weather conditions are carefully evaluated by the Office of the Chancellor and Facilities Management to help ensure the health and safety of the members of our campus community.

Depending on the nature of existing or predicted conditions, the chancellor or his designee may declare a windchill, snow, or ice emergency for the Purdue Fort Wayne campus. This decision process will include coordination with the Allen County Department of Homeland Security, the City of Fort Wayne, and area school systems.

Decisions regarding the declaration of these emergencies will be communicated as quickly as possible, with the intention of sharing decisions that may impact classes and/or university operations by 6 a.m. on the day to which the action will apply. When windchill, snow, or ice emergencies are declared, the following means of communicating with the campus community may be utilized:

- PFW email system
- PFW **text alert** system
- PFW **Guardian** app
- Posting of announcements to the university's website and via its social media channels
- Notification of local broadcast media

Remember, a closed campus does not necessarily mean classes are canceled or that assignments and tests are postponed. All classes capable of meeting online or scheduled to meet online are expected to continue uninterrupted. Instructors should review class policies with their students and communicate expectations (refer to **Office of Academic Affairs Memorandum 21-01** for guidance). Students are encouraged to track the status of their classes in Brightspace or Canvas (IUFW only).

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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.

NOVEMBER

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Sat., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble: Dynamic Textures and Tonal Landscapes

Immerse yourself in the exhilarating world of percussion. Student musicians will take you on a journey through diverse tonal landscapes and explore the unique textures created by a variety of struck materials. Experience the visceral nature of percussion music executed with the nuance of...

NOVEMBER

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Tues., 7:30–9 p.m.

Omnibus Speaker Series: Luke Russert

Former NBC correspondent Luke Russert's narrative is not just a tale of travel and adventure but also a profound exploration of grief, faith, self-discovery, and a forward-looking vision of the future. His experiences, from his deep political roots to his transformative personal journey, allow him to...

News Spotlight

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

PFW becomes first U.S. university to recognize Mon National College

wboi.org | Monday

PFW students get insight into criminal justice at symposium

WANE 15 | Nov. 7

In a Snap

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



The International Ballroom at Walb Student Union was the place for lunch with all the traditional fixings at the annual ThanksStudentsGiving, hosted by the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience on Tuesday.

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