



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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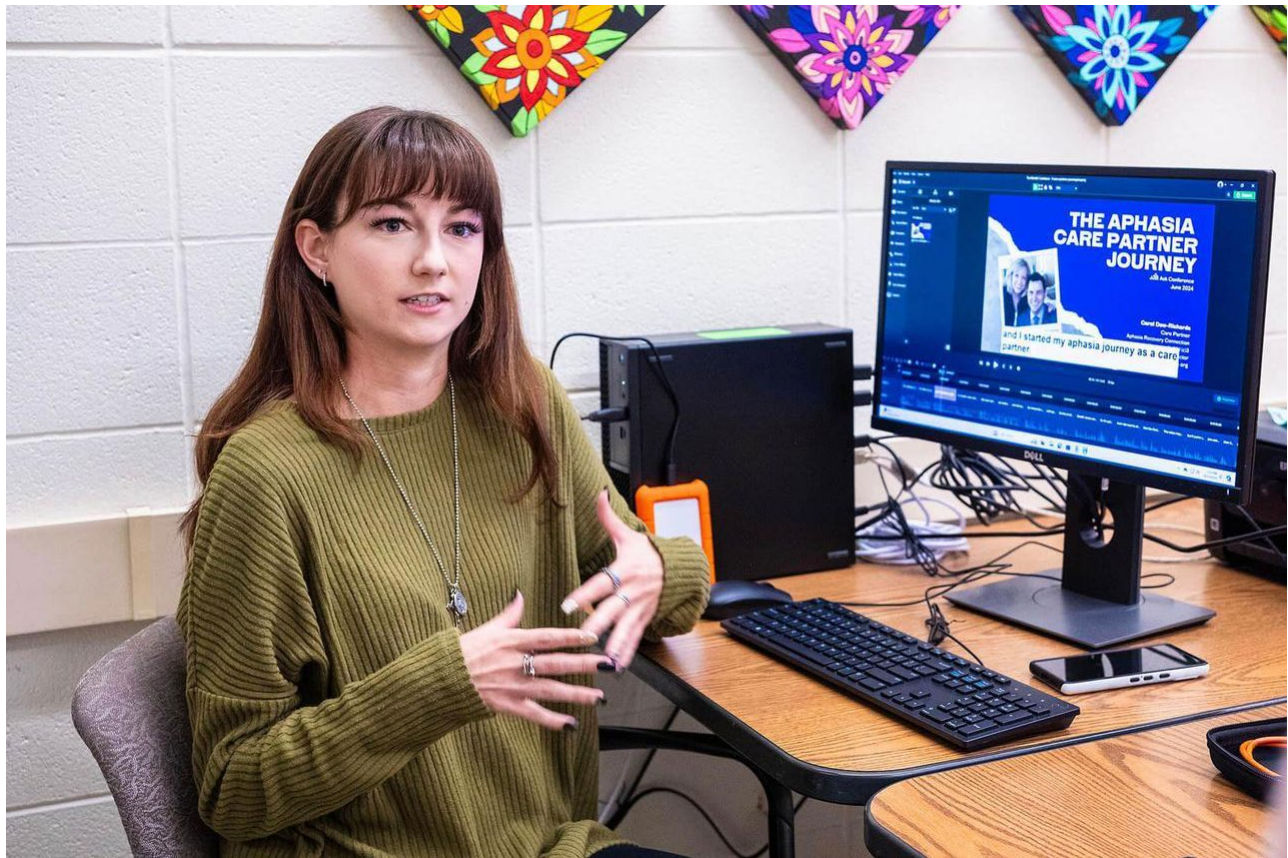
Main Campus Natural Gas Outage Scheduled for Next Week

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 employees and students 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.



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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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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Today, 7:30–9 p.m.

Omnibus Speaker Series: Luke Russert

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 connect with a diverse...

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p.m.

Collaborative Synergy: Faculty and Student Chamber Recital

Enjoy an evening of chamber music featuring timeless works by Mozart and Richard Strauss, demonstrating the powerful blend of student and faculty artistry...

NOVEMBER

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Fri., 7–9 p.m.

Goldstock 2024 at the Clyde Theatre

Goldstock 2024 is taking the annual music festival to new heights, showcasing phenomenal talent at the legendary Clyde Theatre, featuring an exceptional lineup of talent. Enjoy a diverse array of performances across two stages, including a dedicated singer-songwriter stage and a larger...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Nicholas Ryckman, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- Anthony (TJ) Swihart, surplus property coordinator | Warehouse Operations

In a Snap

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



Kerri Gouty, assistant director for international admissions, helped kick off International Education Week on Monday with Global Awareness Day. A station near Java Spot at Walb Student Union featured international candy and discussion about this week's fun-filled events, as well as information about studying abroad.

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