



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

When longtime NBC Meet the Press host Tim Russert died unexpectedly 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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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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Stop by the Mastodon Campus Store Tomorrow for a Faculty Appreciation Event

The Mastodon Campus Store, located on the second floor of Walb Student Union, will celebrate faculty members at an event on Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. Stop by to see the store's new look, enjoy some refreshments, shop the Early Black Friday Sale, or take advantage of the regular faculty discount.

Still need to submit book adoptions for the spring semester? The staff can help with that, too.

Questions may be directed to bookstor@pfw.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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Fri., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Saxophone Studio Recital

Discover the versatility of the saxophone at this engaging recital, where Paul Lorenz's students take the stage for a range of performances. Enjoy everything from compelling solos to lively chamber and ensemble pieces, highlighting the breadth of saxophone artistry. Free admission...

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Mon., 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

Featured Alumni Artist: Peter Lupkin

Peter Lupkin's portraiture paintings are a visual response to his upbringing and influences. Using a combination of historical symbolism and modern experience, Lupkin creates work that embraces modern concerns, methods, and techniques, as he seeks to connect his own experiences with contemporary society. On display through Jan. 5...

News Spotlight

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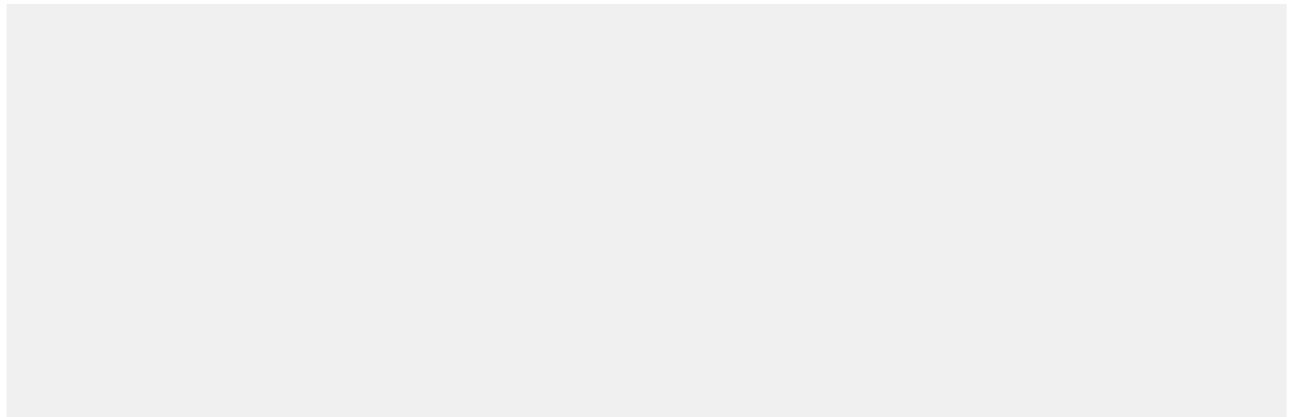
The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Nov. 12

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The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Nov. 11

In a Snap

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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