



## Mon National University and Purdue Fort Wayne Sign Memorandum of Understanding

Purdue University Fort Wayne Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer signed a memorandum of understanding with Mon National University Chancellor Pon Nya Mon on Wednesday morning that was technically decades in the making. Fittingly, the event took place in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

Founded in 2022, Mon National College is located in Mawlamyine, Myanmar, and has an enrollment of 300 students. The Mon are an ethnic group and mostly live in the Mon state in Myanmar.

Under the agreement, the two institutions will take part in student and faculty exchanges, research, and other collaborations, according to Mary Encabo Bischoff, Teaching English as a New

Language program director and clinical assistant professor of linguistics. She and Shannon Bischoff, director of PFW's Three Rivers Language Center in the School of Education, have worked with Fort Wayne's Mon population for approximately 10 years, and with the Mon people in Myanmar and Thailand for the past five.

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## Serving Those Who Serve Brunch Scheduled for Today

The fourth annual "Serving Those Who Serve" brunch at Purdue University Fort Wayne will be today from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Sponsored by Military Student Services, the event honors members of the campus community who are veterans and those in service-orientated degree programs and professions such as first response, social work, law enforcement, healthcare, and education.

Everyone on campus is welcome to take part.

"We want to not only bring in our veterans, but we want the whole community to understand that we want to honor those who serve in any fashion," said Nicole Welsh, senior compliance officer.

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# DEFEND THE FORT DOUBLEHEADER

**NOVEMBER 12**  
MEMORIAL COLISEUM



**WOMEN: 4 PM**  
VS. DEFIANCE



**MEN: 7 PM**  
VS. BETHUNE-COOKMAN

## Claim Your Free Ticket for Defend the Fort Doubleheader

The annual Defend the Fort games on Nov. 12 will feature the Purdue University Fort Wayne women's basketball team vs. Defiance at 4 p.m., followed by the men's basketball team vs. Bethune-Cookman at 7 p.m. at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

All faculty and staff members can receive one free upper-level ticket to all home-ticketed Mastodon athletics events by presenting a valid PFW or Indiana University Fort Wayne ID card at the coliseum ticket office. One ticket is good for both games. Free Defend the Fort T-shirts are also available, while supplies last.

For questions about tickets, reach out to the athletics ticket office at 260-481-5769.

## How We Work

*How much do you really know about Purdue Fort Wayne? The "How We Work" series explores some of the untold stories about the university's daily operations, its support for students and employees, its engagement in the community, and its various achievements.*



*Melissa Schenkel and Dana Berkes are president and vice president, respectively, of the Purdue Fort Wayne Foundation.*

## PFW Foundation Increasing Its Role On and Off Campus

When Gilbane Development Company and Purdue University Fort Wayne held a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 29 for a 600-bed, 213,000-square-foot apartment complex on the university's North Campus, few understood the role the Purdue Fort Wayne Foundation played in the \$90-\$100 million project. The development is being built as part of a public-private partnership on land owned by the foundation, which has helped get an expedited construction schedule off and running.

But what is the PFW Foundation, and what role does it fulfill?

The foundation started in 1958 to spearhead the university's birth. It has had various forms, currently with five community members and five appointed by Purdue, but the purpose has always been to secure private contributions that advance the university's mission.

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## Eventful

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*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., 7–9 p.m.

## Cabaret Panel Discussion on Kristallnacht Anniversary

Members of the *Cabaret* creative team will join Steve Carr, director of the PFW Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, for a discussion regarding the musical's continued relevance in our modern world...

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NOVEMBER

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Tues., 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## Drumming for Unity and Healing: South Africa's Volmoed Youth Drummers

The Volmoed Youth Drumming Project from Hermanus, South Africa, is comprised of young men and women from Zwelihle and Mount Pleasant townships, some of the most impoverished in South Africa. They learn how to make drums out of discarded pallets and then play, entertain, and derive income from the drums they create. Performances at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m...

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NOVEMBER

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Tues., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

## String Studio Recital

The evening will include performances by students from the violin, viola, cello, and string bass studios, culminating in a performance by the Chancellor's String Quartet. Free admission...

## News Spotlight

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

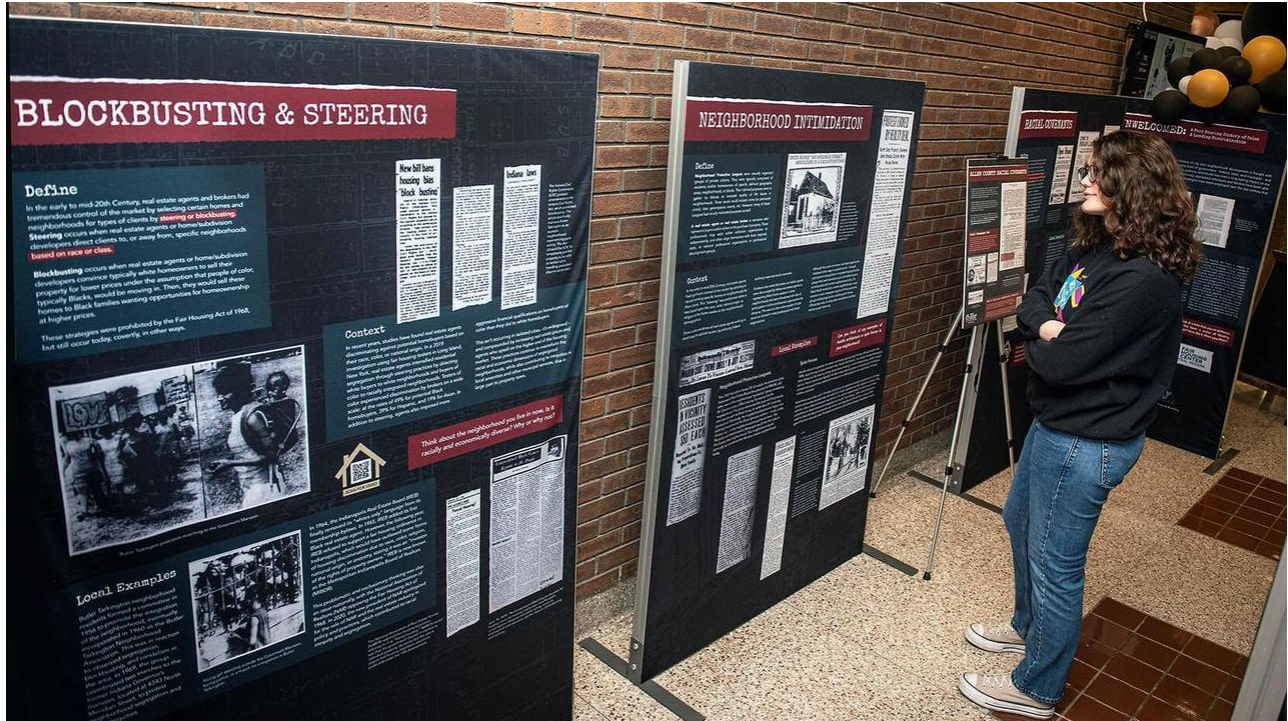
Beyond the Horizon: Romain Lopez

horizonleague.org | Oct. 31

PFW making headlines with student housing groundbreaking

# In a Snap

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



"Unwelcomed: A Fair Housing History of Sales and Lending Discrimination" is on display near the Multicultural Center in Walb Student Union. The educational exhibit, sponsored by the center and the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana, will be displayed until Nov. 25.

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