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For Students

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## The Best of What We Can Be—A PFW Holiday Message

Warm wishes to the entire Mastodon community from Purdue University Fort Wayne.

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## Students Test Themselves and the Clock to Present 24-Hour Plays

When he got home after the initial 8 p.m. meeting, sophomore Bailey Weaver faced the biggest challenge yet to his dream of becoming a writer. The temptation was to look at the clock every five minutes while his available time ticked away.

On Dec. 6, Weaver participated in the 24-hour plays for the Department of Theatre at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Knowing a director and three actors were counting on him, Weaver stayed up late to create a 14-page, 11-minute play called "It's the end of the world (insert answer here) you."

The rules behind the 24-hour plays are simple, but lead to the showcase's complexity. Directors, writers, and cast meet at 7 p.m. Friday, with actors arriving in costumes they put together and bringing a prop. Consisting of a writer, director, and three actors, groups are selected and split before brief discussions to help the writers with ideas. An hour later, the writers are given 12 more to create plays usually lasting 10 to 15 minutes.

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*Mary Encabo Bischoff (center) with members of her English 131 class.*

## English Class Students Get Hands On in Support of Campus Units

Instead of delivering weeks of garden-variety lectures to her English 131 students, a Purdue University Fort Wayne instructor decided to give her freshmen a more hands-on introduction to college life. Their assignment was to learn how to help campus units by using writing skills to promote the services offered.

That may sound like an easy challenge, but the students gained a broader understanding of what the PFW university community offers, how its specific units work, and why they needed the help. The students also learned quite a bit about themselves.

The goal is to encourage classmates to become more engaged, intellectually curious, and professional students who appreciate learning in various formats, said Mary Encabo Bischoff, clinical assistant professor of linguistics.

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## Registration for the 2025 Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium Is Now Open

This year's Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium, scheduled for March 21, presents a fantastic opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students from both Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne.

Participating in the symposium offers students documented evidence of their involvement, which can significantly benefit future employment opportunities and application to competitive graduate programs. Additionally, presenting at the symposium provides vital experience as students prepare to share their findings at regional, national, and international conferences.

Along with the prestigious Dean's Choice Award recognizing outstanding students within each college and school, there will be a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Research Award. All presenting students will receive Endorsed Points and a small token of appreciation. Business students will also earn Passport points.

Registration closes on Feb. 4. Don't miss out on this enriching opportunity!

**Visit the website** for more details and to register for the symposium.

*Don Life on Hiatus*

Today's *Don Life* is the final regularly scheduled edition of 2024. Publication will resume on Jan. 15. While you're away, please continue to monitor your university email account and PFW's social media channels for special editions and breaking news.

## News Spotlight

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

PFW hosts FIRST LEGO League's northern Indiana semi-state tournament Saturday

21Alive | Saturday

Opportunity Knocks: 2025 Economy & Workforce Predictions

21Alive | Thursday

## Mastodon Moments

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



*A full house of students anxiously vied for prizes on Dec. 11 at the annual Student Activities Board and Student Life Holiday Bingo Blowout, PFW's biggest bingo event of the year.*

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