



Elementary education major Alex Battershell is seen here working with a fourth grade student at Huntertown Elementary School.

PFW Students Changing the Face of Elementary School Instruction

According to a recent Indiana Department of Education report, only 9% of the state's elementary school teachers are male.

Michael Flory, an analytics and planning director for the School of Education at Purdue University Fort Wayne, said there are currently two men majoring in early childhood education at PFW and 18 in elementary education. That's compared to 66 in secondary education. And looking at the 91 spring 2024 graduates from the SoE, there were no males who majored in early childhood education and only three in elementary education.

While most men consider other fields when entering college, some at PFW are determined to become early childhood or elementary school teachers. They were not convinced by the need, but rather the belief that this is what were meant to do.

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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.

DECEMBER

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Fri., 7–11 p.m.

Spielfreaks Campus-Community Tabletop Board Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more. You'll find an eager crowd ready to play your favorites and teach whatever you want to learn...

DECEMBER

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Sat., 8–10 p.m.

The 24-Hour Plays

The 24-Hour Plays is a wild night of original work featuring short plays written, rehearsed, and performed by students over the course of 24 hours...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Louis Banks, maintenance mechanic | Operations and Maintenance

Transfers

- Tara Louise Fitzgerald Lewis, registrar | Office of the Registrar

- Randy Carter, police officer | University Police Department
- Meta Jones, custodian | Building Services
- Shelby Krider, account clerk | Administrative Business Services
- Grant Mayer, maintenance technician | Student Housing
- Christopher Roach, maintenance mechanic | Operations and Maintenance
- Bryson Underwood, custodian | Building Services

News Spotlight

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

Goldstock '24 moves to bigger venue

Local and state media | Nov. 22

Global Student Celebration a big draw on PFW campus

WANE 15 | Nov. 22

Notre Dame tops graduation rate metric across all Division I schools

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Nov. 20

PFW gets \$160K grant to expand support of scholarship program

WOWO | Nov. 19

Purdue Fort Wayne associate professor talks AI at Rotary Club meeting

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Nov. 18

In a Snap

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



Holiday food, games, crafts, and pleasant conversation were featured Monday at the TRIO holiday event at Walb Student Union.



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