



Authentic Experiences Highlight Business Students' Mock Trials

Rarely are attorneys or defendants allowed to quiz judges about their rulings after court cases, but a group of Purdue University Fort Wayne students were encouraged to ask questions following recent mock trials held on campus Dec. 10 and 12. The sessions were part of limited-term lecturer Staci Bougher's commercial law class.

"These are just life experiences and I want my students to walk away from and have some familiarity and not be afraid when these things happen," Bougher said, "or say, 'OK I have to go to court on this, but I know how things work.' Don't be as intimidated."

Magistrates Rick Trevino from the Allen Circuit Court and Brian Cook from the Allen Superior Court ensured the students' experiences were positive.

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Mastodon Mania Door Decorating Competition

What's better than celebrating Mastodon pride? Celebrating it for a whole week!

Mastodon Mania will be a weeklong celebration of school spirit, Feb. 3–8. Student Life and Mastodon Athletics are partnering to bring the campus community a week of activities, giveaways, and opportunities to cheer on the Dons.

Among the many activities will be a departmental door decorating competition. There will be two categories—departments and individuals—with one door per registration.

Departments should indicate on the registration one door that will be decorated within the unit. If registering as an individual, complete an additional registration for a different door.

Registration will be open through Jan. 31, and judging will take place Feb. 7. All doors should be completed by Feb. 4 so photos can be shared on social media during the week.

The department winner will receive a traveling trophy and recognition at the men's basketball game on Feb. 8. The individual winner will be awarded a certificate, a \$25 Bon Bon's gift card, and recognition at the same game.

[REGISTER A DOOR](#)

Good to Know

Honors Program Pinning Ceremony

Purdue Fort Wayne's Honors Program pinning ceremony will be Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. **Seventy-one students** who have completed a minimum of 9 credit hours of honors classes will be presented with the Honors Program pin by Chancellor Ron Eisenbaumer at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum during the halftime of the men's basketball game. PFW students can attend the game for free.

Chastain Receives CSCA Top Paper Award

Caroline Chastain, a PFW graduate student and teaching assistant in the Department of Communication, recently received a top paper award from the Central States Communication Association. "Truth, Discourse, and Religious Authority: A Foucauldian Analysis of the Cultish Podcast" was one of three honored in the graduate student caucus division. The CSCA annual conference will take place in Cincinnati the first week of April.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Danny Captain, custodian | Building Services
- Luke Chilenski, fan engagement and marketing coordinator | Athletics
- Katelyn Francis, custodian | Building Services
- Cassidy Hicks, academic advisor-associate | Central Advising
- James Moeller, associate administrative assistant | School of Music
- Adrianna Small, transfer credit clerk | Registrar

In a Snap

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A little subzero wind chill on Monday didn't discourage morning training for these members of the track and field team.

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