



Chichi Jasper-Duruzor displayed the painting "Ebola" by Susi LaForsch that depicts healthcare workers wearing hazmat suits carrying an empty stretcher.

Microbiology Students Use Artwork to Describe the Impact of Infectious Diseases

When she decided to attempt an "outside-the-box" lesson in her medical microbiology class, Lisa McLellan had no idea her assignment would have such an impression on some of her students. The Purdue University Fort Wayne assistant professor of biological sciences developed an idea pairing infectious diseases with existing and even original artwork typifying the experiences of those battling the various conditions.

"I really just wanted the students to find something that was meaningful to them and artwork that inspired them," McLellan said. "So many of them are going on to medical school, and I don't want them to just study the diseases, but learn how they impact people."

Before McLellan had finished her [pitch](#), some of the 16 graduate and undergraduate students had

already decided which disease they wanted to work with and how it would be represented through art. Some had their own stories from previous life experiences.

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Fitness Center Memberships for Faculty and Staff

The Purdue Fort Wayne Fitness Center is open and available to all faculty and staff. The center offers affordable membership rates at just \$60 per year or \$12 per month. Members have access to free daily group fitness classes and also have the option to purchase personal training sessions to meet individual fitness goals.

Located inside Gates Sports Center, stay healthy and energized while enjoying the convenience and benefits of this on-campus option. For more information, or to sign up, swing by the center or visit the [website](#).

Cultural Awareness Training

The Office of International Education invites faculty and staff to join Suin Roberts, associate

professor of German, for an insightful workshop specifically designed for both PFW and IUFW faculty and staff who wish to support members of the campus community with diverse cultural backgrounds—international students, first- or second-generation immigrants, and/or colleagues from around the world.

Through lecture-style learning, group discussion, and hands-on activities, this training will focus on bringing cultural awareness into the classroom or office while creating an inclusive space of belonging for all. Certificates will be awarded upon completion.

Staff Trainings

Jan. 30, 9 a.m.–noon | RSVP by Jan. 27

March 6, 9 a.m.–noon | RSVP by Feb. 20

Faculty Training

Feb. 28, 9–11 a.m. | RSVP by Feb. 14

All sessions will take place in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. Breakfast pastries, coffee, and tea will be provided.

Contact iss@pfw.edu with questions.

Good to Know

Trailblazer Award Nominations Accepted

Nominations are now open for the new Trailblazer Awards for 2025. Nominees should be members of the campus community who are making an impact for the advancement of women at Purdue Fort Wayne. Recipients will be honored at the Women's Conference on March 25 and need not be present to be recognized. **Submit a nomination** by Feb. 14.

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow this link to read the latest:

Faculty and Staff Highlights | School of Education

News Spotlight

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

Purdue Fort Wayne basketball programs, in era of success, strive to get more attention

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

Remembering Jimmy Carter: Breaking down his presidency

CBS News New York | Jan. 9

City Utilities and the Anthony Wayne Rotary Club awards more than \$13,000 worth of college scholarships

FOX 55 | Jan. 8

Education Notebook: Fort Wayne students among top teams in collegiate economic challenge

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Jan. 5

International students are vital assets, not political pawns

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Dec. 30

International students' contributions to northeast Indiana campuses go beyond \$44 million impact: officials

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Dec. 27

2024 Purdue Fort Wayne Home for the Holidays Concert

PBS Fort Wayne | Dec. 25

In a Snap

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



New background information has been added near the mastodon bones display case at Walb Student Union, adding to the museum-quality viewing experience.

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Athletics



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