



For Students

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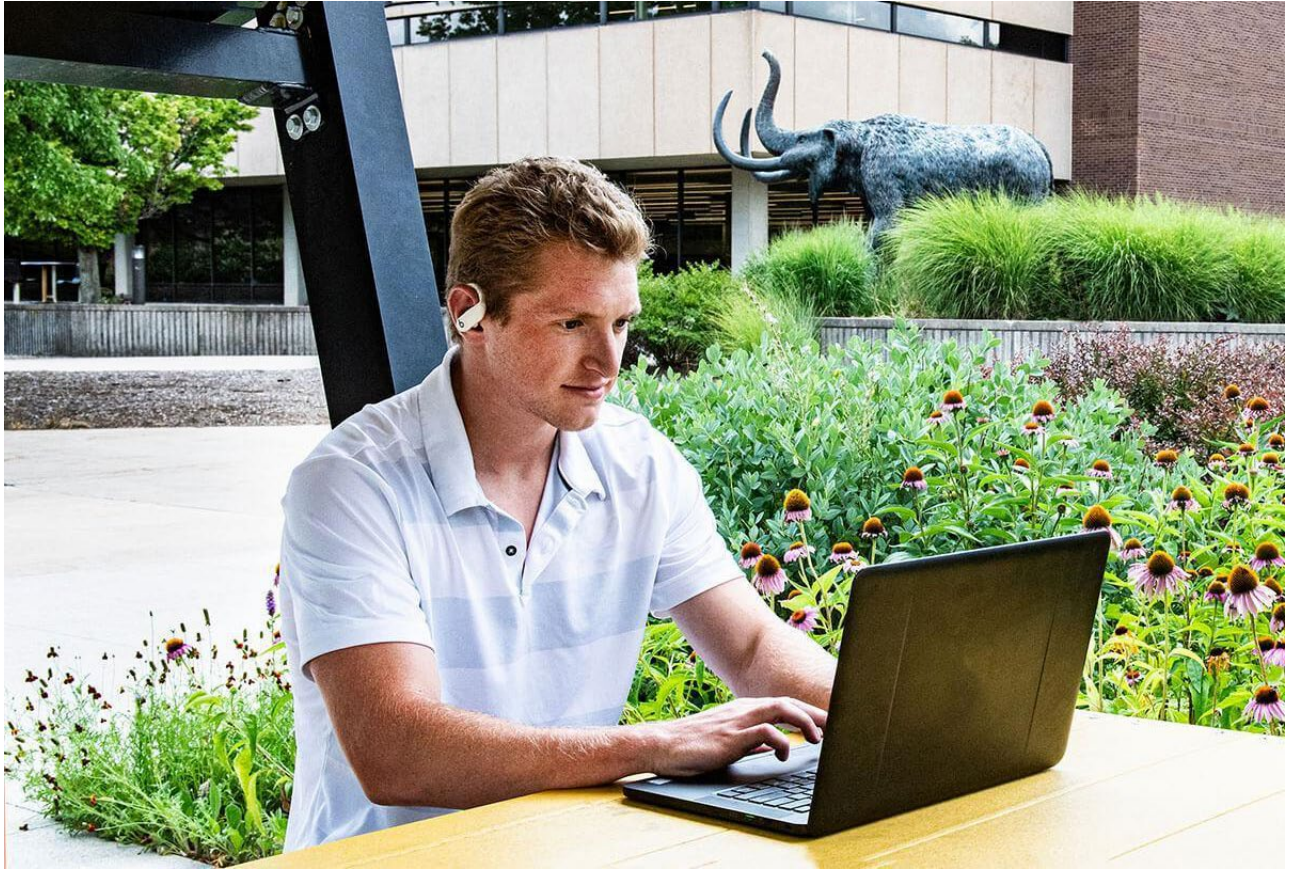
Computer Animation Professor Invites Students to the Show

Tremendous work, talent, and patience are required before an artist might be rewarded with a gallery show. During his 15 years as a member of the Purdue University Fort Wayne community, Andres Montenegro, professor of computer animation, has been offered two local showings.

The rarity of the experience is why students in Montenegro's first semester intro to 3D modeling class were surprised when he asked them to participate in his show at the main branch of the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne. Featuring 26 paintings by Montenegro and 11 3D student sculptures, "**The Sensitive Layer**" runs until Feb. 28 in the Jeffrey R. Krull Gallery.

"The most rewarding aspect of this is seeing what they accomplished, seeing their ideas become flesh," Montenegro said. "It's kind of chain reaction where you are triggering them by engaging them and pushing them forward to the empowerment of their artistic outcomes."

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Your Summer, Your Schedule—Registration Opens Monday

Take advantage of Purdue Fort Wayne's summer classes with two accelerated six-week terms featuring flexible online or in-person options. Stay ahead and make the most of your summer. Visit pfw.edu/summer for more details.



Kingsbury, ERC Observe World Wetlands Day with Discussion about Winters Near the Water

To commemorate World Wetlands Day on Feb. 2, the Environmental Resources Center in the College of Science at Purdue University Fort Wayne hosted its annual presentation to discuss the importance of these natural areas. This year, Bruce Kingsbury, director of the ERC, talked about what happens to wetland animals when the weather turns colder. The answers provided tremendous variations.

"Isolated wetlands no longer have federal protection, and the protections at the state level have been gradually reduced," said Kingsbury, who is also a professor of biology at PFW. "They are constantly under threat."

Kingsbury described to the group that was assembled how many animals go deep underground or underwater during the winter seasons. As part of that, he showed a video of turtles being active on a river bottom, though some animals go into a form of suspended animation during this time of the year.

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Graduating in May? Don't Forget These Deadlines

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2025 Commencement will take place May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Here are some deadlines and details to keep in mind if you are planning to participate:

- If you would like to see your name in the commencement program, remember to apply to graduate by March 31. Complete the application in **goPFW** under Registration Tools in the Enrollment section.
- After you apply to graduate, **register yourself and your family** for the event. Tickets aren't needed, but sharing an estimated number of your family and friends who will be attending the ceremony and the after-party is very helpful for PFW's advance planning.
- **Order your cap and gown.** All orders will be shipped directly to the address that you enter, along with a return shipping label. Graduates who aren't planning to attend commencement in May can order a cap and gown for pictures.
- Visit the **commencement website** often for important information, reminders, and updates.

Remember to Complete the College Substance Use Survey

Purdue University Fort Wayne students received an invitation to participate in an anonymous

substance use survey on Feb. 3. The survey is designed to help the university better understand the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among PFW students, as well as consequences of use and students' opinions regarding use.

The survey is for Purdue Fort Wayne students only, and participation is completely voluntary.

After completion, students may choose to enter their name for a chance to win a voucher from the Mastodon Campus Store in Walb Student Union. Responses will not be linked to drawing entries.

To complete the survey, [click here](#) and enter the login code 62025.

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.

FEBRUARY

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Thurs., 11 a.m.–3
p.m.

Love Liberal Arts Selfie/Photo Station

Drop by the Liberal Arts Building lobby to visit the Love Liberal Arts Selfie-Photo Station. Post your pics and tag @ColaPurdueFW for a chance to win a swag bag...

FEBRUARY

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Fri., 7–10 p.m.

Cupid's Arrow Archery Tag

Archery Tag is a thrilling and unique activity that combines archery with dodgeball. Participants will be divided into teams and will use foam-tipped arrows to hit their opponents while dodging incoming arrows. The game is played indoors, providing a safe and fun environment for players of all skill...

FEBRUARY

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Fri., 7:30–9 p.m.

Concerto, Aria, and Composition Winners Orchestra Concert

This concert features PFW School of Music students chosen, by competition, for an opportunity to solo with the orchestra, or have a

musical composition premiered...

FEBRUARY

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Wed,, 12:30–2 p.m.

Professional Dress Fashion Show

This fashion show is your ultimate guide to looking your best in various workplace scenarios, from interviews to company picnics and beyond. Embrace the beauty of diversity as we showcase fashion that transcends cultural backgrounds, genders, and personal preferences...

News Spotlight

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

WBB team helping PFW realize its Division I potential

wane.com | Friday

What does Indiana's monthly employment report measure?
Here's what you should know

WFIU Public Radio | Friday

Mastodon Moments

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



Students and staff gathered in the Liberal Arts Building lobby on Tuesday for a CoLA-sponsored valentine crafting session, complete with cookies and cocoa. Events are being held daily for "Love Liberal Arts Week."

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