



## 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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## Updated Process Implemented to Change Purchasing and Travel Cards

The process to request a change to an existing Purdue Purchasing Card or Travel Card changed Monday. The majority of requests will now be submitted directly through Concur instead of through an online form or by sending an email to Purdue Card Services.

Affected card change requests include name or address changes, designating a different person as the responsible party for the card, requests for temporary or permanent limit increases, closing the card if the assigned individual is no longer with the university, or reporting the card as lost or stolen.

Some of these change requests require fiscal approval, and those will automatically be routed through a workflow in Concur to streamline the process.

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## Order Academic Regalia for Commencement by April 18

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2025 Commencement will be held May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia (tams optional) for the ceremony. If you need to rent regalia, please use this [online form](#); the university will cover the cost of rentals. As has been the case in recent years, everything will be shipped directly to faculty members and will include a return shipping label. You are required to return the rented regalia back to Herff Jones. The deadline for orders is April 18.

## Eventful

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*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

Soulful Two-Steppin'



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Fri., 5–7 p.m.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day by learning country two-steppin’ to popular African American artists like Beyoncé and Shaboozey. Bring a partner or come alone. Everyone is welcome...

FEBRUARY

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Fri., 7:30–9:30 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...

## In a Snap

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



*The Department of Organizational Leadership and Student Government Association sponsored a Student Leadership FUSION Retreat in Walb Student Union on Friday. The workshop was designed to help participants be more effective communicators and leaders by helping them*

*better understand the various generations found in the workplace today. Mitch Isaacs, executive director of the Shafer Leadership Academy, presented the session.*

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