



Greater Fort Wayne Internship Provides Senior with One of Many Opportunities at PFW

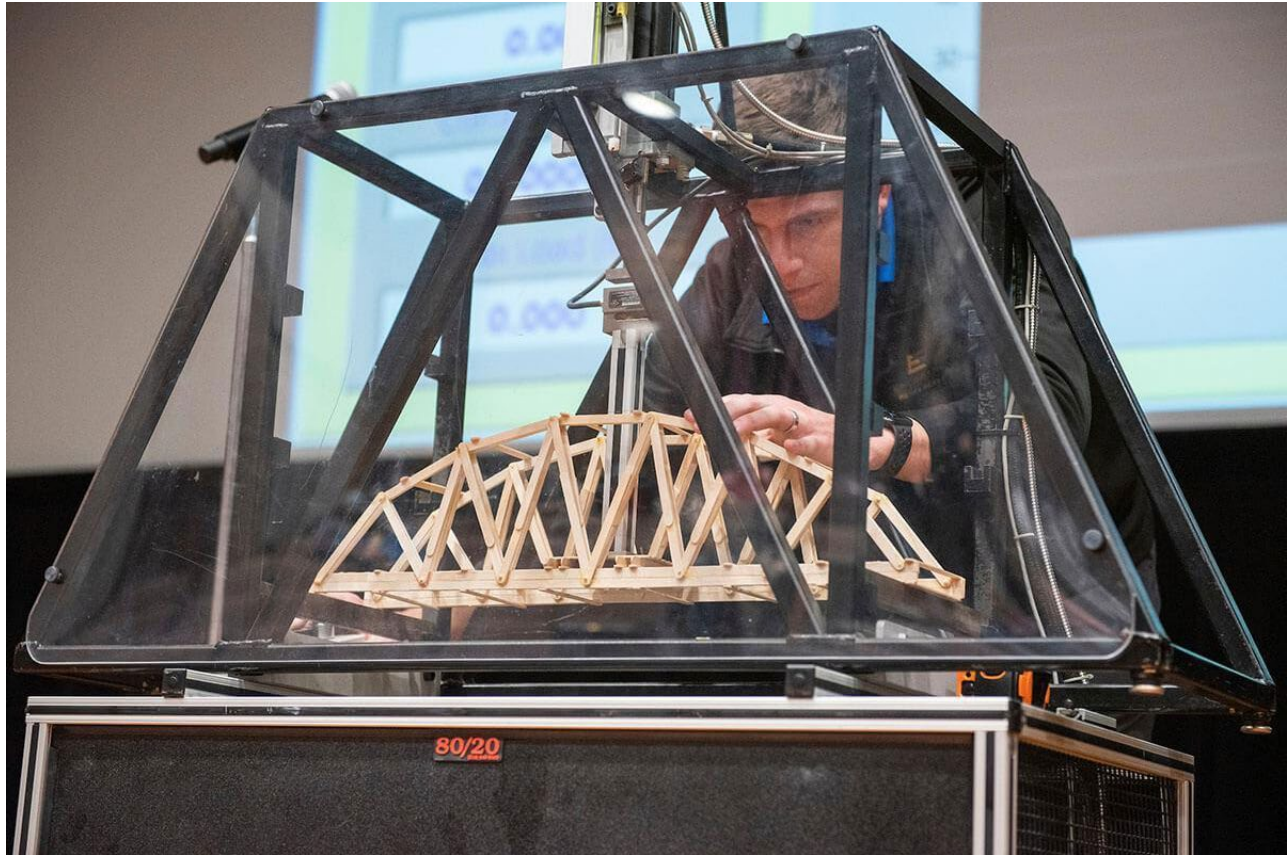
Even before he graduated from Homestead High School, Ben Burkle knew Purdue University Fort Wayne would help set him up for his future. Now a double major in political science and history and on track to complete his studies in May, Burkle almost wonders if the university served him too well by presenting so many intriguing opportunities.

"I have a lot of different ideas for what I want to do, but I don't have it all planned out right now," Burkle said. "I guess a little bit of that is kind of scary. I know what I want to do, but I don't know the best way to do it."

Part of Burkle's situation is that he looks to take advantage of every chance that comes his way,

including working as an economic development intern with Greater Fort Wayne Inc., where he conducts research, finds statistics, and fills in whatever holes pop open.

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National Engineers Week Competition at PFW Building Bridges to Engineering Careers

The only guaranteed result at Saturday's 35th annual edition of the National Engineers Week Model Bridge Building Contest at Purdue University Fort Wayne is that there will be a new winner in the high school division. That's because the last four competitions were won by either Noah DeLong or Lucas Stevens. The two Homestead High School graduates are now attending PFW as freshmen studying in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science.

More than 100 middle and high schoolers will participate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Teams and individuals build bridges consisting of no more than 200 Popsicle sticks and wood glue. The structures, which must be at least 24 inches long, are limited in height to 12 inches or less with a width of six inches or less.

The finished products are placed in a specialized machine to judge their construction, load, and durability under continuous pressure. The bridge with the highest failure load-to-bridge weight ratio wins.

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RSVP for the 2025 Employee Recognition Gala

PFW faculty and staff are welcome to attend the **2025 Employee Recognition Gala** honoring those reaching service milestones and retirement, along with this year's APSAC and CSSAC Excellence Award winners. The gala will be held March 26 from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union

This event is being presented free of charge and is open to all PFW employees who would like to show their appreciation. Those wishing to attend should RSVP no later than March 11 via the **registration portal**.

PFW employees who have received a recent degree are also invited to be listed in the event program and on the website. Those interested should email **hr@pfw.edu** and include their name, degree earned, month/year, major, and university.

Additional questions may be sent to **hr@pfw.edu**, or call Human Resources at 260-481-6840.

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FEBRUARY

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Mon., 7:30–9 p.m.

By Truth, By Justice, and By Peace Choral Concert

This powerful choral concert meditates on the importance of social justice that relies on truthful and peaceful action. It will feature over 100 singers from Chamber Treble Singers, Chamber Singers, and University Singers...

FEBRUARY

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Mon., 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition

This exhibition features work by students who are currently enrolled in classes in the Department of Art and Design...

News Spotlight

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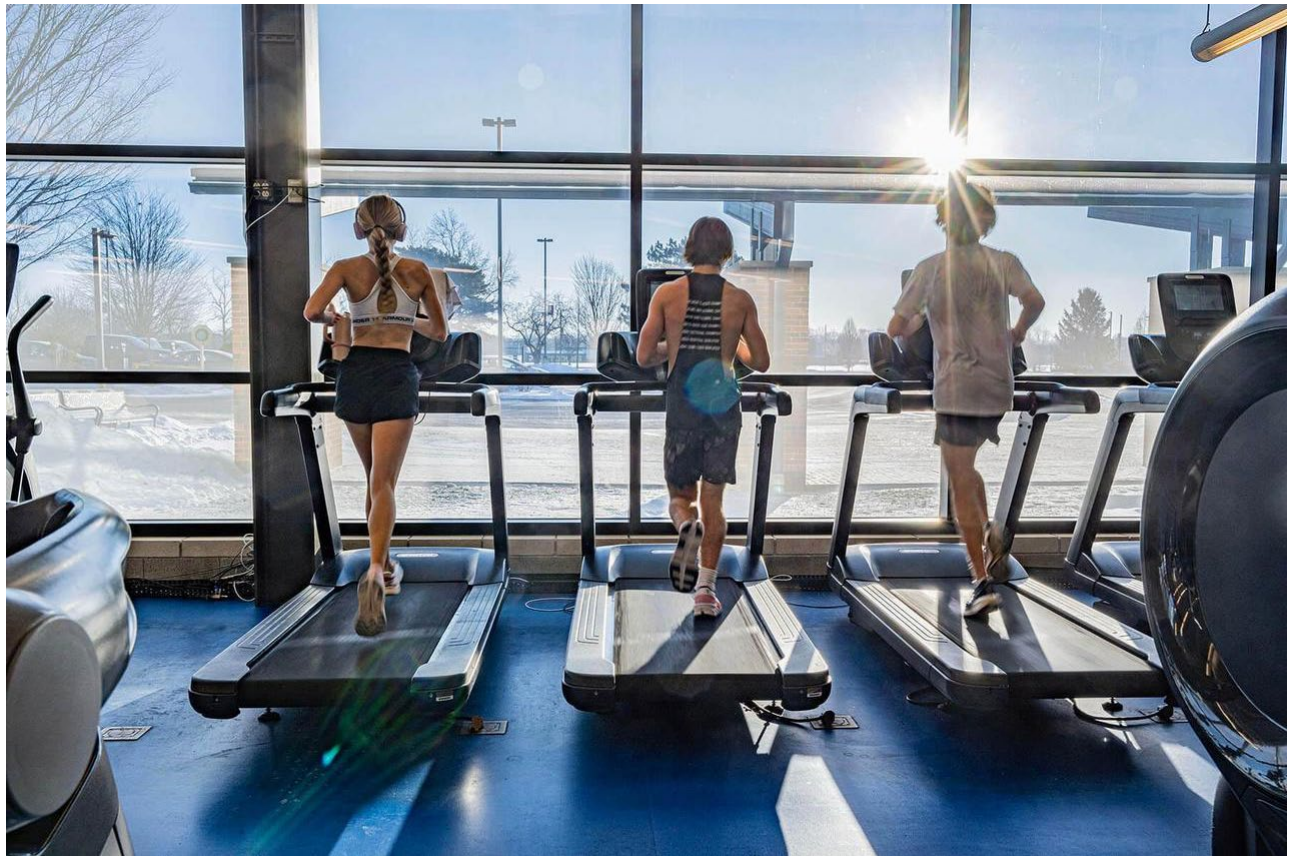
Fort Wayne Youtheatre explore social issues with 'Something Happened in Our Town'

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Feb. 13

Classical Connections: Masterworks concert features music

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