

For Faculty and Staff

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Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was one of six guest speakers during the 2008–2009 Omnibus season.

## Celebrating the Wisdom of 150 Omnibus Series Speakers

When it was announced 30 years ago that the university was going to start a signature lecture series for not only the campus but the entire community, Gerald McBride, chair of the Omnibus Lecture Series Committee, said, "We want to showcase the university through this series by bringing nationally – if not internationally – known speakers here."

For three decades, what's now called the Omnibus Speaker Series has been a gift from Purdue University Fort Wayne to northeast Indiana. Thanks in part to the original and continued support from the English-Bonter-Mitchell Foundation, tickets are still free and open to the public. Speaker No. 150 in the series is award-winning marketer and University of Michigan professor Marcus Collins. His public presentation will take place Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall.

The following are just a few of the quotes that help tell the Omnibus story.

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Ron Friedman, dean of the College of Science, and Michelle Drouin, Jack W. Schrey Professor of Psychology.

## New 'Science Spotlight Podcast' Helping CoS Make Connections

A year ago, Elizabeth Graves turned her reading hobby into a podcast with her friend Liz Schurtz. It's called "Liz and Liz Get Literary" and the discussions focus on female authors. The two have a blast conversing about their passion, which comes through to the listeners.

The experience also got Graves, a lead administrative assistant at Purdue University Fort Wayne, thinking about proposing a podcast for the College of Science. Luckily, she works next door to Ron Friedman, dean of the college, and he's usually open to trying new things.

With Graves already owning the necessary equipment, Friedman recently started hosting the "Science Spotlight Podcast," where he interviews PFW educators about their interests, background, and research.

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### Goals and Annual Assessment Timeline

The 2024–2025 evaluation timeframe for employees and managers can be viewed by **clicking here**. Employees should note the upcoming March 1–15 window to enter their self-assessment in SuccessFactors. Additional information can be found on the Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity website.

Questions should be directed to **hr@pfw.edu** or 260-481-6840.

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# 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



Wed., 7:30-9 p.m.

Beyond the Swing: Modern Sounds and Timeless Melodies

The University Jazz Ensemble shares jazz at its most expressive combining the irresistible rhythms of swing with soulful blues, lush ballads, and modern jazz complexity. With a rich blend of composers and arrangers, the program will offer both high-energy excitement and introspective beauty...



The Office of International Education will host this annual event. Stop by the Classic Ballroom to try a few new treats from around the world. Open to all students, faculty and staff...

# On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

### **New Hires**

• Jason Kline, custodian | Building Services

## In a Snap

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



Senior Liv Hope, junior Indya Burnett, and senior Megan Jester were three of the participants in the Career Development Center's professional dress fashion show on Wednesday. The annual event demonstrates how students can look their best in various workplace scenarios—from interviews to company picnics, and beyond.

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