



Recent Grad Encourages Others to Push to Commencement

For students yearning to start the next phase of their lives, the march to commencement can feel endless and full of life-altering traps.

“One thing I would tell seniors who are right on the brink of finishing is just to power through and lean on your classmates,” said Alysia Cavender, B.S. ’23. “I felt like my class, we helped each other out so much and were all so interconnected. Never be afraid to ask for help.

“It sounds so broad, but be as tough as you can be. It is hard to power through, and I feel for them because there are times when you feel like you want to give up, but fight through that because it’s worth it.”

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Next Omnibus Series Presentation Approved as Civics Literacy Event

The current season of PFW's Omnibus Lecture Series returns Feb. 27 with University of Michigan marketing professor Marcus Collins. His appearance has been approved as an educational activity for students to count toward their **Civics Literacy Proficiency Requirement**.

Collins, who has worked with such brands as Apple, Nike, McDonald's, and Anheuser-Busch, will present "For the Culture: The Power Behind What We Buy, What We Do, and Who We Want to Be." The show will start at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall. Tickets are free and will be available beginning Feb. 13 through the **Schatzlein Box Office**.

Students are also encouraged to watch the announcements in **Brightspace** for future events.

Electronic Travel Authorization Required for United Kingdom

Beginning Jan. 8, the United Kingdom started requiring an electronic travel authorization for all U.S. citizen travelers, including children, who do not currently possess a U.K. visa. Travelers without an ETA will be denied access to the U.K. Travelers who are connecting through the U.K. and continuing to other countries may have additional requirements and should verify and plan ahead for the requirements of their final destination.

An online ETA application must be completed in advance, which will require travelers to enter personal and professional information and upload photos of themselves and their original passport. According to the [U.K.'s official website](#), applications are typically processed in three working days but may take longer. The cost associated with obtaining an ETA is an eligible expense for Purdue travel cards and purchasing cards. It may also be reimbursed to the traveler if paid directly with personal funds. Each ETA will be valid for multiple entries in the U.K. during a two-year period or until the traveler's passport expiration date, whichever comes first.

[READ THE DETAILS](#)

Employee Recognition Dinner Is March 26

Save the date for the annual Employee Recognition Dinner—March 26 from 5:15 to 8:15 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The event will honor and celebrate milestone service anniversaries and retirements, 2025 Featured Faculty Award recipients, and APSAC and CSSAC Excellence Award recipients. Registration and a list of this year's honorees will be available at pfw.edu/employee-recognition beginning Monday.

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.

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Sat., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Music Therapy Client Recital

Share the joy of music with practicing music therapists who will assist their client performers in demonstrating skills they developed through participation in music therapy services. Free admission...

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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

The King's Singers

The King's Singers have set the gold standard in a cappella singing on the world's greatest stages for over 50 years. They are renowned for their unrivalled technique, musicianship and versatility, which stem from both

the group's rich heritage and its drive to bring an extraordinary range of...

From the Field

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Expressions | College of Visual and Performing Arts

News Spotlight

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

Step Afrika! 101 energizes audience at PFW

21Alive and WANE 15 | Monday

Attempting to make sense of tariff threats

21Alive and WANE 15 | Monday

Little River Wetlands Project celebrating World Wetlands Day with week of conservation-themed activities

21Alive | Sunday

In a Snap

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



James Farlow, emeritus professor of geology and adjunct professor of biology, delivered a presentation to an anatomy class on Tuesday that was years in the making. It took place at PFW's new mastodon bones display in the hallway near the Herd Hideout at Walb Student Union.

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