



Enrollment at PFW up Again for 4th Straight Semester

Spring semester enrollment numbers at Purdue Fort Wayne continue to fuel an upward trajectory that appears to be picking up steam. A census report completed last week by the Office of Institutional Research and Analysis was highlighted by two specific areas of sustained growth: credit hours and retention.

For the fourth consecutive semester, non-dual credit undergraduate and graduate credit hour production, which includes service hours provided by PFW to IUFW students, increased. The spring-over-spring figure was +2.5%. Breaking it down further, credit hour production for domestic, non-resident students rose by 11.5%; there was a 75.7% increase in credit hour production from students enrolled in the Contiguous States Tuition Reciprocity Program; and a 7% increase from Ohio Tuition Reciprocity counties.

The retention rate for first-time, full-time undergraduates between the fall 2024 semester and spring 2025 semester was 87.6%, which is the highest new student fall-to-spring cohort since before the 2018 realignment.

Describing the progress as more of a starting point than a finish line, members of PFW's leadership team are pleased with what the university community has collectively been able to accomplish.

"Being significantly up in credit hour production from out-of-state students continues to confirm the attractiveness of PFW as a destination for higher education," said Krissy Surface, vice chancellor for enrollment management and the student experience. "What remains critical now is that we continue to provide a campus experience that students are looking for, because word-of-mouth marketing is a powerful tool in recruiting."

General registration for the summer semester begins Feb. 17. Early registration for the first of four priority groups—degree candidates, graduate students, and seniors—begins March 25.



Free Step Afrika! 101 Performance at Purdue Fort Wayne

To help usher in Black History Month, Purdue University Fort Wayne will welcome Step Afrika! to campus for a free performance on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall at the Music Center. This presentation is open to the general public, in addition to students, faculty, and staff.

Step Afrika! celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2024. It describes itself as the world's leading authority on the art form of stepping. Performances blend percussive dance styles practiced by historically African American fraternities and sororities; traditional African dances; and an array of contemporary dance and art forms.

Free tickets can be picked up in advance at the Multicultural Center in Walb Student Union, Room



Saron Girma, Maddie Boesch, Rashina Lan, and Thomas Herr met recently to discuss their experiences.

Herr Scholarship Helps PFW Students Study Abroad and Find Future Direction

Before he became a top Fort Wayne attorney, Thomas Herr was a student at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, trying to find a direction in life. A scholarship opportunity to study for a year in Greece changed him in all the best ways.

Herr never forgot the impact of studying abroad, and four years ago initiated the Thomas A. Herr Scholarship for Purdue University Fort Wayne students pursuing a degree in the College of Liberal Arts. As part of the program **College Year in Athens**—the same program Herr participated in—the opportunity is still a fully paid chance to study in Greece, but now it’s for a semester instead of a full year.

That’s not a bad thing, though, as the first two students to win the scholarship can’t wait to visit again, and they tell just about everyone else on campus they should apply. Current junior Rashida Lan heard about the scholarship from the first recipient, Saron Girma, B.A. '23, and then from current senior Maddie Boesch, who made the trip last spring.

Good to Know

Free Food Vouchers for First 100 PFW Employees at Tonight's Men's Basketball Game

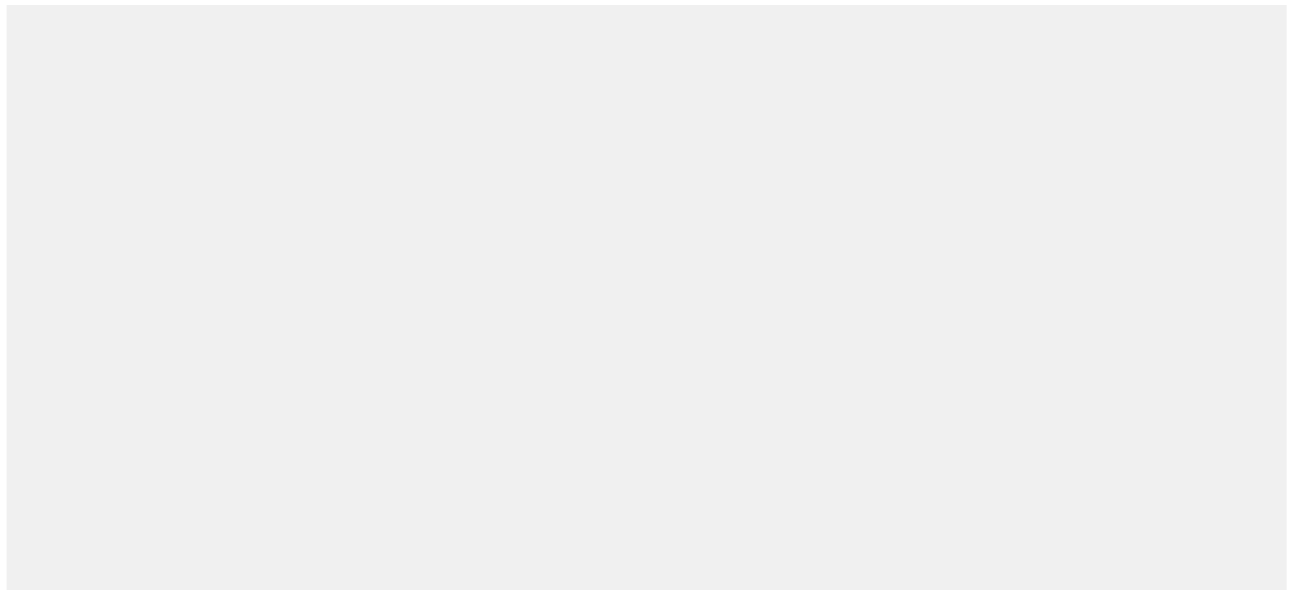
Faculty and staff attending tonight's Purdue Fort Wayne men's basketball game versus Cleveland State will earn a chance to eat for free if they are among the first to arrive. That's because the first 100 employees in the house will receive \$10 food vouchers. Tipoff at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum has been moved to 9 p.m. to accommodate a national broadcast on ESPNU. Remember, as always, PFW faculty and staff also get into all home basketball games for free!

Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

If you would like to have your portrait taken, you may do so Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

In a Snap

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Anthropology and history student Ollie Millican happily donated blood in Walb Student Union during the most recent visit from the American Red Cross on Tuesday. The event was sponsored by Well-being and Recreation.

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