



For Students

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## Purdue Fort Wayne Announces Exemplar and Top 50 Recipients for 2025

Purdue University Fort Wayne has chosen its next classes of Exemplar and Top 50 recipients. These students not only excel academically, they go above and beyond in their communities.

Each year, college and school deans, department chairs, and/or faculty select students to be Exemplars. Those receiving this honor must complete an undergraduate degree during the fall, spring, or summer semester of the current academic year; have graduated with distinction or be tentatively qualified to achieve that status; demonstrate excellence in their areas of study; and have a record of community outreach in their field.

Since 2016, Purdue University Fort Wayne has also recognized a larger group of Mastodons for their enthusiasm and success in making the most of their full student experience. Called simply the Top 50, these individuals have high GPAs; excel in university activities, events, and organizations; and demonstrate strong community engagement across Fort Wayne and in their hometowns.

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## Mastodon Career Expo Has Area Employers Coming Back for More

Wearing a black suit and carrying a black folder full of 30 résumés, sophomore Lucas Wilson looks prepared, confident, and ready to work as he scans more than 90 employers at the Mastodon Career Expo in early March. The computer science major talked to many potential employers in the Lutheran Health Fieldhouse before leaving for a midterm exam.

“I’m kind of grinding,” Wilson said. “I’m hoping for an internship or maybe a part-time job that I can continue to work throughout the school year.”

On average, more than 400 Purdue University Fort Wayne students take advantage of the annual opportunity to introduce themselves to those looking to hire. Efficiency, preparation, and poise are key in the attempt to make a positive impression. Professional attire is a must, with the **Mastodon Career Closet** always available to help.

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# Herd That

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*The student experience is a big part of who we are as Mastodons. Here's one of our stories.*



Members of the band Loud Division, from left to right: Aaron Stephens, Austin Adkins, Connor Hogsten, Tyler Crisp, and Chase Fritz.

## Loud Division Enjoyed Years of 'Wasted Time'

Here are the basics: the hard rock band Loud Division is a Gold Top Music Group artist; Gold Top, which operates out of the School of Music at Purdue University Fort Wayne, attracts and teaches students interested in various aspects of professional music; and Loud Division just released its first album titled "Wasted Time."

Even though it took more than eight years and three different versions of the band to get there, the considerable amount of time that was spent to reach this point appears to anything but wasted. And as the band continues to improve, an alternate title for this record could have just as easily been "Had Fun Doing It."

Before the name Loud Division came out of a band name generator and stuck, the group started as buddies growing up in Kentucky. The four even wrote songs as eighth graders, a few of which like "Ashes" have endured long enough to make the debut album.

## Early Registration for Fall Classes Starts Next Week

The chance to register early for the fall 2025 semester will start Monday for degree candidates, military-affiliates, graduate students, and seniors.

For the next three Mondays, starting at 8 a.m. each day, students who are in other priority groups will get to begin reserving their spot in the classes they want at the times they need. That schedule includes:

- Juniors, honors students, student-athletes, and students with disabilities: March 31
- Sophomores: April 7
- Freshmen and others: April 14

Be sure to take advantage of the chance to meet with your advisor so they can answer any questions you may have while also making sure you're on track for graduation.

## Campus-wide Emergency Alert Test Scheduled for Friday



Purdue Fort Wayne will conduct a semiannual test of its emergency notification system at 1 p.m. on Friday.

In the event of severe or inclement weather, the test will be rescheduled.

Steps to follow during an emergency including a tornado are available by [clicking here](#) and scrolling down to the PROCEDURES section. Additional information can be found on the campus's [Safety and Security website](#).

If you haven't already, please consider signing up to [receive emergency mobile alerts](#), which arrive much faster and with greater reliability than automated phone calls.

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## Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium

The 28th annual Student Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium will be held Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the skybridge between Helmke Library and Walb Student Union. More than 145 students will participate. All members of the campus community are invited to attend.

## Take Back the Night Mixer April 24

The **Take Back the Night Mixer**, sponsored by the Sexual Assault Prevention and Advocacy Program, is scheduled for April 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the atrium at Walb Student Union. The annual event is designed to create a safe, empowering space for students and community members to connect, share stories, and engage in meaningful conversations about ending sexual violence.

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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.*

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Thurs., 7–10 p.m.

### Card Game Night

Join WellRec for an evening of fun and friendly competition! Whether you're a beginner or a pro, there will be a variety of games to enjoy, including Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, and more...

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Fri., 7:30–10 p.m.

### Movie Night: 'The Mummy'

The EMSE Engagement Board will present the 1999 classic "The Mummy" in Neff Hall, Room 101. Along with the movie, there will be free snacks, entertaining trivia, and a chance to win fantastic prizes...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

### Talent Tuesday: Meet Your Next Employer

Connect with employers who are offering internship positions and part-time and full-time positions that you wouldn't get the chance to know about otherwise...

# Mastodon Moments

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



Spring doesn't officially begin until Thursday, but these snowdrop blossoms beg to differ.

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