



## Military Student Services Adds Lounge, Event to Support Veterans

Since Purdue University Fort Wayne added the Office of Military Student Services in 2020, one of the long-term goals has been to establish a lounge where veterans on campus could visit between classes.

Through persistence and determination, an area in the **Military Student Services** office located in Kettler Hall, Room 110, recently opened. It features various snacks, coffee, hot chocolate, water, Roku, an Xbox, and a mini projector for movies. Though family and friends are also welcome, it's a unique place for military-focused students who are often three or four years older than traditional students.

I just want it to be a safe area for veterans to come back to," said junior Brodie Johnson, an MSS

student worker whose father recently retired from the military. “The more people we can get back here, the better. My goal is not only reaching out to veterans, but also helping them transition into regular civilian life. We want to build our community and keep expanding the numbers.”

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## Don Dollars Debit Accounts to End June 30

Due to increasing costs and relatively low utilization, debit account programs across the Purdue system including BoilerExpress and Don Dollars will end June 30. At that time, participants will no longer be able to conduct transactions. Students, faculty, and staff with Don Dollars are encouraged to make plans to utilize their remaining funds prior to the end of June. Instructions on how to manage or request refunds for any remaining balances will be provided well before the end date.

It is important to note that no changes are expected to other PFW campus services; this closure is specific to Don Dollars stored value accounts. Don Dollars Scholars, Department Charge, or Dining Dollars accounts will not be affected.

More details, including timelines and next steps, will be shared in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition. Any immediate questions or concerns may be directed to Campus Credentials and Transportation at [cct@pfw.edu](mailto:cct@pfw.edu).

PFW is already exploring options for a new and expanded version of the Dining Dollars program that will be more beneficial to the university community.



## Order Commencement Academic Regalia by April 18

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2025 Commencement will be held May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia (tams optional) for the ceremony. If you need to rent regalia, please use this [online form](#); the university will cover the cost of rentals. As has been the case in recent years, everything will be shipped directly to faculty members and will include a return shipping label. You are required to return the rented regalia back to Herff Jones. The deadline for orders is April 18.

## Good to Know

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## Tonight's Collins Omnibus Appearance Approved as Civics Literacy Requirement

Faculty are encouraged to remind their students that this evening's Omnibus Series presentation by **Marcus Collins** has been approved as an educational activity to count toward their Civics Literacy Proficiency Requirement. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall. Free tickets are available through the **Schatzlein Box Office**.

## 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.

## LaVere to Explore How Joan of Arc's Image Has Been Used in American Culture and Society

Suzanne LaVere, interim director of women's studies and associate professor, will deliver the next presentation in the George R. Mather Lecture Series on Sunday at The History Center, 302 E. Berry St., in downtown Fort Wayne. LaVere's presentation, "**Spectacles, Politics, and Patriotism: Cultural Uses of Joan of Arc in Fort Wayne and Beyond**," will start at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

## Book Adoption Deadlines Approaching Soon

As a reminder to faculty, adoptions for summer 2025 semester books are due by March 15. Fall semester book adoptions are due April 15.

## Student Emergency Absence Policies Focus of Tuesday Session

Employees who are new to Purdue University Fort Wayne, unaware of the student emergency absence policies, or just interested in learning more are invited to join the Office of Student Conduct and Care for a one-hour information session on Tuesday that will provide an overview of the various student emergency absence policies, what can be excused and what cannot, documentation required, and more. The session will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. in Walb Student Union, Room 114. Register by emailing [scc@pfw.edu](mailto:scc@pfw.edu).

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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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Sat., 5–7 p.m.

## Trumpet Studio Recital

School of Music students studying trumpet will perform a variety of trumpet repertoire at their biannual studio recital. Students will perform solo and ensemble works under the direction of professor Daniel Price...

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Mon., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

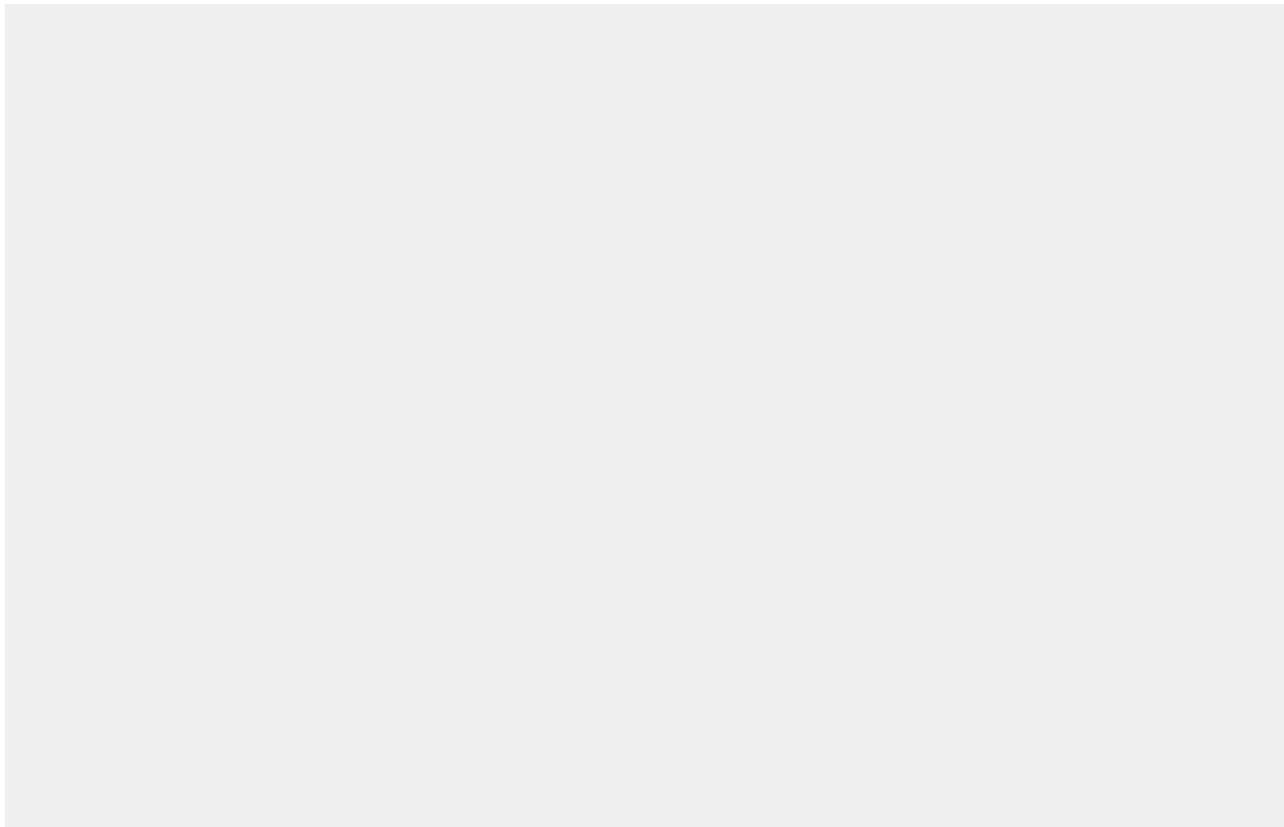
## Guest Artist Concert: icarus Quartet

Comprised of two pianists and two percussionists, icarus Quartet aspires to break the mold and fly to new heights in the world of contemporary music. This brand-new program features the seminal work for this instrumentation by Béla Bartók, the "Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion," alongside...

## In a Snap

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*Andrea Bearman and Rachel Ramsey gave instructions to attendees of the **Fort Wayne Teaching and Learning Conference**, which took place on Friday in Walb Student Union. In addition to Purdue Fort Wayne, participating colleges and universities included Goshen College, Huntington University, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech Community College, Manchester University, Trine University, and University of Saint Francis.*

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