



Edens Brings the Healing Power of Music to Patients at Ronald McDonald House

Serving a practicum in an off-campus setting can be thrilling, but how about being good enough to receive an invitation to address the entity's board of directors?

For Purdue University Fort Wayne senior Olivia Edens, she got that chance to talk about something she loves: music therapy.

"We were very impressed with Olivia's confidence, maturity, and passion," said Jen Veatch, chief executive officer at Ronald McDonald House of Northeast Indiana. "I have no doubt that Olivia will do incredible things in her career. She is a game changer and someone who paves the way for

new and exciting things.”

Edens addressed the board about her passion and why the Ronald McDonald House needed to consider introducing more opportunities for music therapists at its Parkview Regional Medical Center location. She’d established her credentials by working two hours weekly to show how the therapy positively affected patients.

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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.

Changes Coming Monday to Vendor Onboarding Process

Purdue University has announced a change in its vendor onboarding process that is scheduled to take effect on Monday.

Purdue has entered into an agreement with PaymentWorks to provide a vendor management system for the system's suppliers and payees. PaymentWorks will work with these business partners directly, giving them the ability to enter and maintain their own data in a secure, web-based portal. This access will eliminate data entry redundancies, reduce keying errors, and increase fraud prevention for Purdue and its business partners.

Initially, PaymentWorks will only be applied to new suppliers and payees, as well as existing suppliers and payees who report changes in information. Most existing vendors will be unaffected by this transition. One-time vendor payments and employee reimbursements will not be affected.

Purchase requisitions and direct invoice payment requests that require onboarding of a new business partner or changes to existing business partner data will be identified when a requisition or direct invoice payment request is submitted. These requests will be handled by onboarding initiators in Purchasing or the Office of Accounting and Budget, who will invite the business partner to connect with Purdue through the PaymentWorks portal. PaymentWorks will obtain Substitute W-9, W-9, or ACH forms. Departments will only be required to obtain Payee Certifications and Glacier documentation when applicable.

Questions about the new process should be directed to purchase@pfw.edu or ap@pfw.edu.

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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Tues., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Citizen Archivists: Transcribing Records in Our National Archive

Sunshine Week is a nonpartisan collaboration among groups in the journalism, civic, education, government, and private sectors that shines a light on the importance of public records and open government. In this spirit, participants will engage with the online historical records of the National Archives by transcribing and tagging digital documents in their...

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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Vocal Division Showcase

Students from the vocal area present a program filled with a wide range of solo works focused on the theme of fairytales and myths. Free admission...

News Spotlight

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

PFW experts to help county leaders develop plan for fire district merger

WANE 15 | Friday

America's betrayal of Ukraine is a gift to Putin

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Friday

'26 Pebbles' chronicles fallout after mass killing

Whatzup | March 5

In a Snap

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



Image courtesy of Marc Lebryk and the Horizon League

The outcome of Tuesday's Horizon League tournament championship game may sting for a few more days, but it doesn't diminish the excitement the PFW women's basketball team generated during their time in the limelight this season. Congratulations to Coach Marchesano and all the Dons who gave Fort Wayne and the nation a preview of what to expect from this program in the years to come.

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