



Division of Campus and Community Wellbeing team members Kerrie Fineran, Alice Jordan, Gianna Casaburo, and Eric Manor look on as Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer adds his signature to the Okanagan Charter during a ceremony on Thursday.

Purdue Fort Wayne Joins US Health Promoting Campuses Network with Adoption of Okanagan Charter

Through its adoption of the Okanagan Charter at a ceremony Thursday afternoon, Purdue University Fort Wayne has become one of just 38 universities and colleges in the United States—and the first in Indiana—to join the top tier of the [U.S. Health Promoting Campuses Network](#). This transformative commitment reinforces Purdue Fort Wayne's dedication to fostering well-being, sustainability, and equity for students, faculty, staff, and the broader community.

The Okanagan Charter, developed in ~~2015~~ by higher education and health promotion leaders from

around the world, provides a framework for embedding health into all aspects of campus culture, administration, operations, and academic priorities. By adopting the charter, Purdue Fort Wayne joins a global movement of institutions prioritizing holistic well-being and integrating health into their institutional mission.

“With this important step, we reaffirm our commitment to a culture that values the well-being of every individual in our campus community,” said Ron Elsenbaumer, chancellor, Purdue University Fort Wayne. “This initiative continues to build upon the strategic work already underway to make PFW a premier institution committed to student and employee well-being, retention, and success at all levels.”

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Emma Coville raised \$900 to establish a compost project at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus, with students in 37 rooms signing up to participate. Part of the pilot project included a small collection structure she built this semester to turn the results into soil anyone can use.

Coville Studies, Attacks Life to Find What’s Possible

During a recent Chapman Scholars trip to Arizona, the six Purdue University Fort Wayne students came across a beautiful mountain stream. Senior Emma Coville was thirsty, so she knelt down

and scooped some water to drink. She then challenged the others to do the same before running back to the car to grab a bottle to fill.

Someone mentioned the bird flu potential, but Coville wasn't scared, saying that running water is safer to drink than stagnant water. The story exemplifies how Coville attacks life. She studies almost everything she comes across and then figures out ways to see if something that interests her can be used to help others.

She started flying at age 13, recently earning a private pilot license, and organizes the local Experimental Aircraft Association's annual chili fundraiser for scholarships—including cooking 24 pounds of beef and helping chop 60 onions. She also keeps bees, once loading 5,000 into her Honda Civic to transport back from a farm.

Give her a list of ideas to see if she's tried them, and Coville will likely say "No" but with a reminder that she's not done yet.

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The view from the stage at this year's Employee Recognition Gala, as seen by emcees John O'Connell and Tina Grady on Wednesday evening. The annual event took place in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

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