



Pictured above from left to right, Rashida Lan, Forrest Rommel, Bree Felger, Julian Colon, and Jayda Bunn are members of the Anthropology Club.

Anthropology Club Keeps Pioneering Spirit Alive with New Members, Podcast

Founded in the mid-1970s, the Anthropology Club has been one of Purdue University Fort Wayne's longest-lasting student organizations. When the club started its weekly lecture series more than 40 years ago, those talks became one of the campus's most popular events.

Excellent speakers from around the world talked about their research and projects—and free pizza was another enticement—drawing students from different disciplines. At the time, it was the only lecture series on campus, often drawing between 80 and 100 students each week.

That pioneering spirit lives on with current club members.

"We talk about a lot of very interesting things," said Forrest Rommel, a senior and three-year club president. "In anthropology, you get to talk about the human experience, and everyone wants to hear about that. I think that drew in a lot of people in general because everyone wants to know a little more about the human experience around the world."

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PFW Well-Represented at Statewide English Language Arts Conference

Secondary education and English majors (photographed above from left to right) Emily Wunderlich, Elijah Solis, Sabrina Guerin, Lily O'Quinn Bishop, and Brianna Shifferly participated in the 2025 Indiana Council of Teachers of English Spring Conference at Grace College in Winona Lake on March 29. Katelyn Bowers also participated.

The students delivered roundtable presentations for an audience of practicing and prospective English language arts teachers from across the state. Four of the sessions were about practices the PFW team members have used or are currently using this semester while student teaching.

Deadlines Draw Near on 2024–25 Goals Management and Annual Review Timeline

Performance management is an integral part of Purdue University's ongoing effort to encourage staff to higher levels of achievement and service. Each staff member receives an annual review, which is recorded in SuccessFactors. Annual performance is assessed against position-specific goals and three university-wide competencies—overall job performance, professional/career development, and culture and values. **Read the details.**

Questions can be directed to lod@purdue.edu or Tina Grady at klgrady@pfw.edu.

Official Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2025–26

The official holiday/recess dates for Purdue University Fort Wayne for fiscal year 2025–26 will be:

- Friday, July 4, 2025 | Independence Day
- Monday, Sept. 1, 2025 | Labor Day
- Thursday–Friday, Nov. 27–28, 2025 | Thanksgiving Break
- Wednesday–Thursday, Dec. 24–25, 2025 | Christmas Holiday
- Dec. 26–31, 2025 | Winter Recess*
- Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026 | New Year's Day
- Friday, Jan. 2, 2026 | President's Designated Holiday
- Monday, Jan. 19, 2026 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, May 25, 2026 | Memorial Day

*The winter recess was approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees at its February meeting.



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month-Inspired Events on Campus

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is traditionally celebrated in May, but Purdue University Fort Wayne joins other institutions throughout higher education to host events in April to provide students with more opportunities to participate before spring semesters conclude.

The first AAPIHM event for 2025 at PFW is a **Tea-Time Retreat** on Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library, followed by a **panel discussion** on April 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Walb Student Union, Room G08. The final activity is the **Asian Heritage Fest** on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Alumni Plaza, which includes presentations by PFW student associations. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved inside Walb.

For more information, contact pfwaapialliance@gmail.com.

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.

APRIL

8

Today, noon–1:30
p.m. or 2:30–4 p.m.

Self Defense Classes

Empower yourself with essential self-defense techniques in this interactive and informative workshop. Learn practical strategies to enhance your personal safety, build confidence, and respond effectively in various situations. Classes offered at noon and 2:30 p.m.

APRIL

8–11

9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Spring 2025 Honors Showcase

The Honors Showcase features presentations from all active honors students who are nearing graduation. These students will present their honors projects, the capstone of the Honors Program and the final requirement to earn their honors certificate and medal...

APRIL

10

Thurs., 7:30–9:30
p.m.

Piano Studio Recital

A program of varied piano music featuring the students of Hamilton Tescarollo. Admission is free for everyone...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Hannah Fahlsing, admissions events coordinator | Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience
- Alexa Vervinckt, HR coordinator | Human Resources

In a Snap

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



A prospective member of the Herd and her family paused for a photo at Admitted Student Day on Sunday. Their busy schedule included campus and housing tours, meetings with academic departments, and learning about PFW resources and organizations.

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