



ADMINISTRATION

Like Father, Like Son

On February 2, the Purdue University Fort Wayne Police Department welcomed its newest officer, Ali Gill, with what was described by some as the best-attended badge-pinning ceremony ever hosted on campus.

One reason might be that Gill, age 22, partially grew up on campus. His father, Nasir Gill, has worked here as a boiler operator for Facilities Management since 2007. So not only did attendees include members of PFW's police force, but also Nasir's coworkers and his entire family.

Police Chief Tim Potts said that in their search for a new officer they were looking for someone with a strong work ethic who could command the respect of others, traits which Nasir has demonstrated in his 15-year career at PFW.

Ali had joked with his father that he would work with him one day, but Nasir shrugged it off as his son being funny. He never thought he would see his son become a cop, much less at the university where he also works, but he couldn't be more proud.

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Sign Up to Participate in a Focus Group This Week on PFW's Pathways to Conflict Resolution

As reported most recently in the February 2 edition of *Inside PFW*, two commissioners from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service will be on campus today through Thursday to conduct focus groups and interviews to hear from Purdue Fort Wayne's employees about their experiences with the university's [pathways to conflict resolution](#).

If you are interested in participating in a confidential focus group, please use [this form](#) to sign up.

If you cannot attend at the times available, please contact Jeff Malanson, special assistant to the chancellor for strategic initiatives, at malansoj@pfw.edu. You may also contact commissioners [Carrie Foster](#) and [Steve Perala](#) to schedule an individual interview.

In addition to focus groups, the commissioners have also set aside several blocks of time for drop-in conversations with employees. No appointment or registration is necessary for these sessions. Employees can stop by Kettler Hall, Room G83, at the following times:

- Wednesday | 4:15–5 p.m.
- Thursday | 2–2:45 p.m.
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If you have questions about the focus groupings or the larger pathways to conflict resolution initiative, contact Malanson. You may also view the January 31 town hall by [clicking here](#).

Meet the Candidates for Director of the Student Counseling Center

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to open sessions to meet two candidates for director of the Student Counseling Center, which will open on campus in August. The first session is today at 11 a.m.

The candidates will give a brief overview of their vision for student counseling, and members of the campus community will have the opportunity to pose questions. Both sessions will take place in Neff Hall, Room 101.

- Carmella O'Neal | Today, 11 a.m.
- Gia Casaburo | February 23, 2 p.m.

Homecoming Week Is Here



Don't let the unseasonably warm temperatures fool you, Purdue Fort Wayne is on the lookout for a "Blizzard of Dons" during Homecoming week 2023.

And don't forget to check out the schedule of student activities, Mastodon sports, and alumni festivities including an indoor tailgate on Saturday.

Volunteers are still needed, so view the schedule and [sign up asap](#).

Purdue WL Police Department Offers Free Online Verbal De-escalation Training

Verbal De-escalation, a two-hour PowerPoint presentation, teaches skills to help attendees learn to remain calm and react more effectively when confronted with anger. The overall objective is to reduce the likelihood of escalation to physical aggression. This training includes exercises involving body language/posturing and empathetic verbal language. These skills can be helpful both personally and professionally.

Upcoming sessions will be offered at these times:

- Wednesday | 10 a.m.–noon
- February 24 | 10 a.m.–noon
- March 1 | 10 a.m.–noon
- March 7 | 2–4 p.m.
- March 9 | 10 a.m.–noon
- March 22 | 2–4 p.m.

To register, contact Lt. Sarah Clark at sclark32@purdue.edu. Please indicate your preferred session.

The minimum age for participants is 18. Affiliation with Purdue is not required to register.

Verify Your Emergency Contact Info in SuccessFactors

The Human Resources and Office of Institutional Equity team would like to remind all employees to verify their emergency contact information in SuccessFactors.

- Go to [OnePurdue](#), then click on the Employee Launchpad tile.
- Click the "My Profile" tile and then select the "Personal Information" tab.
- Use the pencil icon to edit necessary fields).

Additionally, HR-OIE encourages individual departments to keep a detailed list of emergency contact information for their faculty and staff. The list should include the employee's home address, mobile and home phone numbers, and email address. Collecting the same information for the employee's primary and secondary emergency contacts is also advised.

Employees should verify that their own address and phone number are correct in SuccessFactors as well. Please update this important information, as needed, as this is the address that official university mail, like W-2s, is sent to—and this is the phone number that's used to contact the employee in urgent and emergent situations.

If you need assistance, contact payroll@pfw.edu.

Featured Events

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. Some opportunities are exclusive to university employees and their families. Check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Tues., 7:30 p.m.

Concerto, Aria, and Composition Orchestra Concert

The PFW University and Community Orchestra concert will feature talented School of Music student winners of the annual Concerto, Aria, and Composition Competition...

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Wed., 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Employee Well-being at Work

Take 10 minutes out of your morning and meet with the Employee Well-being team for wellness tips, healthy snacks, giveaways, and information about upcoming events and programs...

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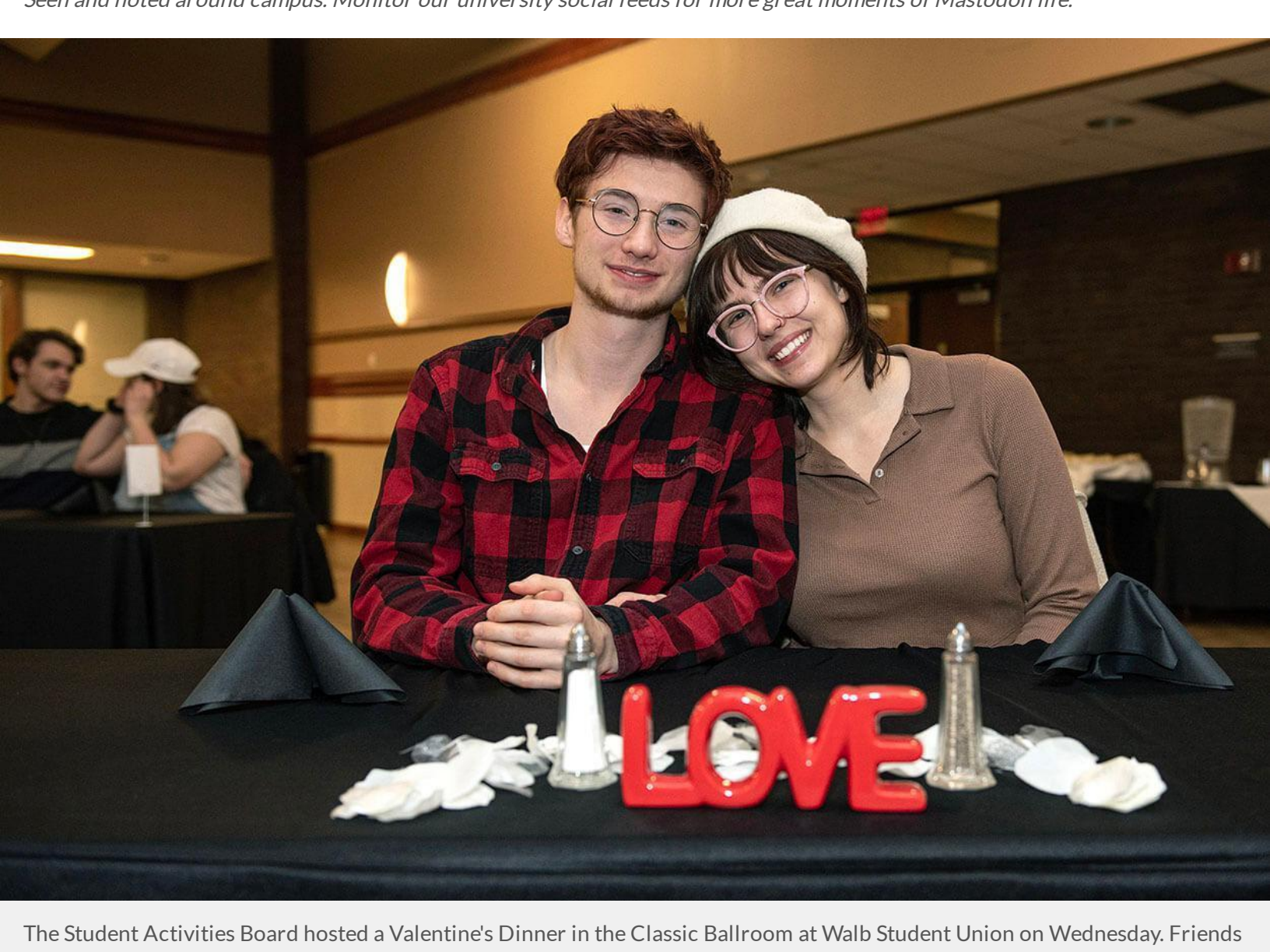
Thurs., 1–3 p.m.

Omnibus Speaker Series: Scott Dikkers

"The Funny Story behind the Funny Stories." With *The Onion*, Scott Dikkers created the original "fake news" platform and grew it into one of today's most recognized comedy brands...

In a Snap

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



The Student Activities Board hosted a Valentine's Dinner in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union on Wednesday. Friends and sweethearts enjoyed conversation, chicken parmesan, cheesecake, and a screening of *The Proposal*.

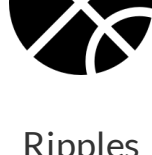
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