

Eric Manor, well-being and recreation director (center), chats with attendees at the 2022 Well-being Summit in Walb Student Union.

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Well-being Summit on Thursday Prepares Campus Community for Sprint to the Finish

With the spring semester's sprint to the finish in full stride, it's a potentially rough time of year for all parts of the body. The stress is picking up, the weather is more temperamental than a 3-year-old, and there's just a lot to get done.

That's why the 2023 Purdue University Fort Wayne **Well-being Summit** is perfectly placed on Thursday. Centered around the International Ballroom in Walb Student Union, the summit features 45 vendors and events from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"It's to bring awareness to the resources on campus and around the community to help people take a minute to consider how they are doing," said Eric Manor, well-being and recreation director. "It's not easy the number of hours everyone is putting in. Take a deep breath before we wind up the school year and just remember to prioritize yourself in everything you are doing for others and your school work."

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Kirk Tolliver, associate director for payroll and compensation, accepts the Silver Award from Sherry Early, the Women's Fund steering committee chair, and Stephanie Crandall, a member of the Women's Fund economic security steering committee.

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PFW Honored for Representation and Care of Female Employees

Purdue University Fort Wayne was one of only five employers honored with a Silver Award by the Women's Fund of Greater Fort Wayne when its first Allen County Women in the Workplace Report was released Wednesday. This was highest recognition presented for 2023.

The categories assessed were compensation of women, women in leadership, equitable hiring and promotion practices, and supportive benefits and policies.

PFW met three of the four top criteria as an equitable workplace, was one of four businesses to be recognized for supportive benefits and policies, and one of the top three highlighted for positive recruitment and retention of women.

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Register for Next Week's Senior Leadership Experience

Learn about leadership and prepare for life after college at the Senior Leadership Experience on March 31. Held in downtown Fort Wayne, this daylong retreat will include a tour of Parkview Field, sessions on engaging in the community as a young professional, opportunities to network, and guidance on transitioning your leadership skills from campus to the workplace. You'll also have the opportunity to engage with community leaders, including Mayor Tom Henry.

During the Senior Leadership Experience—for both seniors and graduate students—you'll learn about group dynamics, workplace cultures and environments, and how to make connections. You'll also learn strategies for transferring your leadership skills into the community, and how to focus on career leadership strategies in your job search.

This unique opportunity is open to the first 45 seniors or graduate students who sign up.

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4 Big Reminders if You're Planning to Participate in Commencement

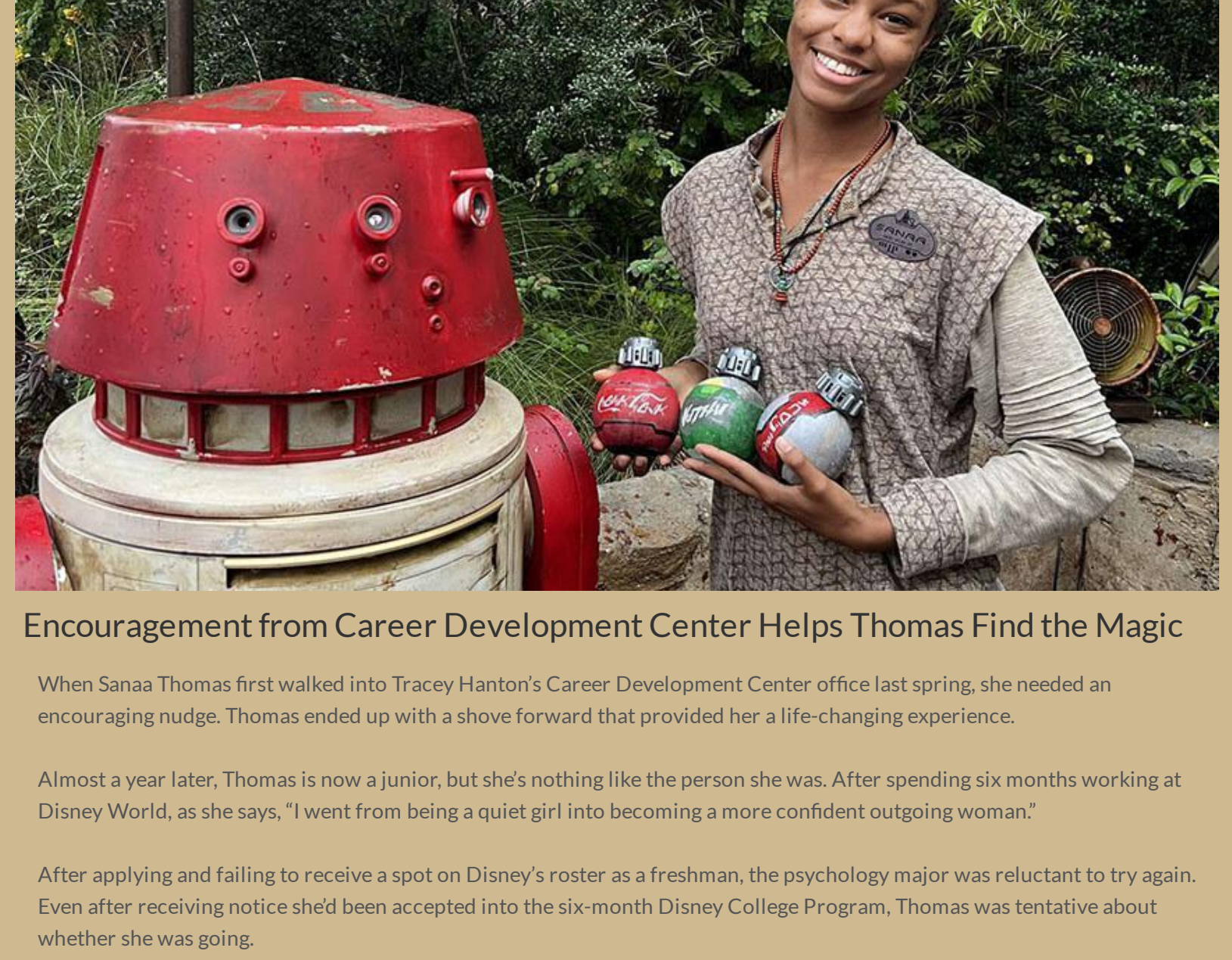


Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement will take place on May 10 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. If you're planning to participate, here are a few things you need to know:

- If you would like to see your name in the commencement program, remember to apply to graduate by April 7. Complete the application in [goPFW](#) under Registration Tools in the Enrollment section.
- After you apply to graduate, **register yourself and your family** for the event. Tickets aren't needed, but sharing an estimated number of your family and friends who will be attending the ceremony and the after party is very helpful for PFW's advance planning.
- **Order your cap and gown.** All orders will be shipped directly to the address that you enter, along with a return shipping label. December graduates who aren't planning to attend commencement in May can order a cap and gown for pictures.
- Visit the [Commencement website](#) often for important information, reminders, and updates.

Herd That

The student experience is a big part of who we are as Mastodons. Here's one of our stories.



Encouragement from Career Development Center Helps Thomas Find the Magic

When Sanaa Thomas first walked into Tracey Hanton's Career Development Center office last spring, she needed an encouraging nudge. Thomas ended up with a shove forward that provided her a life-changing experience.

Almost a year later, Thomas is now a junior, but she's nothing like the person she was. After spending six months working at Disney World, as she says, "I went from being a quiet girl into becoming a more confident outgoing woman."

After applying and failing to receive a spot on Disney's roster as a freshman, the psychology major was reluctant to try again. Even after receiving notice she'd been accepted into the six-month Disney College Program, Thomas was tentative about whether she was going.

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Don Dates

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the Don Dates website often to see what's happening on campus.

MARCH
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Thurs., 8:30–10:30 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month by Skating at Roller Dome

Bring your university ID for free admission and skate rental...

MARCH
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Fri., 5–7 p.m.

Multicultural Mixer

Come meet your old friends and make some new ones. Free food and games provided...

MARCH
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Wed., noon–1 p.m.

#Adulting: Personal Finances for Beginners

During this session, a representative from Ruoff Mortgage will share some tips on how to successfully handle your personal finances...

News Spotlight

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

'My Autism Ally' hosts sensory-friendly party

WANE 15 | March 19

Large turnout for Fort Wayne College Fair at PFW

WANE 15 | March 17

Mastodon Moments

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



Students from all over the globe sampled international snacks in the Walb Student Union Classic Ballroom on Tuesday. The tasty treats included Hungarian chimney cakes (shown here), baklava, samosas, Swiss chocolate, lemon biscuits, matcha pocky, vovozinha, Tortrix, chin chin, and other delicacies. The event was hosted by International Studies.

Athletics



Don Dates



News Center



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