



ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Zhuming Bi first Purdue Fort Wayne Faculty Member to Be Awarded Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair

Zhuming Bi, a professor of mechanical engineering at Purdue University Fort Wayne, has been awarded a Fulbright-Nokia Distinguished Chair in Information and Communications Technologies for the 2023–24 academic year.

Bi, who teaches in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering in the **College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science**, is the first PFW faculty member to have earned this appointment. As part of the grant program, he will conduct research on sustainable manufacturing at the Lappeenranta University of Technology in Finland from September to December.

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Suzanne LaVere, interim director of women's studies, spoke at the introduction of a digital exhibit documenting the women's studies archive that was held in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library on March 1.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Women's Studies Celebrating 50 Years at PFW

When thinking of pioneers, most historians look back hundreds of years to people long passed. What if it was possible to talk with people still alive whose society-changing work continues to inspire?

That's the beauty and the benefit of Purdue University Fort Wayne's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the College of Liberal Arts **women's studies program**. Coinciding with Women's History Month in March, the program is hosting events such as a panel discussion with founders on March 21 in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library, and a gala on March 30 at The History Center in Fort Wayne.

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5 Members of University Community Receive Title IX Distinguished Service Awards



Cicelle Beemon, Christine Marcuccilli, and Janet Badia.

Purdue University recently announced 15 people from across the system had been chosen as recipients of the 2022 Title IX Distinguished Service Award. Four Purdue Fort Wayne employees—Janet Badia, Cicelle Beemon, Kelley Hartley Hutton, and Ashley Malone—and former two-sport standout Laura Stegall, the Female Athlete of the Year in 2001, were recognized “for their significant contributions to the advancement of gender equality in higher education, intercollegiate athletics and at Purdue University.”

The recipients were honored by Purdue’s Office of the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance, Office of the Provost, the systemwide departments of Intercollegiate Athletics, and the systemwide offices of Institutional Equity at a reception on February 28 in West Lafayette.

Share Your Feedback about Greek Life at PFW

The university is taking steps to see if there is interest in expanding Greek life on campus in an effort to advance enrollment, retention, and strategic plan aspirations. Part of this work is collecting feedback and opinions of Greek life from current stakeholders—students, faculty, and staff.

Faculty/staff focus group sessions will be offered in March to chat about general thoughts and feelings around expanding Greek life at PFW and specific needs students may have in order to participate in Greek organizations, such as finances, cultural values, etc.

Sessions will be offered in Kettler Hall, Room G83, at these times:

Monday | 2:30–3:30 p.m.
March 24 | noon–1 p.m.

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Get SafeZone Certified

Registration is now open for March SafeZone training. This month's sessions will be held remotely on March 17 and 24 at 1 p.m.

SafeZone is a comprehensive LGBTQ+ allyship and advocacy education program developed especially for faculty and staff at Purdue Fort Wayne and IU Fort Wayne, offered free of cost by The Q Center.

For more information, visit [The Q Center website](#) or contact qcenter@pfw.edu.

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Retirement Open House for Jana Lese

After more than 47 years at Purdue Fort Wayne, Jana Lese is retiring at the end of March. To celebrate her dedicated service and many accomplishments, the Division of Continuing Studies is hosting a retirement open house with cake and refreshments on Tuesday, March 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the staff lounge located in Kettler Hall, Room 154.

The entire university community is invited to stop by to wish Lese a fond farewell and good luck as she prepares for her next adventure.

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.

MARCH
15
Wed., 6–7:30 p.m.

The Other Anniversary

A panel discussion about Roe v. Wade. Light dinner provided...

MARCH
18
Sat., 5–7 p.m.

Rawlins Piano Trio

The Rawlins Piano Trio is a dynamic group of performers, teachers, and scholars on the faculty of the University of South Dakota Department of Music...

In a Snap

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



Health coach Lindsay Bloom stirred up some black bean soup at an employee well-being event on Monday. Also on the menu for Meatless Monday was delicious pumpkin mousse, and attendees had a chance to win a cookbook filled with plant-based recipes.

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