



Frank Paladino, Jack Schrey Professor of Biology, carries Purdue Fort Wayne's ceremonial mace at the 2022 Commencement.

Deadline for Ordering Academic Regalia for Commencement Is April 6

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2023 Commencement will be held May 10 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in this joyous occasion that is the culmination of our students' academic experience—and one of life's special moments. If you are a faculty member and wish to participate in the ceremony, you can find the registration link [here](#).

Faculty are asked to wear academic regalia; tams are optional. If you need to rent regalia, please use this [online form](#); the university will cover the cost of rentals. There will be no pickup on campus this year, as everything will be shipped directly to faculty members and will include a return shipping label. The deadline for orders is April 6.

'Our Voices, Our Stories' Women's Conference March 22

Four compelling Purdue University Fort Wayne leaders will be among the featured speakers at the "Our Voices, Our Stories" women's conference on March 22. Offered in conjunction with **Women's History Month**, the free event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

Topics for the conference include considering the different needs and life expectancies of women, long-term financial planning, finding power from within, and taking a look at how women have contributed to the educational system historically and in the present.

[Click here](#) for a full agenda.

Same-day registration and coffee starts at 10 a.m. A networking lunch begins at 12:30 p.m.; boxed lunches will be provided to those who [register by March 17](#).

The conference is sponsored by the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, The Women's Center, the Doermer School of Business, and the Career Development Center. It is open to all faculty, staff, and students. All genders are welcome.

There are 18 events being hosted on campus to celebrate Women's History Month. You can find a link to the full [calendar of events](#) on the Women's History Month webpage.

Campus-wide Emergency Alert Test Scheduled for Tuesday



As part of Indiana's observance of **Severe Weather Preparedness Week**, March 12–18, Purdue Fort Wayne will conduct a semiannual test of its emergency notification system to coincide with the statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday.

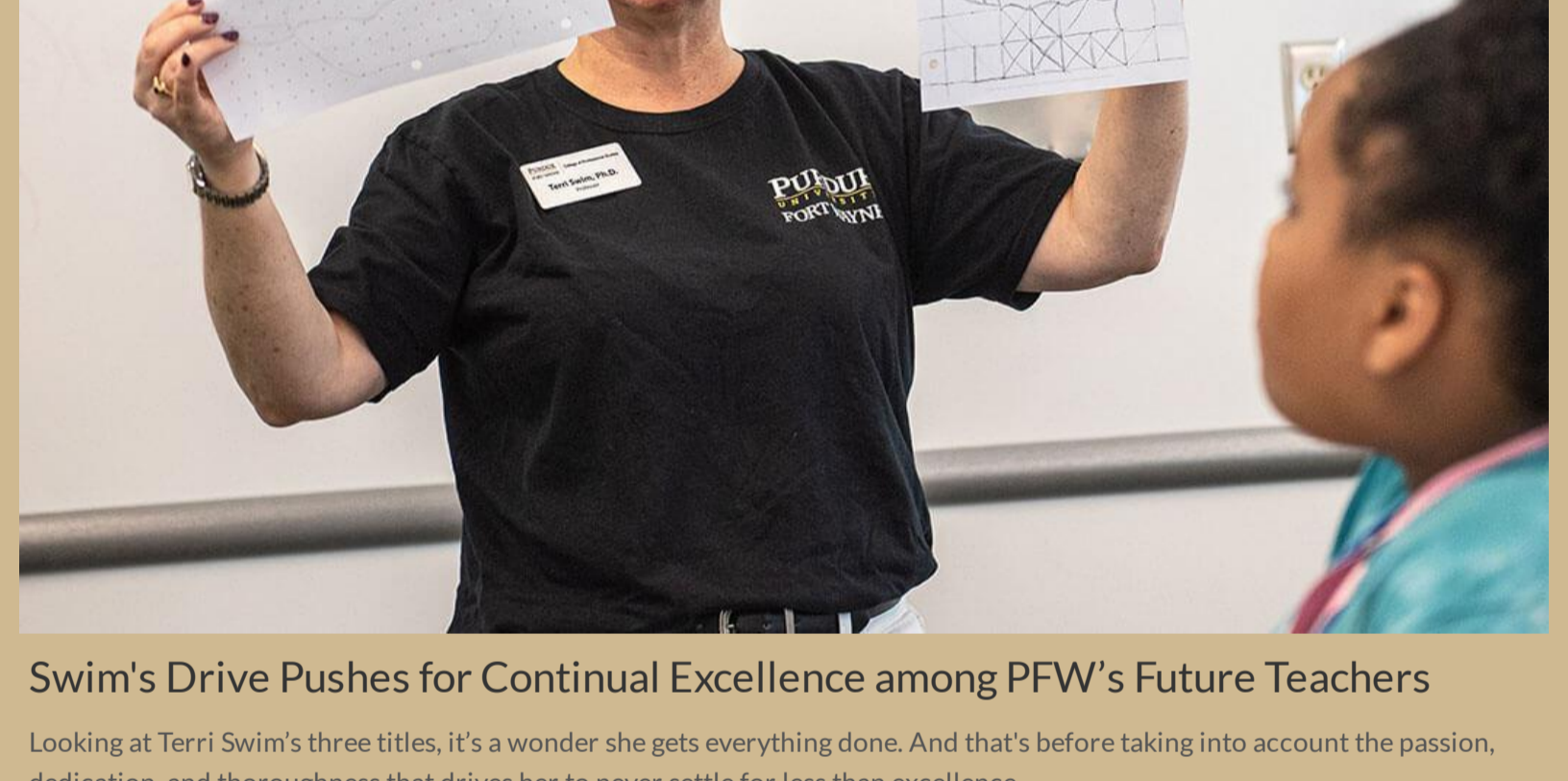
In the event of severe or inclement weather, the test will be rescheduled for the following day.

Procedures to follow during a tornado are available by [clicking here](#). Additional information can be found on the university's [Emergency Preparedness](#) website.

If you haven't already done so, please consider signing up to receive **Rave emergency alerts** via text message, which arrive much faster and with greater reliability than automated phone calls.

Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success is the result of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help make the university such a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series helps us recognize those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Swim's Drive Pushes for Continual Excellence among PFW's Future Teachers

Looking at Terri Swim's three titles, it's a wonder she gets everything done. And that's before taking into account the passion, dedication, and thoroughness that drives her to never settle for less than excellence.

Swim is Purdue University Fort Wayne's associate vice chancellor for academic programs, meaning she helps faculty build programs from ideas to full approval and implementation as classes.

As the director of student teaching, she's working with all of the student teachers in the School of Education, 86 this semester, including 20 who have two placements.

And then there's Swim's initial love as a professor of early childhood education, where she built her career after graduating from Purdue University and earning her doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin. Following stops at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and Akron University, she found a home on the PFW campus 21 years ago.

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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., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Percussion Studio Recital

The recital will feature solo works and small ensembles by the students from Eric Schweikert's percussion studio. Admission is free for everyone...

MARCH

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Wed., noon–1:15 p.m.

"U.N. Peacekeeping: Success, Failure, or Something In Between?"

The Anthropology Club will host Professor James Toole of the Department of Political Science to its Luncheon Lecture Series...

News Spotlight

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

Becoming critical citizens: Cultural studies corrects imbalances in our understanding of history

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | March 4

PFW Community Research Institute supports Healthier Moms and Babies with infant mortality report

Fort Wayne-area media | Feb. 27–March 1

Experts from Purdue Fort Wayne discuss student loan relief

Fort Wayne-area media | Feb. 28

'Eats to the Beats' at PFW

21 Alive | Feb. 28

Going down memory lane with the Dons at IU's Assembly Hall

ESPN | Feb. 28

Smaller schools such as PFW offer opportunities unavailable on larger campuses

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Feb. 28

Indiana housing legislation would lead to 'windfall profit'

IndyStar (subscription required) | Feb. 28

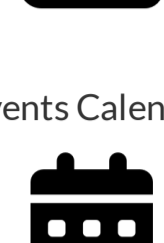
In a Snap

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



A music education class met at the Friends Pavilion on March 1 to refine their knowledge of how to play and teach the clarinet. The weather was unusually warm; this may have been the first outdoor class of 2023.

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