Grad Student Has Become Lynchpin of FRIENDS of the University Pantry

Every Thursday, Rachel Hendryx, B.A. ’23, knows she's going to hear personal stories that will leave a mark on her. It's one of many reasons she loves working at the FRIENDS of the University Pantry.

Hendryx is sort of like the pantry's hostess, always greeting everyone as they come through the door and making them feel comfortable. She answers questions and helps in any way she can. She also orders the food each week, assists with stocking the shelves, and runs the numbers, which continue to increase.
An annual update on Purdue University Fort Wayne's strategic aspiration to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion is scheduled for Oct. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The Diversity Experience, hosted by Chief Diversity Officer MarTeze Hammonds, will include presentations from DEI, TRIO Student Support Services, The Women's Center, The Q Center, The Multicultural Center, and TRIO Upward Bound.

What the event truly does, Hammonds said, is allow those on and off campus to see how the university is working toward the goal of creating an environment that creates a sense of belonging and inclusion.
Chancellor Dishes on Favorite Ingredients Heading into Annual Chili Fest

Through the first six servings of the Chancellor's Chili Fest, Ron Elsenbaumer has been known to ladle out a spicy concoction or two. During one of his favorite days of the year, Purdue University Fort Wayne's chancellor also makes the rounds to every table, welcoming attendees and asking how everything tastes.

The seventh annual event will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Last year, more than 750 members of the campus community shared stories and laughs—along with the food.

But what does the chancellor prefer in his bowl?

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.

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Thurs., 8:30–10:30 p.m.
School Spirit Skate Night

Don your PFW or IUFW spirit wear and head to the Roller Dome North. The Multicultural Center will pay for your admission and skate rental with your PFW/IUFW ID...

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Wed., 7–9 p.m.

Friendly Financial Feud

Bring your friends and team up to match surveyed questions. You could win awesome prizes! Free food included. Sponsored by student housing and the Office of Financial Aid....

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Wed., 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Mystery and Mayhem: A Criminal Choral Concert

This spook-seasonal concert will feature choral selections by and about criminals, featuring Chamber Treble Singers, Choral Union, and University Singers. Free Admission for PFW students with ID...

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News Spotlight

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

Purdue Fort Wayne sees record international student enrollment

WANE 15 & WTTV (Indy) | Oct. 10
Fort Wayne Sister Cities International celebrates 45 years of partnership with Takaoka, Japan

Fox 55 | Oct. 9

Mastodon Moments

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

Someone was spotted bulking up at one of the many stations at the fitness center.

Athletics
Don Life is an official university communication sent weekly on Wednesday to all currently enrolled students. Don Life Special Edition is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.