



For Students

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Talking Heads band member Jerry Harrison (Image courtesy of the Embassy Theatre)

Talking Head, Embassy Helping PFW Music Industry Students Take Advantage of 'Once in a Lifetime' Learning Experience

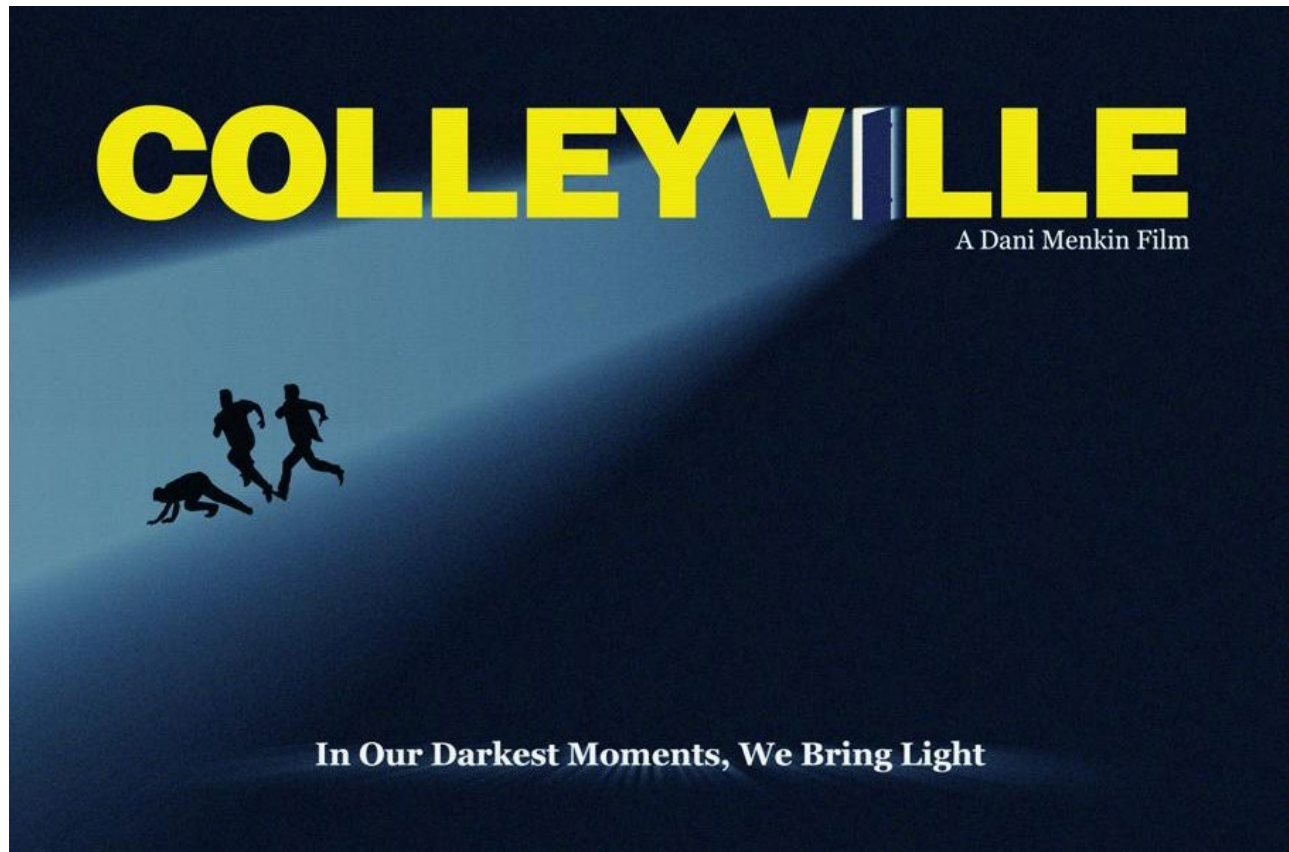
A few weeks into the spring semester, Jason Lundgren showed his music industry class the 1984 film "Stop Making Sense," a concert by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame group Talking Heads. It was a way to introduce the students to music legends, and their next major assignment.

The clinical assistant professor of music recording and technology at Purdue University Fort Wayne wanted to push the 16 in his class to the next level. Lundgren recruited most of them to take the course because he knew how good they were. Now, they are proving it.

The 7:30 p.m. show will include an introduction from Talking Heads keyboardist and guitarist Jerry Harrison. He will also lead a Q&A after the film.

Students can use the code MASTODON to **purchase a ticket online** or in person at the discounted price of \$16. General admission tickets costs between \$35 and \$75.

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Documentary Examines Hostage Crisis in Colleyville, Texas

The Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue University Fort Wayne is sponsoring a screening of the film "Colleyville" on April 29 at 6 p.m. in Neff Hall, Room 101. The documentary examines the 11-hour hostage crisis that rocked the quiet town of Colleyville, Texas, on Jan. 15, 2022, when a terrorist stormed Congregation Beth Israel during a live-streamed service. Led by courageous Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, the hostages endured a harrowing ordeal that captured the world's attention.

"As antisemitism corrodes American life across a political spectrum, the institute sponsored 'Colleyville' because it helps shine a spotlight on how extremist ideologies of hate on either the right or left can intrude suddenly upon anyone practicing their faith, or just living their daily lives," said Steve Carr, director of the institute. "This is as true for Colleyville as it was for Charlottesville or Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue."

A discussion about the film and antisemitism will follow, led by Rabbi Meir Barger from Congregation Achduth Vesholom. The congregation and the Harry W. Salon Foundation are also sponsoring the event.



ETCS Students Working on Satellite Project to Measure Pollution

Imagine going to class to work on a project that might affect humanity five years into the future—and knowing that if you accomplish the task well enough, it potentially has a further impact.

An assignment of this kind, to build a satellite, is happening right now in the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science at Purdue University Fort Wayne. It's part of a larger project involving PFW students Marcelo Fernandez Maldonado, Dale Miljkovic, David Shaw, and Ivan Shouldice, who are taking a senior design class taught by Chao Chen, a professor of computer engineering.

"I was excited to do something that would last for a little bit," said Shouldice. "This mission is going to be going into space for five years, so it is kind of cool to think about it and be able to someday point up to the sky and say, 'Hey, one of my satellites is up there orbiting Earth.'"

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Senior Send-off Scheduled for May 13

In lieu of the traditional commencement after-party, the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement will be hosting a Senior Send-off on May 13, the day before PFW's 2025 Commencement. The festivities will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center.

Graduating students can come enjoy food, drinks, photo ops, lawn games, cap decorating, postgraduation resources, and a senior gift.

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Well-being Focus Groups Scheduled for Next Week

The Division of Campus and Community Wellbeing will host a series of focus groups for students and employees next week. These sessions offer a valuable opportunity to share experiences, priorities, and ideas to help guide the future of well-being at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Student focus groups next week are scheduled for:

Tuesday | 10:30–11:30 a.m. | Walb Student Union, Room 114

April 23 | 3:30–4:30 p.m. | Kettler Hall, Room G02

April 24 | noon–1 p.m. | Kettler Hall, Room G02

Participant feedback will help strengthen a culture of well-being that supports the success and vitality of the entire campus community.

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Purdue Fort Wayne Awards 7 Full Scholarships to Winners of 2025 Summit Scholars Competition

The Summit Scholars Competition at Purdue University Fort Wayne is capped off by one life-changing moment, but the pivotal experiences it sparks continue to build to a crescendo over the next four years. That's the realization six students who have been identified as Chapman Scholars and another who has earned the title of Doermer Distinguished Scholar are now making.

This annual competition, which identifies top high school seniors who will receive full, four-year scholarships to Purdue Fort Wayne, has grown significantly during the nearly two decades of its existence. Recipients are chosen based on their academic merit and community involvement. The

80 applications submitted this year is a record number, and 10 more than the university received in 2024.

Interviews are conducted remotely to encourage participation from applicants near and far, including those whose families may be facing a degree of financial insecurity that would make travel to Fort Wayne a hardship.

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High School Research Internship Program Applications Are Open

Applications for Purdue University Fort Wayne's High School Research Internship Program are now being accepted for the 2025–26 academic year. Juniors and seniors who qualify will be able to gain hands-on experience and receive mentorship from PFW faculty.

Students admitted to the program are expected to work on active research under the guidance of their faculty mentor as an unpaid intern for 6–8 hours per week. Successful completion of the internship will help participants earn one college credit per semester with a maximum of four.

Eligibility requirements are listed on the [program website](#). The cost is approximately \$320 for Indiana residents, and financial aid may be available. The application deadline is Aug. 1.

Eventful

There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full [events calendar](#) often to see what's happening on campus.

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Thurs., 7:30–9:30
p.m.

Bands Concert

The School of Music Bands welcome composer Roger Zare for a premiere of his *Deep Underground* and ensembles from Hamilton Southeastern High School to the stage. They will also celebrate a premiere of a work by Gala Flagello and selections from John Williams's *Star Wars*...

APRIL

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Fri., noon–4 p.m.

Kayak Klean-Up

Meet us at the Kayak Outpost (across the bridge by Kettler Hall) and join us for some fun out on the river while we work to clean up our campus community. (1528 E. California Rd. near The Plex)..

APRIL

18, 19, 24,
25, 26

All at 8 p.m.; 2 p.m.
matinees April 19, 26

Elephant & Piggie's 'We Are in a Play!'

Get ready for a musical experience ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved, award-winning, and best-selling children's books. In this vaudevillian romp, two best friends, an elephant named Gerald and a pig named Piggie, attend a party hosted by the Squirrels, three fun-loving rodents. Plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense will ensue...

Mastodon Moments

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



To celebrate the start of Pohela Boishakh, the first day of the Bengali calendar, members of the Bangladesh Student Association set up tables in the atrium at Walb Student Union on Monday and painted festive designs on hands, faces, and even tiny canvases.

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