



ScholarshipUniverse Helps Students Broaden Their Horizons

When Lilian Frank left in January to spend the semester studying in the United Kingdom, the Purdue University Fort Wayne junior already had plans to spend the fall semester of her senior year studying in Japan. These trips came after Frank spent previous summers traveling to Italy and South Korea.

So, how in the world—no pun intended—could she afford all that?

Frank utilized the funding awarded from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, and as an Indiana resident, her status as a **21st Century Scholar**. Studying for a semester overseas also has a very similar cost to a semester on campus, and she learned to make the most of the

opportunities that exist. They include using the Office of Financial Aid's **ScholarshipUniverse** tool to find scholarship and grant options.

"It's about knowing where to look for scholarships," said Frank, an English major who is also earning an international studies certificate while minoring in art and design. "There is a plethora of study abroad scholarships. If you dig deep enough, there are some for specific countries that will cover that for you."

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Pictured above from left to right, Rashida Lan, Forrest Rommel, Bree Felger, Julian Colon, and Jayda Bunn are members of the Anthropology Club.

Anthropology Club Keeps Pioneering Spirit Alive with New Members, Podcast

Founded in the mid-1970s, the Anthropology Club has been one of Purdue University Fort Wayne's longest-lasting student organizations. When the club started its weekly lecture series more than 40 years ago, those talks became one of the campus's most popular events.

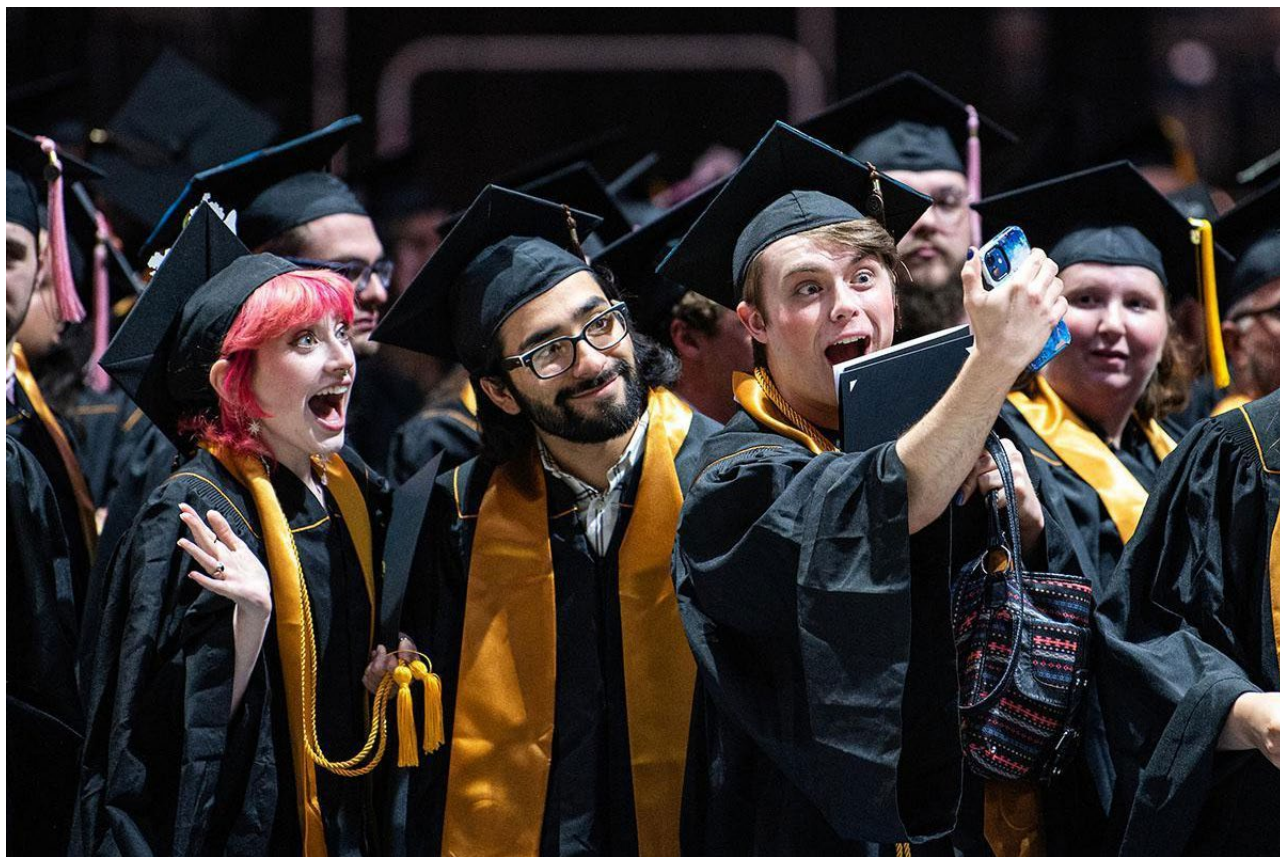
Excellent speakers from around the world talked about their research and projects—and free pizza was another enticement—drawing students from different disciplines. At the time, it was the only

lecture series on campus, often drawing between 80 and 100 students each week.

That pioneering spirit lives on with current club members.

"We talk about a lot of very interesting things," said Forrest Rommel, a senior and three-year club president. "In anthropology, you get to talk about the human experience, and everyone wants to hear about that. I think that drew in a lot of people in general because everyone wants to know a little more about the human experience around the world."

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Herff Jones Is on Campus Today for Cap and Gown Orders: Senior Send-off Added to Commencement Week Festivities

Purdue Fort Wayne's 2025 Commencement will take place May 14 at 4 p.m. in the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

Here are some updates, deadlines, and details to keep in mind:

- Herff Jones is on campus today from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with any last-minute cap and gown orders. Representatives will be located just outside of the Mastodon Campus Store on the second floor of Walb Student Union.

- **Click here** to order a cap and gown online. All orders will be shipped directly to the address you entered, along with a return shipping label. 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.
- After applying to graduate, participants are invited to **register themselves and their family** for the event. Tickets aren't needed, but sharing an estimated number of family and friends who will be attending the ceremony is very helpful for PFW's advance planning.
- New this year, a senior send-off party hosted by the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement will take place May 13 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, and cap decorating. Information about postgraduation resources and a special gift will also be provided.



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month-Inspired Events on Campus Start Today

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is traditionally celebrated in May, but Purdue University Fort Wayne joins other institutions throughout higher education to host events in April to provide students with more opportunities to participate before spring semesters conclude.

The first AAPIHM event for 2025 at PFW is a **Tea-Time Retreat** today from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the

IDEASpace at Helmke Library, followed by a **panel discussion** on April 16 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Walb Student Union, Room G08. The final activity is the **Asian Heritage Fest** on April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Alumni Plaza, which includes presentations by PFW student associations. In case of inclement weather, this event will be moved inside Walb.

For more information, contact **pfwaapialliance@gmail.com**.



PFW Well-Represented at Statewide English Language Arts Conference

Secondary education and English majors (photographed above from left to right) Emily Wunderlich, Elijah Solis, Sabrina Guerin, Lily O'Quinn Bishop, and Brianna Shifferly participated in the 2025 Indiana Council of Teachers of English Spring Conference at Grace College in Winona Lake on March 29. Katelyn Bowers also participated.

The students delivered roundtable presentations for an audience of practicing and prospective English language arts teachers from across the state. Four of the sessions were about practices the PFW team members have used or are currently using this semester while student teaching.

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., 7–10 p.m.

Card Game Night

Join Campus Recreation for an evening of fun and friendly competition at Card Game Night. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, there will be plenty of games to enjoy, including Pokémon, Magic: The Gathering, and more...

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Sat., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

2025 Spring Summit Scholars Showcase

Embark on an intellectual journey with us as we showcase the brilliance of junior and senior Chapman and Doerner Distinguished Scholars. This enriching experience promises to inspire, enlighten, and celebrate academic excellence...

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Sat., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Opera Ensemble and Orchestra Present *Gianni Schicchi*

The Opera Ensemble, in conjunction with the University Orchestra, will perform *Gianni Schicchi* by Puccini, a comedic opera about greed and cunning deception. After a wealthy man dies, his relatives discover he left his fortune to a monastery and enlist the clever Gianni Schicchi to alter the will...

Mastodon Moments

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



Because of Tuesday's cold conditions outside, "Groovy Tie-dye," hosted by the Student Activities Board, moved indoors and became a groovy fabric pen event. Students played games, chose their favorite ice cream treat, and cast votes in the student government elections.

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