



## ETCS Students Working on Satellite Project to Measure Pollution

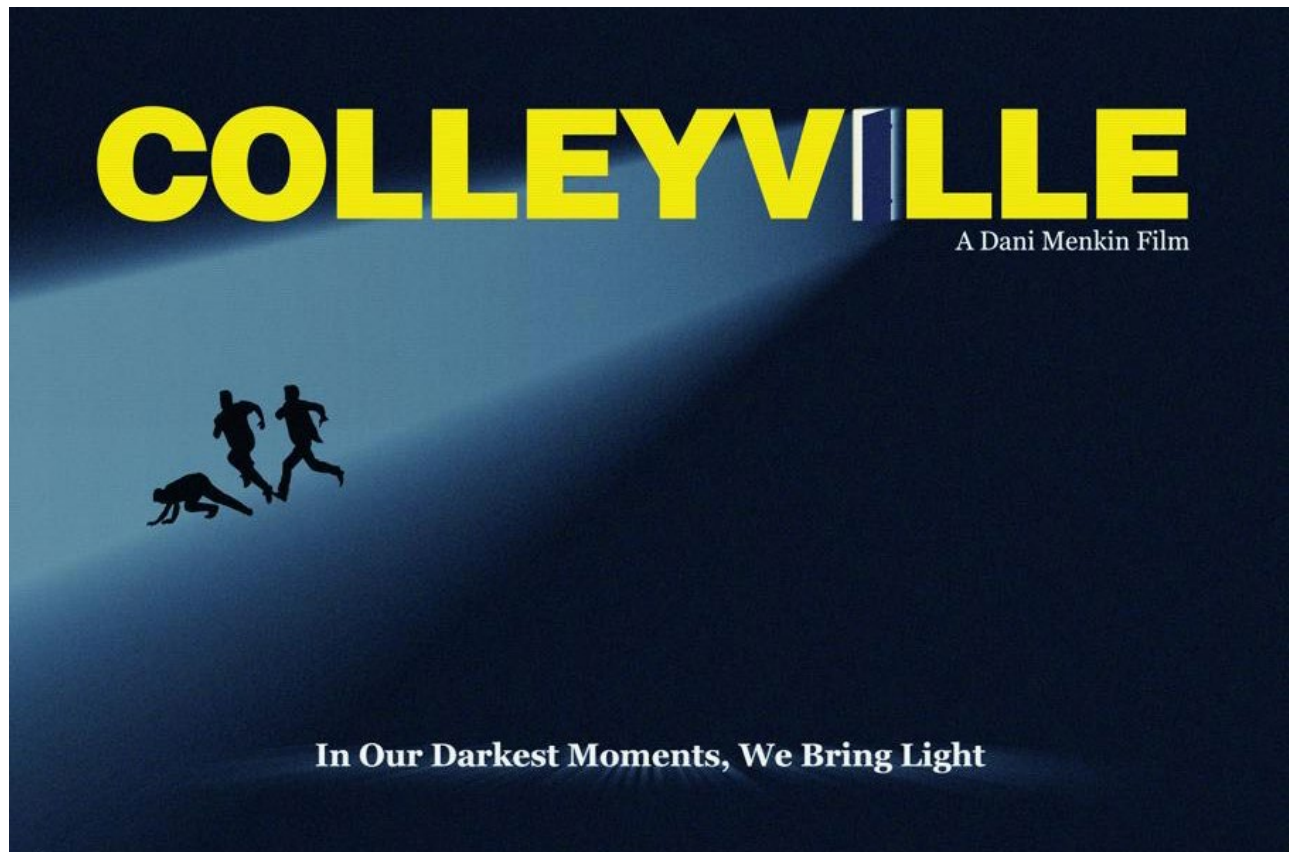
Imagine going to class to work on a project that might affect humanity five years into the future—and knowing that if you accomplish the task well enough, it potentially has a further impact.

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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## 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.

## 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.

Employee focus groups next week are scheduled for:

Tuesday | 9–10a.m. | Walb Student Union, Room 114

Wednesday | 2–3 p.m. | Kettler Hall, Room G02

April 25 | 11 a.m.–noon | 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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## Day of Giving is Less Than Two Weeks Away!

Purdue University Fort Wayne's annual Day of Giving on April 30 is all about encouraging experiences and building opportunities in and out of the classroom. To illustrate why this effort is important, a majority of the Mastodon Alumni Community's more than 55,000 alumni reside and work in Indiana, which contributes significantly to the state's economy, vitality, and intellectual

strength.

Thirteen days from today, friends from across the country and around the globe will be able to do their part to help keep the momentum going so Purdue Fort Wayne students can continue to accomplish big things on campus, in Fort Wayne, and beyond. Throughout the entire 24 hours, visit [dayofgiving.pfw.edu](https://dayofgiving.pfw.edu) for updates and to make a donation.

WATCH VIDEO

## Registration Deadline for Recommendation Writing Workshop is Tuesday

The Office of Major Scholarship Advising is offering a one-time only Recommendation Writing Workshop featuring Georgia Ulmschneider, Jamie Toole, and Noor O'Neill. It will be held April 24 from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. in the Honors Center on the second floor of Helmke Library. Light refreshments will be provided.

This workshop is geared toward members of the campus community who often write letters of recommendation for students, but are unsure of what makes one effective—or for those who just want to improve their letter writing skills. RSVP by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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## Eventful

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*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.*

APRIL

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Tues, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

### Orchestra Final Concert

The final orchestra concert of the season features PFW faculty member Jonathan Young performing the Third Piano Concerto of Béla Bartók. The concert will finish with a performance of Mozart's Symphony No. 38...

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APRIL  
**22, 23**  
9 a.m.–6 p.m.

## Ceramics Club Spring 2025 Pottery Sale

Spring is in the air and it's a beautiful time to visit the Helmke Library and find the perfect gifts for Mother's Day, Graduation, and more! There are a wide variety of ceramic works to choose from, created by students and faculty...

## News Spotlight

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

### Education Notebook: Field trips bring lessons to life for Purdue Fort Wayne students

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Monday

### PFW experts working to find new standard for Allen County fire protection

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Friday

### 8th annual Empty Bowls event supports FRIENDS of the University Pantry, PFW Ceramics Club members

21Alive | April 7

## In a Snap

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*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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Athletics



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