

For Faculty and Staff

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Ellie Dart, Alex Bayburt-Gurevich, and Manal Ali are members of the JPUR editorial board.

Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research Expands Roster of Mastodons

The first rule of being a writer is no one can effectively edit their own work.

This can be especially true for young academics' early attempts at writing research papers, but a group of Purdue University Fort Wayne students has stepped up to help by joining the **Journal of Purdue Undergraduate Research** editorial board. JPUR is a student-run, peer-reviewed publication from the Purdue West Lafayette campus.

Seniors Elizabeth Strong, Ellie Dart, and Manal Ali; juniors Lara Alfahdli, Ye Yint Phone Myint, Katelynn McPhee, and Kendra Murray; and sophomore Alex Bayburt-Gurevich have dedicated

hours—some over two years—to help prospective JPUR authors with constructive feedback.

"I have always wanted to be part of a student-run publication, and writing has always been a form of expression I have loved," said Phone Myint, a double major in economics and data science. "The opportunity to help others express their ideas through writing is a natural fit. I love being able to support fellow students in the same way I have been supported throughout my academic journey."

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Purdue Fort Wayne's 7th Annual Day of Giving Set for April 30

Looking to build on last year's record-breaking campaign, Purdue University Fort Wayne is again inviting those who value what its students do to secure a stronger future for themselves and the regional workforce to participate in the university's annual Day of Giving on April 30. This is the seventh time Purdue Fort Wayne will host what's dubbed the Big Give. Everything will kick off at the stroke of midnight and last the full 24 hours to follow.

"Day of Giving continues to serve as a great opportunity for our supporters from all walks of life to invest in scholarships, academic programs, campus infrastructure, athletics, and other critical initiatives," said Purdue Fort Wayne Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer. "Gifts big or small make a real difference in the lives of our students."

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Soup's on! Empty Bowls Event Continues to Serve Record Numbers

For the first time, Purdue University Fort Wayne's Empty Bowls event will include evening hours and an off-campus weekend opportunity.

The eighth annual sale will be held in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. For \$30, participants receive a handcrafted artistic bowl, a choice of soups from Miller's Market, bread, a cookie, and a bottle of water; carryout options are also available. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

This year, there will also be another Empty Bowls event at Artlink, 300 E. Main St., on April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Volunteer for Finals Week Late Night Breakfast

An event to help fuel student success during finals week is in need of faculty and staff volunteers. This free, late night breakfast for all PFW and IUFW students will take place May 5 between 9 and 11 p.m. at Don's at Walb.

Three different shift options are available—and no cooking experience is necessary. **Click here** to volunteer for an experience that will help cheer on members of the campus community as they wrap up the spring semester.

Team members from student housing and Student Life are also working to provide fun activities, door prizes, and even a memento for volunteers.

Learn More about PFW Student-Athletes through DonZone Training

Anyone interested in learning more about Mastodon Athletics and the university's student-athletes can register for DonZone training on April 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. The session will take place in Gates Sports Center, Room 104. DonZone training is a fun, informational program developed specifically for PFW faculty and staff to help them better understand the university's student-athletes and the programs in which they participate.

Topics that will be covered include the history of, and interesting facts about, PFW athletics; a profile of the student-athlete population; the Mastodon Academic Performance Center; academic requirements and NCAA compliance; and game-day operations.

Registration is limited to the first 20 who sign up. Upon completion of the training, all participants will receive a placard that can be displayed outside their office.

Questions? Contact Michelle Parker, associate professor of practice in information technology, faculty athletics representative, at **parkerm@pfw.edu**.

REGISTER HERE

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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Faculty Artist Recital Featuring Hamilton Tescarollo, Piano

Sun., 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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Hamilton Tescarollo, professor of piano and director of Keyboard Studies, will present a solo piano program that includes J.S. Bach's Toccata in E Minor, BWV 914; Mozart's Sonata in D Major, KV 311; Chopin's Scherzo No. 4 in E Major, Op. 54; and Villa-Lobos' Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4...

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Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus

Mon., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus have been thrilling audiences of all ages for more than six decades. As the premier touring musical representatives for the U.S. Army, these internationally-acclaimed organizations travel thousands of miles each year presenting a variety of...

News Spotlight

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

Sneaky weasels caught on camera with surprising bait choice

MSN.com | Saturday

PFW joins health network, introduces new division focused on well-being during Thursday summit

21alivenews.com | March 27

In a Snap

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



Students catch up with friends, study, and have a snack next to the sunny east windows of the lounge area located on the second floor of the Music Center.

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