



Purdue Fort Wayne's 2025 Commencement a Moment to Reflect and Celebrate

Although it's happened 56 times before, commencement at Purdue University Fort Wayne has that wonderful knack of seeming like a brand-new exercise each and every spring. That's a testament to the hard work and achievements of students who understand that this may be their first time in the spotlight—but it probably won't be the last.

Purdue Fort Wayne's 57th commencement on Wednesday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum will be a moment of reflection and celebration for nearly 800 students, along with their families and friends, who will join together to experience one of life's most significant milestones. As of Tuesday, 1,408 students are projected to earn their Purdue degree this academic year when the conferral process is completed in August.

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Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer and College of Science Dean Ron Friedman presented Ryan Miller (center) with a Top 50 award at this year's Top 50 and Exemplar dinner and ceremony on April 25.

Roundabout Journey Led Miller to PFW and Career Passion

Asked how he got to this point in his academic career, Ryan Miller sighs and shrugs before leaning back in his chair.

"I've had a lot more roundabout journey," Miller said. "Let's just start from there."

Miller, B.S. '24, now a graduate student pursuing his master's degree in parasitology at Purdue University Fort Wayne, admits he was a little uninspired during his Angola High School studies. He didn't care much for homework, but was bright enough to do well on the tests with a little effort.

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Upcoming HSA Bank Webinars

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in these upcoming HSA Bank webinars. Registration links are provided.

HSA 101: HSAs for the Win

Learn how to harness the power of HSAs to not only optimize healthcare expenses but also build a robust foundation for retirement.

May 22 | 10 a.m.

June 3 | 10 a.m.

June 18 | 5 p.m.

HSA 102: Get to Know Your HSA

Gain a comprehensive understanding of how to maximize the benefits of an HSA, make informed decisions on eligibility, utilize funds for qualified expenses, and efficiently navigate the website for a seamless experience.

May 20 | 4 p.m.

June 4 | 10 a.m.

June 17 | 4 p.m.

HSA 103: Investing Your HSA

Discover the art of smart investing within an HSA, ensuring financial security and maximizing the potential for long-term growth.

May 15 | noon

June 12 | noon

HSA 104: HSAs and Medicare

Understand the nuances of managing an HSA alongside Medicare while making informed decisions to optimize healthcare and financial well-being.

May 22 | noon

June 26 | noon



Students Enjoy First-Ever “Finals and Flapjacks” Opportunity

To cap off the first day of finals week on May 5, more than 165 students ate a late-night breakfast at the inaugural “Finals and Flapjacks” event at Don’s at Walb. With help from 24 faculty and staff volunteers, students were treated to a buffet from Fresh Ideas and games. A few even won prizes such as a TV, Bluetooth speakers, and snap packs, all courtesy of the Student Activities Board.

Several servers photographed above from left to right included Tina Grady, associate vice chancellor of Human Resources; Rhonda Meriwether, director of the Multicultural Center; Amy Jagger, benefits director for Human Resources; Brianna Kauffman, credentials and support supervisor in the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering; and Bryant Williams, academic director for TRIO Student Support Services.

Good to Know

Summer Work Schedule and Changes to Remote Work Start Next Week

On April 16, Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer informed faculty and staff of the implementation of a modified summer work schedule, as well as a plan to transition away from standardized or guaranteed remote work days, beginning Monday (May 19). Read the full details [here](#).

Parnell Avenue Bridge Closure May Impact Route to Commencement

Anyone who might normally approach the Coliseum from the south via Parnell Avenue, including all those attending PFW's 2025 Commencement on Wednesday, needs to be aware of a closure and posted detours that could impact that specific route.

The City of Fort Wayne announced May 2 that the Parnell Avenue Bridge located just north of St. Joe River Drive will be closed for "rehabilitation work." It is not expected to reopen any earlier than Sept. 18. Drivers are advised to plan ahead and allow for potentially more time to get to the Coliseum.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Michelle Kuhlorst, executive director, career development | Career Development Center

In a Snap

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Two resident Canada geese hiss to clear the way for their newly hatched goslings. Please remember to drive carefully to keep our critter friends who share our campus safe!

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