



PFW Graduate Torpedoes Confusion Surrounding MLB Bat Phenomenon

As torpedo bats recently became Major League Baseball's hottest topic, a recent Purdue University Fort Wayne graduate has been providing answers to curious fans' questions.

Maybe the most recognizable brand in the baseball bat business is Louisville Slugger. Its employees had actually been calling this spring's "new" thing bowling pin bats because of their unique shape, but realized torpedo was a cooler name. The bats allow the maximum impact on the middle rather than the end.

Hailey Bower, B.S. '23, is a tour supervisor at the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. Using her degree in hospitality and tourism management from PFW, Bower leads up to seven 40-minute tours per day and helps supervise between 25–30 people. She's been working at the facility for 17 months, and the majority of recent questions have been about torpedo bats. She realized they were "a thing" when her father, Jim, called to ask what she knew about them.

"It's constant, and I don't even think I have the worst of it out of anybody here," Bower said. "There are definitely people who are eating, sleeping, and breathing torpedo bats right now. Fans of baseball want to know all about those bats."

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Not to be outdone in the major construction category at Purdue Fort Wayne, the Trace apartment complex on the university's North Campus continues to turn heads and capture imaginations. The 612-bed, 213,000-square-foot student housing project is now well over 30% complete. [Click here](#) to see what everything will look like when it's ready to welcome students for the fall 2026 semester.

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