



College Success Coaches Gear up to Assist More 21st Century Scholars

Representing about 13% of Purdue University Fort Wayne's student enrollment, Indiana's 21st Century Scholars often need to feel their way through the process as they get acclimated to college. Madeline Minobe and DeShawn Woods, PFW's new college success coaches, are there to help make that transition a lot smoother.

Established in 1990, the 21st Century Scholars program, which helps students from families that meet certain income eligibility guidelines, pays up to 100% of tuition at public colleges such as PFW. The Indiana Commission for Higher Education awarded PFW and the **Office of Admissions** a \$160,000 grant during the fall 2024 semester to bolster program resources and services. That led to Minobe and Woods being chosen for their roles.

This academic year served as a crash course in experience for the coaches and incoming students, but Minobe and Woods say they've learned quite a bit, and evolved to help the program grow even more.

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Clothing Drop-off Event a Boost to Growing Career Closet

For many Purdue Fort Wayne students, the first time they step into the Mastodon Career Closet can be a big surprise. Most have no idea the amount of professional clothing the closet offers, and that they can get one free outfit per semester.

Knowing the closet's impact, staff members in the Career Development Center were delighted Friday afternoon as they spent three hours collecting drop-off donations outside Kettler Hall. Some bags were left even before the 11 a.m. start. Dozens of items were received from campus employees and those community members who learned about the opportunity through social media.

Spring cleaning never felt so satisfying.

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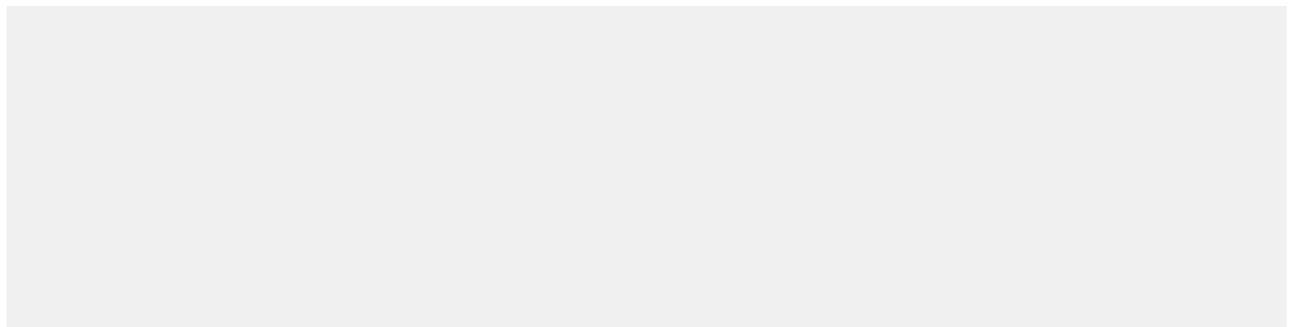
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In a Snap

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





Giang Petroviak, director of student success initiatives, led a training session on Monday for the upcoming year's admissions **student success coaches** in Walb Student Union, Room 114.

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