

For Faculty and Staff

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INnovatED 2025

A PFW Virtual Summit for Northeast Indiana Educators

K-12 Educators Invited to Learn and Earn at Free, Online Conference June 10

A trio of Purdue University Fort Wayne faculty and staff is the inspiration behind a free, online summit on June 10 for K–12 educators in northeast Indiana to help them earn Professional Growth Plan points required to renew their licenses.

INnovatED comes at an important time for Indiana school corporations looking for ways to replace lost teacher training opportunities in light of decreased funding. This professional learning summit hosted by PFW will take place between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Teachers can hear from keynote speaker Graciela Miranda, the 2025 Indiana Teacher of the Year, and take part in two of seven hour-long breakout sessions.

James Cashdollar, PFW's director of online learning and credit programs, introduced the idea in December during a lunch with Brad Oliver, chair of counseling and graduate education. Shane Conwell, clinical assistant professor of educational leadership, joined the discussion in April. Cashdollar, B.A. '02 and M.A. '04, said the hardest part was coming up with the name.

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Good to Know

June Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Moved Back One Week

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so June 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

Please note: This is a change from the regular first Tuesday of the month schedule.

From the Field

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A Summer Resource Fair took place Wednesday on the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union. The inaugural event was hosted by the Campus Support Staff Advisory Committee in partnership with Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation, YWCA of Northeast Indiana, Project.ME, FRIENDS of the University Pantry, and Campus Recreation.

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