



VPA Finds New Audience for Day of Giving Support

The College of Visual and Performing Arts at Purdue University Fort Wayne took part of its Day of Giving appeal on the road this year with the idea that this unique approach may become an annual event. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 14 students, graduates, and faculty members provided music for customers outside the Firefly Coffee House, 3523 North Anthony Blvd.

It was a new way to raise Day of Giving recognition—and funds—and provide the artists a forum to introduce their considerable talent to a new audience.

"Performing in public is always challenging and usually quite fun," said John O'[Connell, dean of

the College of Visual and Performing Arts. “We are hoping people are impressed with our performers and motivated to give some money in their honor.”

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Campus Community Invited to Help ‘Top Out’ Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building on Thursday

The tradition of topping out a new construction with its last—and often highest—beam will be observed Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the site of the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Leading up to this milestone, students, faculty, and staff are also invited to help leave their mark on the project by signing the freshly painted piece of steel up until noon on Thursday. The beam is currently located on the southeast corner of the construction site along Mastodon Way. Those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity are encouraged to bring their own Sharpies.

After the beam is hoisted into place Thursday afternoon, it will be adorned with an American flag.

Several representatives of the university, its College of Visual and Performing Arts, and Weigand Construction will be on hand to observe the topping out and share additional information. Interviews will also be available, upon request.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the university's \$25 million, 26,000-square-foot facility that's scheduled to open in time for the fall 2026 semester took place in September. Its name recognizes and honors the crucial support Chuck and Lisa Surack have provided to the project, and to acknowledge their essential role in the PFW School of Music's growth since it welcomed its first students nearly seven years ago.

Click here to learn more.

Key Summer Hours to Note

Mastodon Campus Store: Beginning May 27

Monday–Thursday | 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday | 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Dining Services: All locations closed May 12–16

Einstein Bros. Bagels
Monday–Thursday | 7:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Don's at Walb: June and July
Monday–Friday | 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Java Spot
June 5, 9, 17, 19, 23, 26
July 7, 8, 15, 17, 28, 30
9 a.m.–noon

The FRIENDS of the University Pantry

Walb Student Union location
Thursday | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Students are welcome to email **wellbeing@pfw.edu** if they need to schedule an appointment outside of those times.

Student Housing Cole Clubhouse location
Closed during the summer

Fitness Center at Gates Sports Center:
Starting May 12

Monday–Friday | 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
Closed Saturday and Sunday

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Jacob Pettibone, grounds equipment mechanic | Grounds
- Blane (Elaine) Veatch, associate administrative assistant | School of Polytechnic

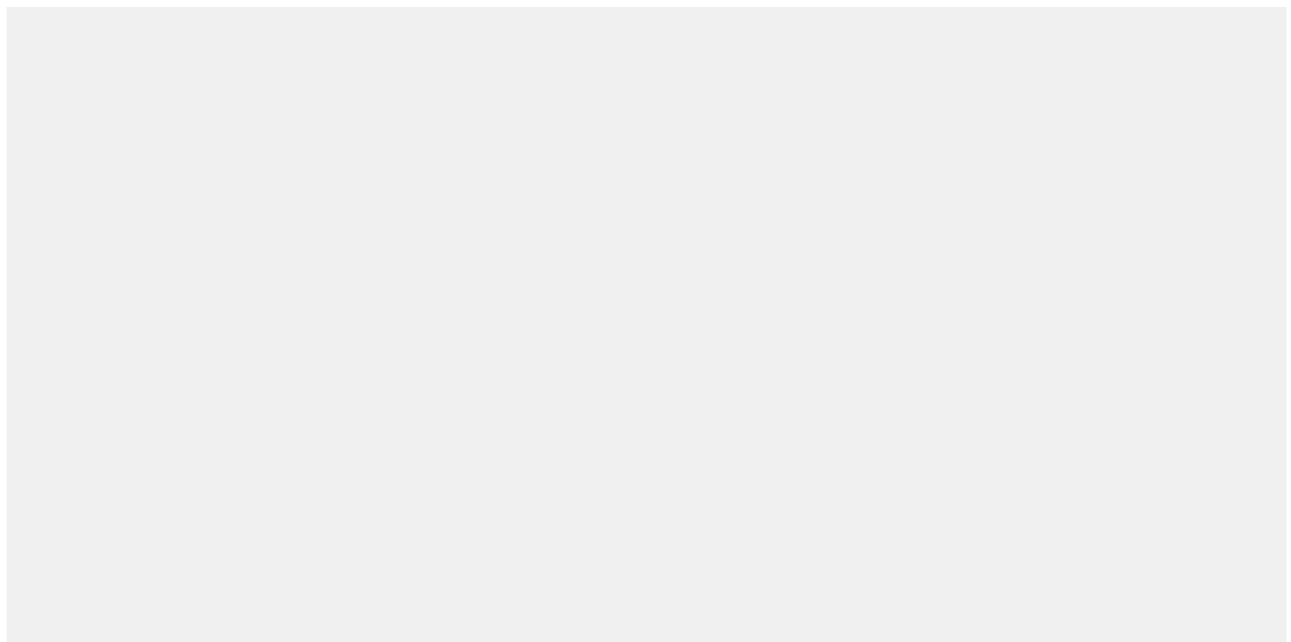
From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:

BioScope | Department of Biological Sciences
Department of Anthropology and Sociology

In a Snap

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





While it's true that beauty may only be in the eye of the beholder, anyone who knows enough to recognize the nearly completed skeleton of a new structure might be tempted to describe what's happening at the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building construction site this week to be a work of fine art.

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