



## PFW Students Help Youth Summit Participants See the Possibilities

As Pave the Path founder Jeff Roberts points out, the organization's purpose isn't necessarily getting the most kids involved, but making impacts that will last a lifetime on those participating.

Still, getting 150 high school students out of bed early during their first week of summer vacation is impressive. Watching them react to each other and the **Pave the Path** message of passion, friendship, hope for the future, and mentorship is even more striking.

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, high school students associated with the nonprofit program joined together in the International Ballroom at Purdue University Fort Wayne for the Pave the Path Youth Leaders Summit. This is the third year PFW has hosted the annual event, which started in 2018. Every Allen County high school was represented at this year's gathering.



Left to right: Ahmed Mustafa, professor of biology; Farah Combs, Honors Program director; Sabur Khan, chairman of the board for Daffodil International University; and Ron Friedman, dean of the College of Science.

## Daffodil International University Collaboration with PFW Honors Program Sparks Return Trips to Each Campus

During the spring semester of 2024, administrators from Daffodil International University in Bangladesh were touring the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus with Ahmed Mustafa, professor of biology, when they crossed paths with Farah Combs in Helmke Library. Combs explained her role as PFW's Honors Program director for about 30 minutes, and was surprised a couple of weeks later when Daffodil officials asked if she would help them start an honors program of their own.

Combs agreed, leading to a visit to DIU with Bangladesh-native Mustafa, and Ron Friedman, dean of the College of Science. Following that trip in June 2024, Combs regularly met with the DIU team and their new honors program director. She is scheduled to return to Bangladesh in July to celebrate that program's grand opening.



The work of Combs was highlighted Friday during a visit to PFW from Sabur Khan, chairman of the board for DIU. Khan founded the university in 2001 after starting a successful entrepreneurship career in Bangladesh a decade earlier with World Information Technology.

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A well-attended New Student Orientation on Monday included an array of delicious lunch choices at Don's at Walb. Expressing his approval is Thomas Carroll, student success coach group leader.



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