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Radcliff Balances Pursuit of Law Career with Love for Art

Matilda Radcliff admits she is ridiculously competitive in everything. The junior at Purdue University Fort Wayne understands and accepts this about herself and uses the trait to give her the necessary drive.

An outstanding student majoring in political science with minors in Spanish and English, Radcliff dreams of practicing corporate law and has a tight timetable as she provides for her infant son, who usually comes with her to campus and sleeps through classes. Besides studying, participating in the Honors Program, and caring for the baby, she works part-time jobs and frequently exercises to maintain her energy.

"The school has a phenomenal reputation and I figured this was the best place to get me where I wanted to go," Radcliff said. "I've always had a passion for the law. I was exposed to big business

at a young age. I was in business meetings, and I saw how they all operated. My grandfather was a corporate attorney, and I just kind of got an adrenaline rush off of it. It was fun."

Maybe the hardest part of meeting her goals includes finding time to provide the balance of other interests and time to refresh. That comes from Radcliff's creative side as a professional competitive artist, calling it her safe space. She has performed well in previous Three Rivers Festival events and will be a main attraction at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art's Chalk Walk 25 on Saturday and Sunday, downtown on Main Street.

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"Herd Back to School" Supply Drive Enters Final 2 Weeks

Members of Purdue University Fort Wayne's campus community are reminded to take part in a new initiative to support K–12 students in Allen County as they begin to prepare for a new school year.

The goal of the "Herd Back to School: Summer Supply Drive," which is being organized by the Office of Admissions, is to fill 250 backpacks. On top of individual donations, departments and units are encouraged to work together to purchase items and spread the word. There's still time to make a big difference!

Volunteers are also being recruited to help sort, pack, and distribute supplies at an on-campus resource fair scheduled for Aug. 1.

Click here to find a list of the most needed items and to learn where the labeled donation bins are located. Collection ends July 25.



Populate the University Events Calendar to Help Build Momentum for a Great Academic Year

PFW's comprehensive **events calendar** is an effective tool in the university's efforts to invite current and future students, faculty, staff, and guests to take advantage of the Mastodon experience.

Colleges, schools, departments, and academic units are strongly encouraged to make the most of this opportunity. It's never too early for calendar publishers to start adding events for the upcoming fall semester.

Questions and information about publisher training may be directed to **webmaster@pfw.edu**.

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At New Student Orientation, participants can learn all about their specific field of interest. During a session on Tuesday, Isabel Nuñez, dean of the School of Education, and James Beard, licensing and student teaching director, among other staff and faculty, shared information and answered questions.

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