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PFW Alum Builds Website to Help Newcomers Find Fort Wayne in Stride

A couple of years ago, as Zachary Macke worked a front desk in Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus, he often heard students complain there was nothing to do in Fort Wayne. Macke wondered to himself, "Really? Have you tried to see what's out there?"

The more he thought about it, Macke began to realize that even though Fort Wayne does a pretty good job promoting itself, newcomers may have difficulty knowing where to go to learn what's out there. As part of his studies at Purdue University Fort Wayne, he decided to create something that could help.

Recently graduating with a bachelor's in fine arts, the new alumnus spent more than 800 hours of his senior year creating the website **FortWayneConnect.org**. His project proposed, what if it's

possible to take a 5,000-foot overview of Fort Wayne neighborhoods and show how pedestrians can walk to various highlighted locations? Could that help the city promote walkability and foot traffic while offering low-cost options?

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Michelle Kuhlhorst Named Executive Director of the Career Development Center at Purdue Fort Wayne



When students at Purdue University Fort Wayne arrive on campus for the fall semester, many will notice a new, more convenient location for an office devoted to helping them find the right career path. They'll also find a new leader overseeing its daily operations.

Michelle Kuhlhorst has been named executive director of Purdue Fort Wayne's **Career Development Center**, which is currently in the process of moving from Kettler Hall to Walb Student Union. Most recently, Kuhlhorst served for nearly two decades in multiple leadership roles at the University of Saint Francis. Her positions at USF included associate vice president of enrollment management, chief of admissions, and director of retention and academic advising.

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Jonathan Busarow, executive artistic director of the Fort Wayne Children's Choir, leads Choralfest Camp participants during a practice session in Auer Performance Hall on Wednesday. Sessions continue at Purdue Fort Wayne through today. The camp will culminate Friday evening with a free, public concert at Franke Park's Foellinger Theatre.

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