



## PFW Earns State Recognition for Its Support of Military-Affiliated Students

Purdue University Fort Wayne has been chosen by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education and the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs as a Collegiate Purple Star recipient for the 2024–25 academic year. Wednesday's full announcement can be read by [clicking here](#).

According to its mission statement, the Collegiate Purple Star of Indiana initiative recognizes an eligible postsecondary institution that has successfully demonstrated a supportive environment for its United States military-affiliated student population from application to graduation.

This is the first time Indiana has conferred the Collegiate Purple Star recognition. The list includes 28 total institutions and campuses. Furthermore, Purdue Fort Wayne was identified as one of only six to achieve a Tier 1, 90% achievement level.

Representatives of the university's Center for Military and Veteran Student Success, formerly called the Office of Military Student Services, worked to achieve the designation.

"We are proud to be the only four-year institution in northeast Indiana to earn a Tier 1 designation," said Giang Petroviak, PFW's director of student success initiatives. "This recognition reflects the unwavering commitment of our staff, faculty, and the entire university community to supporting veterans and military-affiliated students."

**Read the news release** to learn more about criteria and find quotes from Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery and Gabrielle Owens, general counsel and chief of staff for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs.



## CELT Opens Registration for Annual Fall Teaching Conference

Registration is open for the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching's annual Fall Teaching Conference at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The conference will be held Aug. 21 in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

Peter Felton, executive director of the Center for Engaged Learning at Elon University in North Carolina, will deliver the keynote address titled "Relationship-Rich Education." A professor of history and assistant provost for teaching and learning, Felton has published seven books about undergraduate education, including "Connections are Everything: A College Student's Guide to



Relationship-Rich Education.” He’s currently working with two co-authors on a book about scholarship of teaching and learning. It’s scheduled to be published later this year.

“Peter offers highly practical and time-efficient strategies that faculty can use to accomplish their goals for relationship-rich teaching,” said Rachel Ramsey, assistant director for faculty teaching development at PFW. “Our faculty tend to enjoy speakers who help them expand their knowledge and foster their passion for teaching and learning, but they especially like presenters who can help them put their ideas into practice. Based on our assessment of Peter’s work, we are confident he’ll deliver on this need for actionable approaches to relational teaching.”

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## Annual Office Supply Swap Is July 23

Save the date for the annual office supply swap on July 23. Get rid of office supplies that aren’t needed—it’s a great way to be green and save the campus money.

1. Drop off unused/unwanted office supplies in Kettler Hall, Room G41, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Items cannot be stored before the sale.
2. Items will then be organized for “store” hours later in the day.
3. Return from 1 to 3 p.m. and find things that your office can use. It’s helpful to bring printer model numbers when shopping for toner cartridges.

These items will not be accepted:

- Anything that is broken
- Equipment such as printers and scanners
- Furniture or chairs
- Floor mats
- Clothing, vases, dishes, wicker baskets

Everything is free. Questions? Contact Purchasing at [purchase@pfw.edu](mailto:purchase@pfw.edu).

## News Spotlight

*A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.*

## Mastodon hooper Yuval Levin braved the sea to get from Israel to Fort Wayne

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Saturday

## Marchesano's former players embark on coaching careers

21Alive | June 26

## Mayor, city council announce appointments to new committee, commission and council

21Alive | June 24

## In a Snap

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



Student artists examine their pieces fresh from the kiln, as both beginning and advanced ceramicists share studio time in a summer class.

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