



## High School Students Thriving under PFW's TRIO Upward Bound

Thirty-six students from around the area spent part of their summer break in the TRIO Upward Bound Program at Purdue University Fort Wayne. The high schoolers came from New Haven, North Side, South Side, Wayne, and New Tech Academy.

Participants got to take academic courses for high school and college credit, but also gained experience with activities such as candle making, using clay to create their own mugs, and volunteering at Lutheran Life Villages. Specialized instruction focused on leadership and financial literacy, and students even stayed overnight in Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus for two weeks.

This precollege program includes a nine-month calendar to help set up income-eligible and first-generation college-bound students for success in and out of the classroom. TRIO Upward Bound at PFW has produced salutatorians, valedictorians, and others who have earned acclaimed

scholarship honors. The goal is to show seniors a variety of college majors and career paths.

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## Next Wave of Unit Moves at PFW Now Underway

For the second week in a row, employees from multiple administrative units at Purdue University Fort Wayne find themselves packing up and heading out to new locations across campus. This time around, the caravans of cardboard boxes are filled with items belonging to team members in the Office of Development and Alumni Engagement and student housing's professional staff.

Development and alumni engagement is transitioning primarily from the Development Building on the Waterfield Campus to the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Alumni Center on the West Campus. That move began Friday and will allow all team members to come together under one roof.

"We are excited about this move and the opportunity it presents to enhance the use and energy for alumni and donors within this great building," said B. J. Hull, chief development officer.

Minor structural work and technology upgrades to the alumni center are being funded with past rental fee revenue designated for building upkeep and renovation. The project is scheduled to be completed in mid-September.

During this time of transition, any gifts or development paperwork should be delivered to Anna Martin, account clerk, in Kettler Hall, Room 142B.

The new tenants at the Development Building, which will be renamed in the future, will be members of student housing's administrative team. They include the executive, associate, and assistant directors. Group spaces at that location will be used for events in the evening. The front of the building also serves as a campus shuttle pickup and drop-off location.

Cole Clubhouse on the Waterfield Campus will still be the primary front desk for current housing residents. It is a natural starting point for housing tours and easy access to a model showroom. In addition to being a check-in spot for a FRIENDS of the University Pantry satellite location, other functions of the front desk include workorder support and mail and parcel pickup.

With more room to maneuver now that multiple offices have transitioned out, evolving strategies for the clubhouse are starting to take shape.

"Later in the fall, we expect to introduce a new campus dining option that will feature night and weekend service while providing more variety for our students," said Marcus Weemes, executive director of housing and dining services. "This is just one exciting change we're looking forward to as phase one of a campus-wide expansion of dining services."

Not just for Mastodons and Red Foxes, outside the clubhouse and Development Building are Amazon locker pickup locations that are also available for the entire community to use 24/7.

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## Good to Know

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### 2025 Job Fair Starts Today at Noon

The annual job fair hosted by Congressman Marlin Stutzman, in conjunction with Purdue Fort Wayne and Northeast Indiana Works, will take place today from noon to 3 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. More than 60 employers who are collectively looking to fill more than 1,700 job openings are expected to attend. The employers span a variety of industries including manufacturing, healthcare, government, finance, law enforcement, and transportation.



## Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so Tuesday from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union. This is a great opportunity for new faculty and staff to have professional portraits taken.

Please note the adjusted time for this session.

## In a Snap

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



Signed, sealed, and ready to serve, new police officers Htoo Doh and Odessa Goodwin were sworn in Monday during a ceremony in Kettler Hall. Standing by is interim chief Rick Wiegmann.

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