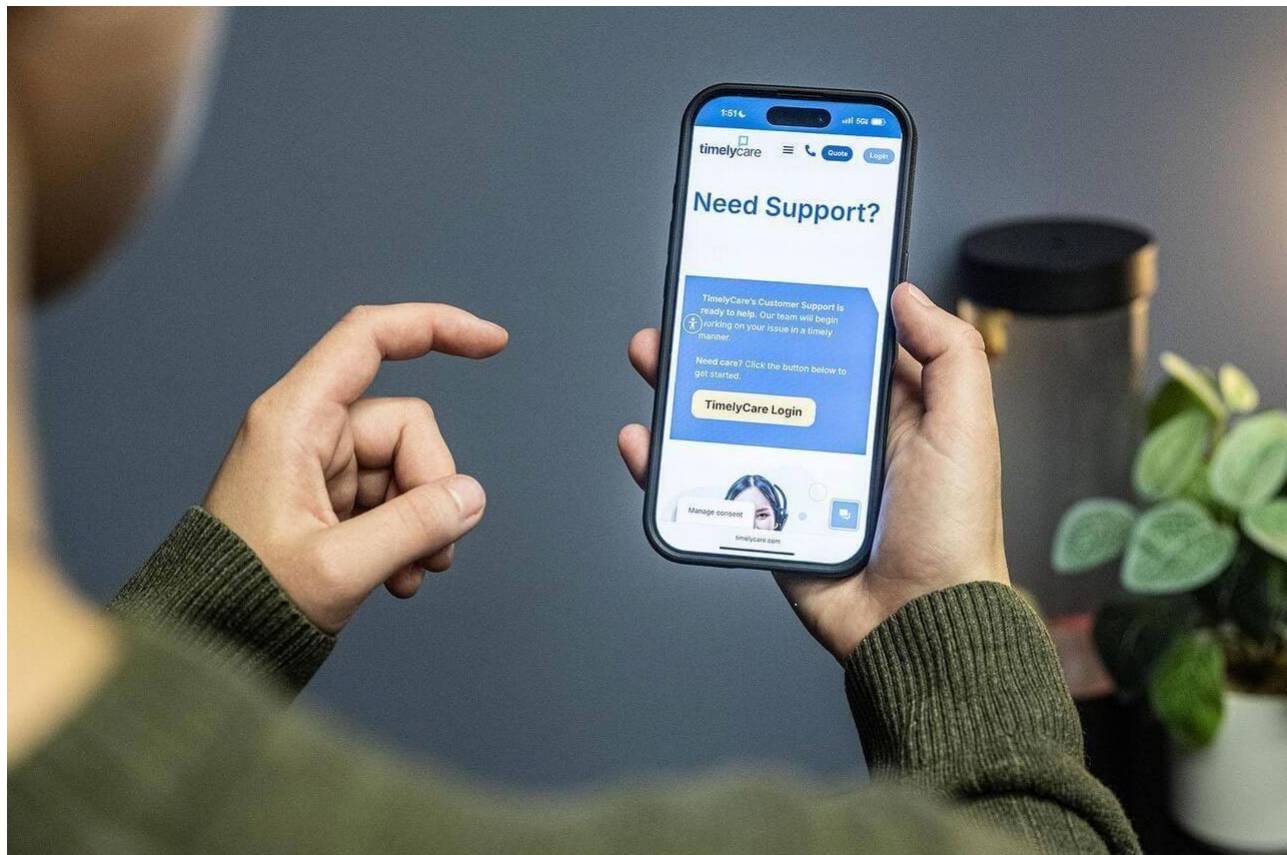




For Students

August 27, 2025



## TimelyCare Added for 24/7 Student Support

Since opening at the start of the fall 2023 semester, the Center for Student Counseling at Purdue University Fort Wayne has provided much needed services to those asking for help. But what happens when the office is closed?

Now there's an option for what most would consider the off hours. The university recently signed an agreement with **TimelyCare**, an international company devoted to supporting college students by providing on-demand online services every day, including holidays and weekends. In addition, TimelyCare is also available to students who are traveling and during school breaks.

TimelyCare works with more than 400 universities and colleges to provide mental health care, emotional support, and self-care resources. **Services are available** by phone, tablet, or computer—throughout

the world and whenever needed. The TimelyCare app can be [downloaded here](#).

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## Trace on Pace to Redefine Student Housing at Purdue Fort Wayne

With boxes still to be unpacked in apartments on the Waterfield Campus, excitement about what's happening across St. Joe Road on Purdue University Fort Wayne's North Campus continues to build. That's where construction of the Trace student housing complex advanced past the halfway point this summer.

It's now less than a year away from the moment students will start moving into the 600-bed, 213,000-square foot dream administrators say will transform the university.

"In addition to the complex being a really cool new place for students to have a fantastic college experience, Trace provides us an opportunity that we have not had in over six years—the ability to use student housing to recruit," said Krissy Surface, vice chancellor for enrollment management and the student experience. "The drawback of being well over occupancy for years now is that we



cannot proactively market what exceptional student housing we have on campus.”

A recent glimpse of the progress makes the whole place feel more real, as if the future is being constructed around those walking through a 3D presentation. Exterior walls are almost finished in all five sections, windows are in place, floorplans are obvious on all four levels, and almost everything is enclosed.

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## Pantry Moves to Kettler Hall, Expanding Access and Storage

Among the various moves this summer at Purdue Fort Wayne, the FRIENDS of the University Pantry in Cole Clubhouse at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus has relocated to the Center for Student Counseling on the ground floor of Kettler Hall, which is located just beyond the seating area of Einstein Bros. Bagels.

Exclusive to students and employees, this **pantry location** will be open Mondays from noon to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. The pantry location at Walb Student Union, Room G36, continues to operate on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It includes service to the general

public. No identification is required at either location.

Eric Manor, associate chief of campus and community wellbeing, said the move to Kettler allows the pantry to be in a Main Campus location and provides more storage space. It also allows the pantry to integrate into the **Center for Student Counseling**, which includes the **Mastodon Relaxation Zone** that's open to all students, and a developing employee relaxation area.

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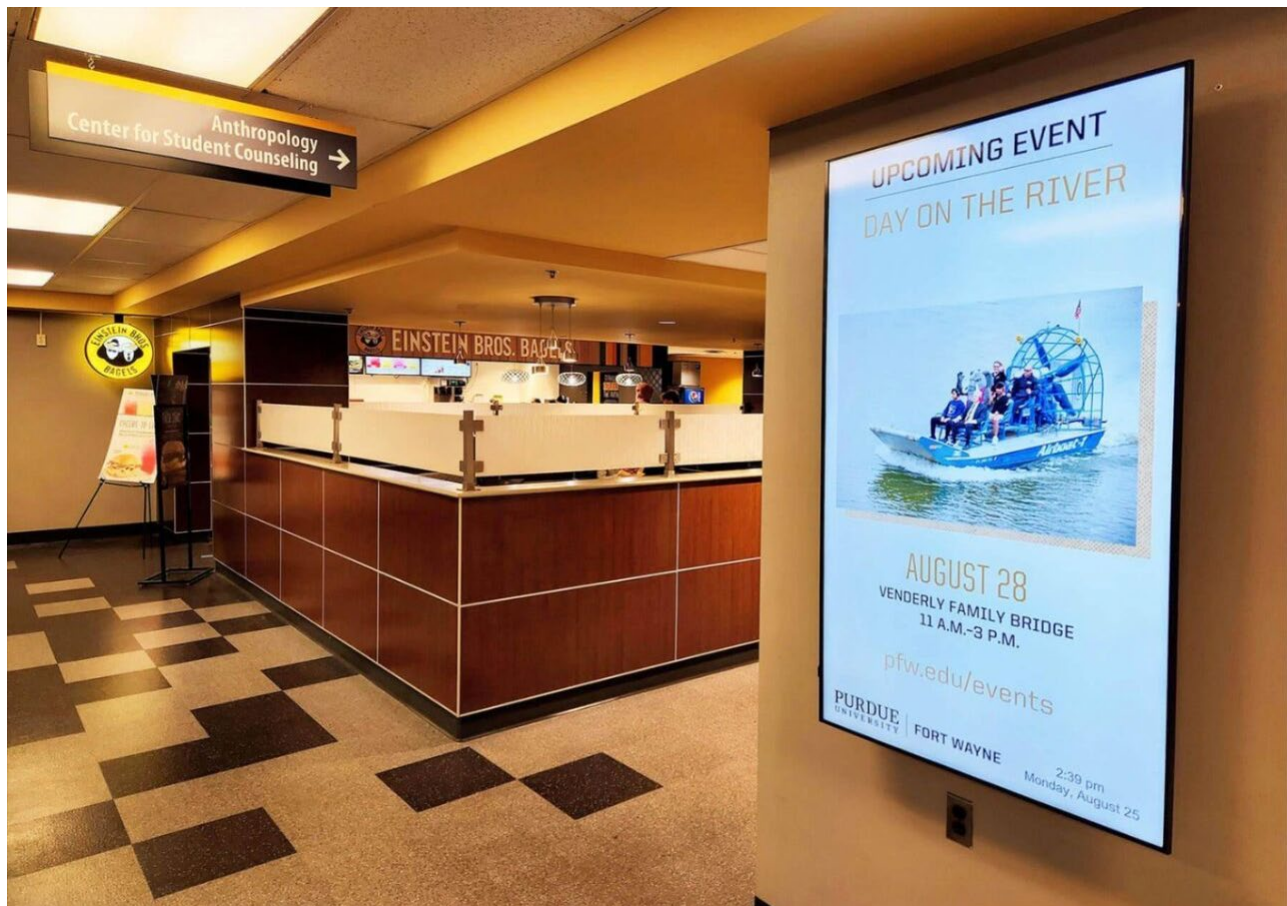
## Remember to Like and Repost PFW Positives on Social Media

Interested in sharing good news about Purdue Fort Wayne? Looking for positive ways to help the community learn more about the university?

PFW's flagship social media channels are a great way to stay informed on an individual level and pass along information to connections outside of the PFW circle who are interested in you and what makes you proud.

And if you're not already, follow PFW on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **LinkedIn**, **X**, and **YouTube** to be in the know, dive deeper, hear from students and faculty on their PFW experiences, and see plenty of those amazing campus photos that serve as a reminder of what makes this place special. Better yet, like and repost that great content and/or generate some of your own!





## New Digital Display Network Connects the Campus

the PFW campus community has a dynamic new way to stay informed now that installation of an advanced Digital Display Network is nearly 100% complete. Work on this cutting-edge communication tool started in March. The slides are devoted to campus new, upcoming events, important announcement, department-specific information, and other topics of interest to students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The network was developed by the Office of Communications and Marketing, which is curating and managing the content in collaboration with academic and administrative units. It consists of 90 screens located in high-traffic areas to maximize visibility and engagement.



## Purdue Fort Wayne Faculty Join Prestigious List of 29 UNESCO Chairs in the US

Shannon Bischoff, chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and Mary Encabo Bischoff, director of the Teaching English as a New Language program, have helped Purdue University Fort Wayne become just the 29th institution in the United States to be awarded a UNESCO Chair. There are more than 1,000 UNESCO Chairs worldwide. Purdue Fort Wayne's is the first in Indiana.

As part of the designation, Bischoff and Encabo Bischoff share the role of UNESCO Chair on Rights Education among Indigenous and Non-Dominant Language Communities with a colleague, Candace K. Galla, who is an associate professor of Indigenous language and literacy at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. The official location of this UNESCO Chair is Purdue Fort Wayne.

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## New Threads, Same Great Mastodons

Show your Mastodon pride with a fresh selection of shirts, crewnecks, and zips featuring the updated Purdue Fort Wayne athletics logo.

**Click here** to see the new options. Place an order using the links below.

- **PFW Apparel Store**
- **Youth T-shirt**
- **Adult Crewneck**
- **Adult 1/4 Zip**
- **Adult Full Zip**

## Eventful

*There's always plenty to do at Purdue Fort Wayne. To find your favorites—or discover new activities—check the full **events calendar** often to see what's happening on campus.*

AUGUST

Day on the River

28

Thurs., 1–3 p.m.

Kick off the semester with one of Purdue Fort Wayne’s most popular events! Relax, explore, and connect with campus life at this fun-filled outdoor event...

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AUGUST

29

Fri., noon–1 p.m.

## SGA Executive Officer Inauguration

Celebrate the 2025-2026 Student Government Association Executive Officers as they become officially inaugurated into their roles. Light refreshments available to attendees while supplies last...

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SEPTEMBER

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Tues., 2–5 p.m.

## Don’s College Picnic

Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and faculty at Don’s College Picnic, where campus spirit meets adventure! Connect with your academic community, discover new opportunities, and have a blast while doing it...

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SEPTEMBER

11

Thurs., 1–4 p.m.

## PFW Service Day

Help make an impact on our campus community through a variety of service projects. RSVP is not required but is encouraged! Feel free to stay for the whole event or stop by between classes...

## News Spotlight

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

### PFW celebrates Campus Kickoff 2025

WANE 15 | Monday

### Move-in Day 2025 has some daydreaming of Purdue Fort



## Mastodon Moments

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



Housing staff were stationed at a table on the east side of the **W. Paul and Carolyn Wolf Bridge** to provide snacks and information to students walking from housing to their first day of classes on Monday.

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