



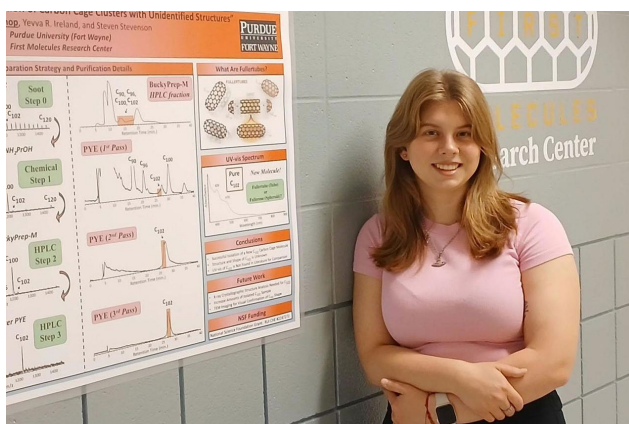
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PFW 2025 Summer News Roundup

Here are a few of the stories you may have missed this summer:



School of Education welcomes future educators to experiential kickoff (Aug.7)



Senior Shocked to Win Award at International Conference (Aug. 5)



High School Students Thriving under PFW's TRIO Upward Bound (July 31)



PFW Alum Builds Website to Help Newcomers Find Fort Wayne in Stride (July 24)



Michelle Kuhlhorst Named Executive Director of the Career Development Center at Purdue Fort Wayne (July 24)



Purdue Fort Wayne Graduate Student Crisscrosses Indiana to Study Small Mammal Population (July 17)



5 Tips for the Future College Student (July 8)



PFW Earns State Recognition for Its Support of Military-Affiliated Students (July 3)

PFW Finishes Spring Season No. 21 in NCL Cyber Power Rankings (July 4)

Based on individual and team competition, Purdue University Fort Wayne finished 21st out of 510 colleges and universities participating in the National Cyber League's spring 2025 season. That's up from 34th during the fall 2024 campaign, and second only to Purdue West Lafayette among the Indiana teams that competed. The National Cyber League, powered by Cyber Skyline, is a cybersecurity skills competition that contains real-world cybersecurity tasks that professionals perform on a daily basis.

According to NCL, students who compete reinforce their learning and develop the necessary skills for the workforce. They also earn a skills report that recognizes their abilities, which can be shown to an employer to demonstrate readiness for the job, further bridging the gap from curriculum to careers. More than 9,216 students participated in the NCL this spring.



NSO Overnights Help Students Form Stronger Bond with PFW and Each Other (July 1)



PFW Student Help Youth Summit Participants See the Possibilities (June 10)

Purdue Fort Wayne alumni discount now includes 17 graduate degree programs (June 19)

As graduates-to-be participated in the first Senior Sendoff the day before commencement at Purdue University Fort Wayne, many asked questions about a sign promoting the alumni discount program for graduate studies.

The incentive allows alumni who received a bachelor's degree during the previous five years the opportunity to earn up to three free credit hours per semester, with a total of nine free credits across their enrollment in a PFW graduate program. Students are required to take at least two courses per semester and maintain continuous enrollment every fall and spring.

Sherif Elfayoumy, the Steel Dynamics Dean of the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science, proposed the idea, which Chadi Braish, PFW's executive director of continuing studies, said now includes 17 graduate degree programs. The discount was announced last summer and rolled out during the recently completed spring semester.

Each program requires different credits to qualify for master's degrees. Because graduate courses typically don't have financial aid or scholarship opportunities, Braish said the discount is available to help make the post-grad study option more affordable for PFW alumni.

"It's amazing the level of satisfaction that students have from our graduate programs," Braish said. "We want to be the area's premier institution for graduate work, and this is our way of promoting that."

For additional information, prospective students can contact the Office of Graduate Studies at graduate@pfw.edu or Braish at chadi.braish@pfw.edu.



**Daffodil International University
Collaboration with PFW Honors
Program Sparks Return Trips to
Each Campus (June 10)**



**Engineering Students Beat the
Clock to Help Science Central Add
New Exhibit (June 3)**

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