



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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Fall Semester to Kick Off with a Wave of Fun

It's a safe bet Purdue University Fort Wayne students will be energized heading into next week's start of the fall semester. To capitalize on that enthusiasm and help get those new to campus better acclimated, there will be much to see and do.

Some activities start even before classes; the official Move-in Day at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus is this Friday. It will be capped off by a welcome back barbeque at 5 p.m. And Sunday's S'mores with the Student Activities Board that includes lawn games and fire pits for socializing gets started at 7 p.m.

As classes start Monday, the annual Campus Kickoff celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Science Mall. It will feature free food for students, T-shirts, frisbee spin art, live music, lawn games, and more. This is traditionally one of the most well-attended events of the fall.

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Important Changes for Shuttle Riders

The Student Shuttle Program will continue to offer service to PFW and IUFW students throughout the upcoming academic year. For specifics on hours, pick-up locations, and more, visit the SGA website.

There are three key changes to note for 2025–26:

- **Extended service hours:** Shuttle service will now run until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, which is one hour later this year.
- **Route adjustment:** Service to The Grand at Shoaff Park, formerly The Yugo Fort Wayne Arch, will no longer be offered.
- **New stop added:** A new shuttle stop has been added at Canterbury Green Apartments on Truemper Way, near the mailbox.

In a Snap

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



Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker; Carl Drummond, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs; and Farah Combs, director of honors and experiential learning, welcomed 126 new students to Monday's Honors Program Freshman Seminar in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 159.

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