



School of Education Welcomes Future Educators to Experiential Kickoff

Stepping to the podium at the first-ever School of Education Experiential Kickoff on July 31, Dean Isabel Nuñez was thrilled to see 61 students and future teachers filling the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Nuñez started her introduction by sharing an experience she had as a first-grade teacher, helping a student understand a concept.

"There is absolutely no better feeling in the world than that," she said. "And I am so excited because that is going to be your reality. That's going to be your life's work, and there is no better way to have fun and get paid for it than being a teacher."

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Soto's Path from Army Specialist to Art Teacher

Applying to PFW on a whim changed Dorian Soto's life, but there's so much more to her story. As one of four children raised by a single mom, the family frequently moved across the state before settling in Muncie. Brilliant academically though rebellious, Soto enlisted at age 17 in the U.S. Army National Guard in 2010, serving six years as a chemical, biological, and radiological nuclear specialist.

Working as a substitute art teacher four years ago, Soto realized during a moment of inspiration at 2 a.m. she loved it so much that it might be time to apply to Purdue University Fort Wayne to get an education degree. A couple of months later, she received an acceptance email and started crying in joy.

Now a junior, in addition to continually helping younger PFW classmates, Soto also teaches art to individuals, and for the last three years, to elementary and middle school students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts' **Community Arts Academy**. Molly Papier, CAA director, said Soto's enthusiasm draws everyone into what she teaches, engages the students' families, and promotes further outreach.

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New Secure Storage Solution for Sensitive and Restricted Data

Purdue IT announced this week that SharePoint Restricted Data Storage, or SPRDS, is now the designated location for storage of restricted data within the Purdue Microsoft 365 tenant. This allows for a dedicated and more secure space to store data.

Individual researchers and/or departments may request the creation of a SPRDS site. When requesting a SPRDS site, the principal investigator or department representative will confirm agreement with an end user agreement. The EUA will provide information for maintaining security of the data and outline the responsibilities of the owner of the SPRDS site.

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Annual job fair at PFW draws large crowd

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Purdue Fort Wayne waives fees as semester nears

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | July 31

In a Snap

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