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For Students

September 10, 2025



PFW Looks to Reach Out with a Helping Hand on National Day of Service

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to take part in Purdue University Fort Wayne's first Day of Service event on Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Federally recognized since 2009, the National Day of Service and Remembrance happens on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States. Every Sept. 11, citizens are encouraged to take part in charitable service to transform the anniversary from a day of tragedy into a day of doing something good, always remembering and honoring those who were lost.

It's estimated that more than 30 million Americans participate annually. For the first time on Thursday, this will include members of [PFW's](#) campus community as part of an official event.

Abbey Wang, assistant director of Student Leadership and Student Government Association, is organizing the activities, which will start in the Science Mall.

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Lineup Announced for 30th Season of Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue Fort Wayne

Unique perspectives and topics will once again highlight the 30th season of Purdue University Fort Wayne's popular Omnibus Speaker Series. The lineup for 2025–26 includes a former presidential advisor, a veteran foreign affairs correspondent, a female National Basketball Association executive, and a podcaster with three million followers.

The speakers are Republican political influencer Karl Rove on Oct. 7, NBC journalist Andrea Mitchell on Nov. 18, Atlanta Hawks executive Melissa Proctor on Feb. 12, and podcaster and citizen journalist V Spehar on March 23.

"We have an incredible lineup this season," said Jerry Lewis, vice chancellor for communications and marketing at Purdue Fort Wayne. "Our goal is to feature speakers who bring stories and insights that both inspire and challenge us."

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Music Therapy Recitals Provide Unique Opportunities for Clients, Students

In pursuit of her a music therapy degree, Emma Keeling will spend a few days of her senior year at Purdue University Fort Wayne helping at music therapy recitals. After serving as a client escort for two years, she ascended to stage manager last year, a position that saw her changing chairs, music stands, lighting, and whatever else was necessary. Once, she even performed with a client.

"I love the recitals because you can feel the positive energy, and I support the clients, music therapists, and families," Keeling said. "While these recitals are often fun, they are also a demonstration of music therapy's results in action."

Exhibiting the fruits of their labor is why Peggy Farlow, senior lecturer, and local music therapist Shauna Rupert started the recitals in 2010. The fall and spring concerts provide clients, all of whom have special needs, the opportunity to show what they have learned by performing with the support of their music therapists. The fall recitals will be held on Saturday and Sunday,

starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Music Center's Rhinehart Recital Hall. Both are free to attend; another recital will be held in February.

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Monday's State of the University Address to Chart a Future Course

This year's State of the University address is scheduled for Monday. Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to hear from Purdue Fort Wayne leaders, who will share updates and plans.

The event will begin at noon in Auer Performance Hall, followed by a short reception.

MASTODON SOCCER

PARTY AT THE PITCH

PURDUE
FORT WAYNE
 vs. 
WOMEN'S SOCCER | 4PM

PURDUE
FORT WAYNE
 vs. 
MEN'S SOCCER | 7PM



2 GAMES | 1 TICKET

SEPTEMBER 10



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Get Ready for Today's Party at the Pitch

Join the Purdue Fort Wayne community for a night of soccer and fun at the Hefner Soccer Complex. The event kicks off today at 4 p.m. when the Mastodons women's team takes on Ball State. And be sure to stick around as the men's team faces Manchester at 7 p.m.

Enjoy food from local food trucks, including Ziffles, Chau Time, Drop It Like It's Hot, Another One Bites the Dust, and Sweets on the Street. There will also be a variety of lawn games like giant Jenga and cornhole, and more.

All PFW students, faculty, and staff receive complimentary admission to regular season home contests. This fun-filled event is a fantastic opportunity to socialize, meet other students, and show support for Purdue Fort Wayne Athletics. Feel free to bring family and friends!

Honors Program Deadlines This Week

Each of these Honors Program deadlines is Friday:

- **H-Option contracts:** After receiving initial approval from your professor, contact **Farah Combs**, program director, to start the contract.
- **Fall 2025 honors scholarship applications:** Begin the **application process** and access information about the **different scholarships**. Students must have successfully completed at least three PFW honors credits to be eligible to apply for honors scholarships.
- **Honors project proposals** (for Fall 2025 graduates only): If you are a graduating senior pursuing the honors certificate, start the **application process**. More information is **available**

here.

Fall 2025 Honors Project Showcase presentations will be held in the Honors Center at Helmke Library, Room 211, on Dec. 5.



Under Armour 25% Off Discount Available to PFW Students

Because of Purdue Fort Wayne's partner institution status with Under Armour, PFW students are eligible to receive a 25% discount on curated UA gear.

Those interested in accessing the MVP Athlete Pass must create an account or link to an existing one. Students are then enrolled in the UA Rewards loyalty program and opted into marketing emails.

Click here to start the process.

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.

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Sat., 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

SAB Fort Wayne Zoo Trip

Head to the Fort Wayne Zoo with the Student Activities Board. Explore the zoo and all its wonders for free! Tickets are good for the entire 2025 season, but if you want to take advantage of the free shuttle, mark your calendar for Saturday. The shuttle will leave student housing at 9 and 10 a.m...

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Tues., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Day on the River 2025

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. Kayak on the St. Joe River, ride a bike for free, tie-dye your own T-shirt, enjoy a root beer float, and so much more...

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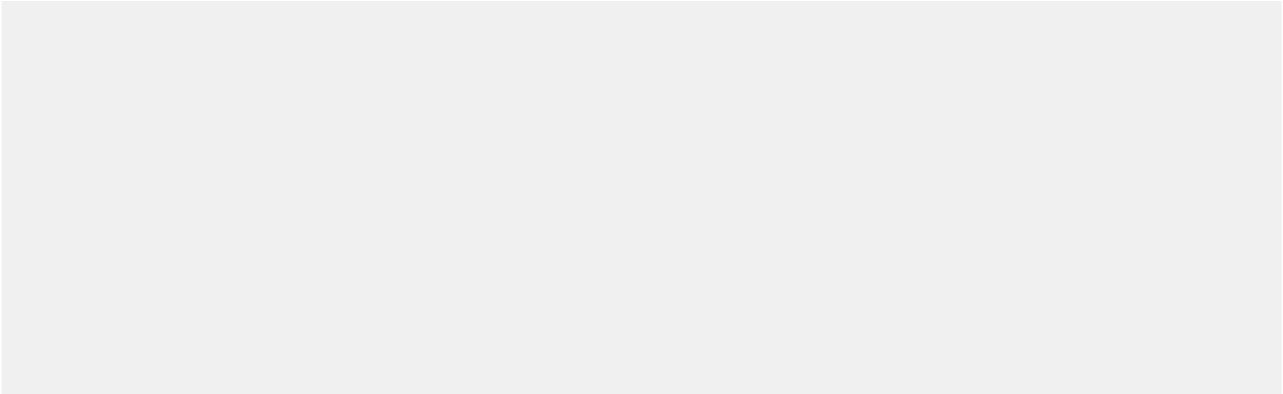
Wed., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Constitution Day Reading and Jeopardy

Celebrate Constitution Day with fun, facts, and a little friendly competition! This lively and educational event will feature trivia games, a live reading of the U.S. Constitution, a patriotic costume contest, and resource tables...

Mastodon Moments

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





Runners on Mastodon Way take off from the starting line during the You Matter 5K on Saturday, an event dedicated to raising awareness for suicide prevention. Chi Eta Sigma at PFW, a student organization that promotes academic excellence in counseling, was a sponsor.

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