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Military Appreciation Day at Purdue Fort Wayne Ushers in New Chapter of Support, Success

Military Appreciation Day at Purdue University Fort Wayne will be observed Thursday on the Science Mall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This annual event highlights PFW's gratitude to those who have served.

The day's schedule is full of opportunities for students, employees, and visitors to take part in hands-on experiences led by campus veterans. The activities, which are open to the general public, include trying on equipment, physical training, and learning more about military service. There is no charge to attend.

The **Center for Veteran and Military** [Student Success](#) at PFW, formerly known as Military

Student Services, is hosting the event. On a daily basis, it is primarily responsible for helping more than 200 students with military backgrounds and their family members access and utilize their Veterans Administration benefits. With the new name, the center's staff hopes to expand their scope and clarify what they do.

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Whirlwind of Activity and Fun Marks Start of Fall Semester

A new academic year is off to a fast start at Purdue University Fort Wayne! Relive some of the excitement through photos of the people and moments that help make the PFW student experience so special.

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Panel Discussion Added to Annual Constitution Day Activities on Wednesday

PFW's annual tribute to Constitution Day will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. This year's event commemorates the 238th anniversary of the original document's signing

The presentations will include a rendition of the national anthem, trivia games, various university and community resource tables, and a patriotic costume contest. The reading of the constitution will include a reenactor from the Old Fort pitching in, along with various members of the campus community.

A panel discussion by the Department of Political Science on the constitution and the contemporary presidency will start at 3 p.m. in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library. The discussion is being hosted in partnership with the **Allen County America 250 Committee** and **Indiana's state commission** on celebrating July 4, 2026.



Mastodon Market Returns Thursday with Healthy Food Options

A tasty fall tradition on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne returns Thursday. It's the Mastodon Market located under the skybridge between Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

The market is where students, staff, and community members might find vegetables, fruits, plants, information, and live music from the DeeBees. The goal is to provide easy access to fresh produce and related products for students and employees. This is especially needed because the campus is located in the middle of what's considered a food desert, which is an area with limited access to affordable and nutritious food.

This year's market will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for four consecutive Thursdays. Traditionally, the market is finished by the end of September, but a goal this year is to also coordinate some events to highlight Mental Health Awareness Month in October.

The market is sponsored by the Division of Campus and Community Wellbeing. For more information, email Eric Manor, associate chief of the campus and community wellbeing, at manore@pfw.edu.

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PFW Using New Tool to Help Students, Visitors Dig Archaeology

The study of the past is meeting the technology of the future at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Jamie Cochran-Smith and Andrew Smith, professors of practice in anthropology, love giving their archaeology students a chance to show off what they're learning during Fort Wayne's annual Johnny Appleseed Festival. That will again be the case Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the team from PFW will be stationed at a dig site on the east side of the Venderly Bridge alongside the St. Joseph River.

The goal is to show festivalgoers who park on the PFW campus, and particularly their children, what a dig site looks like and how archaeologists seek clues of times past.

This year, the work will be a little easier as the Smiths introduce their students and passersby to a Bartington Grad 601 Data Logger, more commonly known as a magnetometer. Typically, students dig approximately 8 inches to see the change in soil color, then dig in 10-centimeter increments while sifting the dirt. The new machine examines the magnetic field about two feet below the surface, allowing for more accurate work. The results resemble an x-ray of the ground.

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Environmental Resources Center Aims to Drive Dialogue on Climate Change at Sept. 25 Conservation Conversation

The Environmental Resources Center in the College of Science at Purdue Fort Wayne will host its largest annual event, Conservation Conversation, on Sept. 25 in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. The title of this year's conversation is "Changing the Climate." Activities and discussions run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Speakers will come from both academia and the community. Anyone wishing to keep the conversation going is invited to stick around for a postevent reception.

Held for the sixth time, Conservation Conversation is a chance for the public, representatives from various local and regional entities, and PFW faculty and staff to exchange information on topics related to sustainability and the environment. The goal is to facilitate dialogue about the opportunities and challenges of conservation efforts in this growing community.

Speakers from higher education, the City of Fort Wayne, NIPSCO, the Hoosier Environmental Council, and others will cover topics such as the science, challenges and mitigation of climate change, and responding to policy setbacks.

General admission, which includes lunch and the reception, costs \$5 for students and \$10 for all other attendees. Those interested can register at pfw.edu/erc.

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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.

SEPTEMBER

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Tues., 4–7 p.m.

DSB Career Night

Ready to turn classroom skills into real-world success? This isn't just another fair—it's your career runway. Wear your best, bring your résumé, and step into your future. Meet top employers, make connections, discover...

SEPTEMBER

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Tues., 6–9 p.m.

SAB's Go-Kart and Golf Adventure

Experience the thrill of go-kart racing and the challenge of mini golf at Putt-Putt Fun Center. Tickets are limited and will be available for the first 100 students...

SEPTEMBER

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Wed., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Guest Artist Recital: Michael Seregow, Piano

Michael Seregow will present a guest recital of the works of Maurice Ravel in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of his birth with a program that illustrates his influence on a changing world through his and his contemporaries' works for solo piano...

News Spotlight

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

Fort Wayne businessman reflects on finding Mastodon fossil 27 years ago

21Alive | Sept. 10

Student-run record label looking for talent for local music festival

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Mastodon Moments

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



Purdue Fort Wayne Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer introduces members of his leadership team and other key stakeholders during Monday's presentation on the state of the university. The six participants shared updates on campus resources and future plans. The address took place at Auer Performance Hall. It was followed by a reception.

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