



The Two Mackenzies: Surreal Sisterhood Destined from Day 1

While meeting three years ago during new student orientation, Mackenzie Nord and Mackenzie Downs thought it was unique that both their first names were spelled with a lowercase k. Little did they know that this was just the start of their uncanny connections.

One of their mothers was determined to use an uncommon spelling, while the other's father filled in the birth certificate after her mother delivered by an emergency cesarean section. The latter was originally supposed to be spelled McKenzie.

It also turned out the duo were planning on majoring in communication sciences and disorders as they started their first semester at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

But wait, there's more!

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Reminder: Changes to VPN Access and Microsoft 365 Account

Purdue IT is migrating all Purdue Fort Wayne users to a unified Microsoft 365 tenant beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday. Users must disconnect from VPN and log out of all Microsoft 365 applications before this time. Please reference recent IT Announcement emails sent by the IT Services Help Desk for details.

For live updates, [visit this page](#).

The Purdue Fort Wayne service desk team may also be contacted at helpdesk@pfw.edu or 260-481-6030. The migration is expected to be finished no later than Monday. Users will be notified when migration is complete.

Open Enrollment Is Oct. 28–Nov. 11

Purdue's [Benefits Enrollment website](#) is a valuable source of 2026 benefits information, including an [Enrollment Guide](#) that provides information on all primary benefits as well as plan comparisons and premiums.

Presentations will take place on these dates:

Friday | 2 p.m. | [via Zoom](#)

Monday | noon | Kettler Hall, Room 148

Can't make it to a presentation? A recorded version is available on the [Open Enrollment Resources](#) page. The page also contains videos, learning opportunities, information on additional benefits, education forms, and other guides.

One-on-one sessions are available with Amy Jagger, benefits director, online and in-person by appointment [via this link](#).

Questions? Contact Jagger at anjagger@pfw.edu or reach out to Human Resources at hr@pfw.edu.

Good to Know

Bookstore Hours during Fall Break

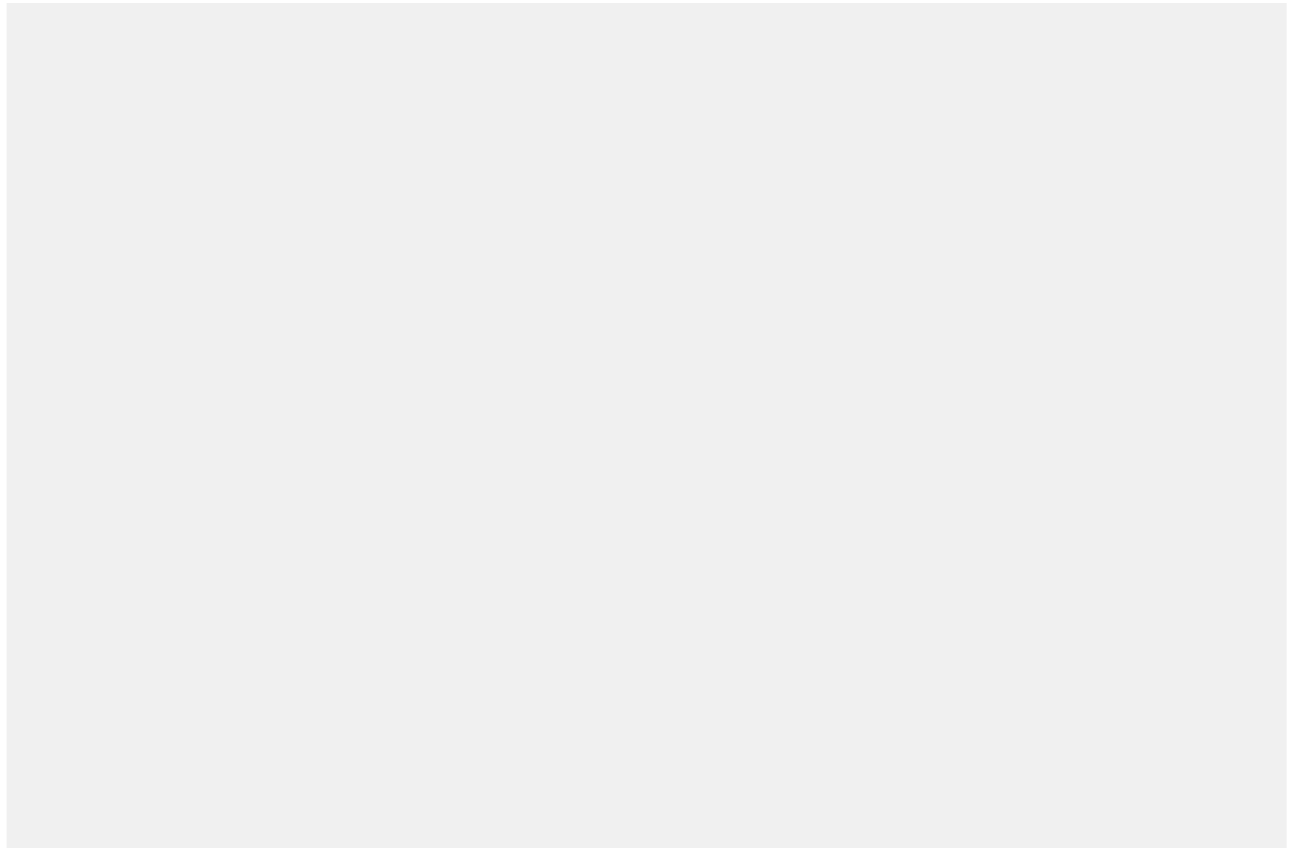
The Mastodon Campus Store will close at noon on Monday for its annual inventory. Regular hours will resume Wednesday. As a reminder, faculty should submit textbook adoptions as soon as possible.

Dining Services Closed Monday and Tuesday

Because of the upcoming fall break on campus, all Fresh Ideas locations—Don's at Walb, Einstein Bros. Bagels, and Java Spot—will close at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and reopen with normal hours on Wednesday morning.

In a Snap

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





The Student Activities Board handed out bags of customized PFW M&Ms on Monday, which was National M&M Day. The event was also intended to draw attention to Pink Out and breast cancer awareness. Several Paint the Campus Pink events have been scheduled this month, including a women's volleyball Pink Out game benefitting the Vera Bradley Foundation on Friday.

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