



Gold Top Performer's Approach Leads to Top-Tier Songs

Whenever Noah Sties sits down with a goal of writing his next song, he can stare at the blank paper with the best of them without coming up with a single lyric or note. His writing muscle just doesn't work that way.

But at other times his subconscious kicks into a gear where it's hard for him to write everything down.

"I have a note in my phone called 'One liners,'" the Purdue University Fort Wayne senior says. "That's just all sorts of bits of choruses and everything else that I think of while driving or in the shower. I have an ongoing joke with my parents that I don't think I've ever written a song out that wasn't finished in the shower. That's one of the only places I can write, which is really funny."

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PFW Seeks Strong Showing in Annual U Can Crush Hunger Drive

Community Harvest Food Bank's annual "U Can Crush Hunger" campaign among eight northeast Indiana universities runs Oct. 27–Nov. 7. The competition is based on the pounds of canned food donated, though money is also accepted. PFW finished second last year with 20,118 pounds donated, which was more than 16% of the 123,034 pounds gathered overall.

Options for donating:

- Place nonperishable food items in the donation bins located on the first-floor Herd Hideout hallway in Walb Student Union. These items will help stock **The FRIENDS of the University Pantry**.
- Make a secure donation online through the **Community Harvest Food Bank** by selecting Purdue Fort Wayne. Each dollar donated is enough to purchase four pounds of food. Online donations collected through this option will be divided in half between the Pantry and the Community Harvest Food Bank Farm Wagon program.

The pantry at PFW serves approximately 9,000 visitors each academic year. Funding is not supported by the university, and the budget fluctuates annually.

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Mastodon Men's Hoops Slate Tips Off Monday vs. Ball State at Gates

Come out Monday to support the PFW men's basketball team as they open their 2025–26 season against Ball State at 7 p.m. in the Gates Sports Center.

As a special incentive, faculty and staff may claim two free general admission tickets to this early-season battle by presenting a valid employee ID at the Gates ticket office until Monday at 5 p.m. One free ticket can be claimed after 5 p.m.

One free upper-level ticket for all other games at Gates and Memorial Coliseum can be reserved in the same way. Discounted lower-level seats can also be purchased at the respective arena's ticket office.

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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Tues., 7:30–9 p.m.

Woodwind Showcase Recital

Enjoy an evening of woodwind chamber music and solo works performed by PFW woodwind students. Admission is free for everyone...

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Wed., 2–5 p.m.

Invasive Plant Removal Day

Help restore the natural PFW riverfront habitat by clearing invasive honeysuckle so that native species can flourish...

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Vocal Division Showcase: Nocturnes and Lullabies

Join the voice students of the School of Music for Nocturnes and Lullabies, a showcase exploring music inspired by nightfall and dreams. Admission is free for everyone...

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Visitors to Kettler Hall's main lobby can view four refreshed display cases that illustrate what life at Purdue Fort Wayne has to offer.

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