

For Faculty and Staff

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### Sports Leadership Concentration Added for Athletic Academics

Since grade school, Kenton Aubrey admits he's always been a basketball junkie—playing, coaching, moving through various levels of positions at different colleges—and now teaching leadership in sports classes as an adjunct professor in the Department of Organizational Leadership at Purdue University Fort Wayne. As proof of his travels and experiences, Aubrey has collected more than 200 pairs of athletic shoes.

With this track record, Aubrey's students better be prepared to lace up their own shoes because they're going to be very busy as PFW continues to grow its recently launched sports leadership concentration. It's the natural progression from the class Aubrey has been teaching for three years, according to Michael Kirchner, chair of organizational leadership.

"We have a lot of student-athletes, athletics personnel, and general students expressing interest

in these courses," Kirchner said. "We are definitely in a unique position in terms of how to center a curriculum that touches on all the different aspects of what it looks like to be successful in sports as a non-athlete."

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### Campus United 5K to Benefit University Pantry

The fifth Campus United 5K will race off the starting line Oct. 25 at 9 a.m. outside Walb Student Union. The event brings together the Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne communities in support of the FRIENDS of the University Pantry, which is open to both student bodies and area residents.

Students, staff, faculty, and members of the public can run or walk the course, with packet pickup starting at 7:30 a.m. The cost of **registration** is \$25 until Oct. 13 when it bumps up to \$30.

Registration will be free to the first 100 students who use the entry code Students100. Monetary donations are also **accepted**.

This will be the first time the event takes place in the fall so it can coincide with PFW's new Family Day. The 5K will kick everything off.

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## On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

#### **New Hires**

- Ryan Deckard, custodian | Building Services
- Andrew Mourey, warehouse laborer and operations clerk | Warehouse Operations

#### **Transfers**

- Paula Ashe, TRIO academic coordinator | TRIO Student Support Services
- James (Jimmer) Moeller, administrative assistant-senior | School of Music
- Genoveva Ramirez, assistant director of Study Away and International Services | Study Abroad

# In a Snap

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



Addressing a large crowd of potential students and their families in Auer Performance Hall, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Ryan Wooley kicked off Sunday's Fall Campus Visit Day by detailing the events.

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