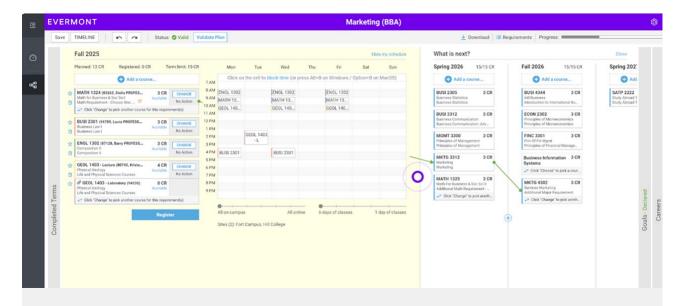


For Faculty and Staff

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Smart Plan Offers Students at Purdue Fort Wayne an AI-Powered View of Their Optimal Degree Pathways

For the first wave of students at Purdue University Fort Wayne who will get to use it, the Smart Plan degree platform should eliminate much of the guesswork often associated with choosing the classes needed to stay on track and on budget.

When the early registration window opens Oct. 27 for the spring and summer terms, students in 17 degree programs at PFW will gain access to this AI-powered tool that simplifies their experience by creating a personalized educational plan based on the chosen degree. Smart Plan will also notify them of changes or conflicts that may affect their path to a desired graduation date. More than 780 students will be able to take advantage of the new platform during the first phase of this multiyear implementation.

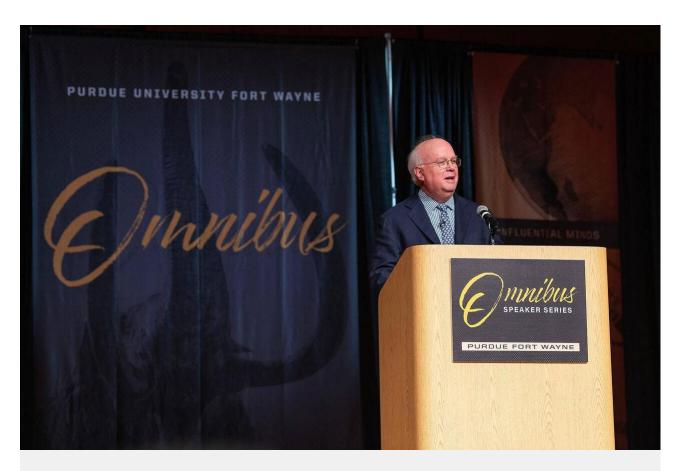
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Rove Shares Historical Context to Illustrate Nation's Resiliency

Perhaps many attending Tuesday evening's 30th season opener of Purdue University Fort Wayne's Omnibus Speaker Series expected Karl Rove to strongly critique the current White House occupant. Instead, the special advisor to President George W. Bush shredded the entire political system with a history lecture that did conclude with a glimmer of hope for the future. Perspective will help guide us forward, he taught.

After asking everyone in Auer Performance Hall to raise their hands if they were happy with the state of American politics, a rhetorical question that drew the intended laugh, Rove provided his perspective on past governmental eras when no one could seem to get along, suggesting the dysfunction has been even worse.

After reminding everyone of the turbulent and often violent events of the 1960s and early 1970s, Rove addressed the unrest of the 1800s through the election of 1904. Under his narration, it's a wonder the nation survived so much drama and constant arguing that seemed to never relent.

"If this gets bad today, it's been worse before, and we ought to take a little bit of solace from that, because it can get better," Rove said.

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PFW's Crisler Parlays Prestigious Position into Prime Programs for Campus Community

Curtis Crisler, Indiana's poet laureate and professor in the Department of English at Purdue Fort Wayne, is hosting Summit City native and author Michael Martone at an on-campus gathering today from 3 to 4:15 p.m. The session will take place in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 148. It is open to all PFW students.

A former creative writing professor at the University of Alabama, Martone has written many nonfiction and fiction works, including "Fort Wayne is Seventh on Hitler's List," "Safety Patrol," and "Alive and Dead in Indiana." During his visit to PFW he will answer questions about the art, business, and life of writing.

Crisler and Martone will also conduct a public reading at Wunderkammer Company, 3402 Fairfield Ave., at 7 p.m. on Friday.

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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Annual High School Juried Art Exhibition

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Mon., 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Department of Art and Design is hosting an exhibition of works by regional high school artists. On display through Nov. 9...

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Mon., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Fall Choral Concert: The Music of Mari Ésabel Valverde

Experience the luminous choral music of Mari Ésabel Valverde, whose music weaves poetic texts with rich harmonies and vibrant colors. This concert features the Chamber Treble Singers, Choral Union, and

University Singers, celebrating her distinctive voice in contemporary choral music...

In a Snap

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



This prospective Mastodon was one of many who got to know PFW a little better on Sunday during the university's Fall Campus Visit Day.

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