



Work on PFW's New Music Industry Hub Found Its Groove at 'Record' Speed

Construction of the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building on the campus of Purdue University Fort Wayne has progressed to the point where you can almost hear the music in the air. Soon the sounds of jackhammers and drills will be replaced with pianos, trumpets, guitars, flutes, and many other more melodious instruments of the creative process.

With less than a year to go until the \$25 million, 26,000-square foot facility is completed, workers from Weigand Construction are now laboring more on the inside than the outside of the two-story structure. The dry summer allowed them to maintain a steady pace, and students were able to notice an immediate difference from what they saw when the majority left in May after spring semester finals.

"I bring up the new building with every single prospective student I talk to," said John Buteyn, director of PFW's commercial music, music industry, music technology programs. "I discuss how big the facility will be, the equipment that will be available to students, and various partnerships with industry leading companies who are sponsoring various rooms. I explain that we'll have more convenient collaborative opportunities with the other School of Music degree programs moving forward, and collaborative opportunities across campus. So, it's a big talking point."

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Rove's Omnibus Appearance Counts toward Civics Literacy Requirement

Karl Rove's Omnibus Speaker Series appearance on Oct. 7 in Auer Performance Hall will serve a dual purpose. Along with kicking off the 2025–26 season, students who attend the presentation can count it toward their civics literacy requirement.

To complete a degree, students must take and pass one of seven approved courses or attend or view a combination of four civics-related events. Both options require passing a Civics Literacy Knowledge Test. **Applicable proficiency activities** are accessible via Brightspace.

Rove's presentation, "America's Challenges Amidst Its Broken Politics," starts at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are available through PFW's **Schatzlein Box Office**, Tuesday through Friday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., and on the university's **online ticketing platform**.

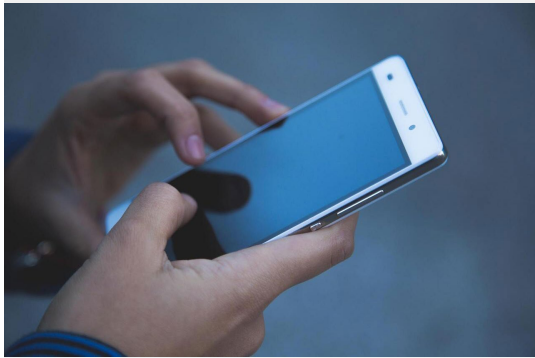
Students are required to check in beforehand at a table outside the hall with their PFW ID card to receive credit for attending.

As announced Sept. 24, safety and security measures consistent with many major events across the country will be observed. No book bags, backpacks, or gym bags will be permitted in the Music Center on the night of the event. Purses may also be subject to search by security personnel. Additional safety and security steps could be added prior to the event, at the discretion of the university.

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Emergency Notification System Test Planned for Oct. 13



A semiannual test of the university's emergency notification system is scheduled to take place Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. For faster notification in an emergency, register your mobile phone number for **mobile alerts**. The average amount of time it takes to receive emergency notifications sent via text is less than four seconds.

The full test, which will include a short notification on the university's digital display network, will also feature a link to the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report from the Purdue University Fort Wayne Police Department. It can be accessed immediately by **clicking here**.

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The annual Conservation Conversation hosted by the Environmental Resources Center in the College of Science was held Thursday in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. This year's theme addressed the challenges of the changing climate. Expert speakers, information tables, student research posters, and lively discussions were highlights of the event.

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