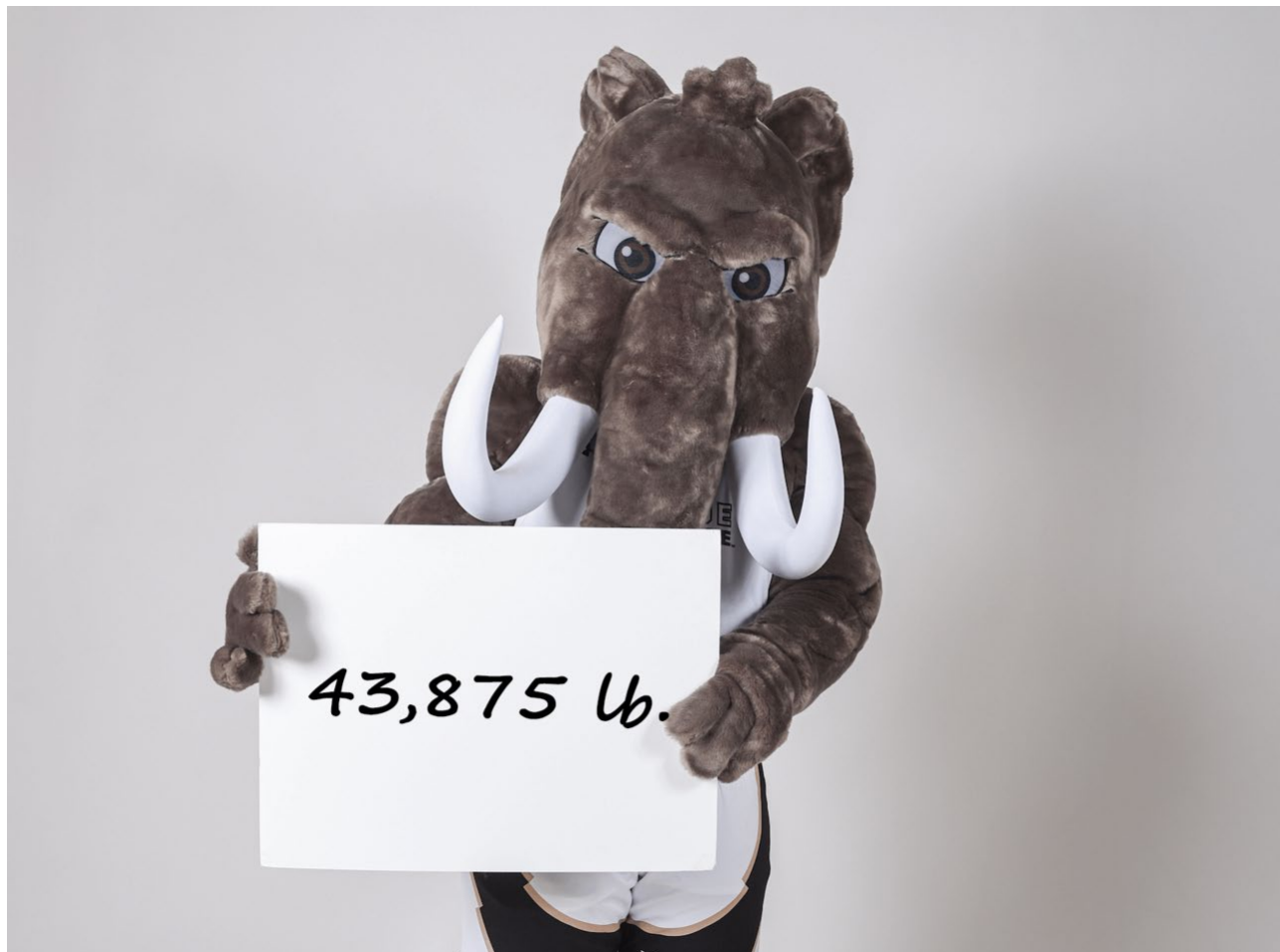




For Students

November 12, 2025



## PFW Wins Annual Community Harvest Food Drive

Quite literally, Purdue Fort Wayne crushed it.

With a record haul, PFW won Community Harvest Food Bank's annual "U Can Crush Hunger" competition among eight northeast Indiana colleges and universities with 43,875 pounds of food donated. The final totals were announced Tuesday afternoon.

The Mastodons easily out-distanced the field and became the first participant in the campaign's nine years to push past 40,000 pounds. The previous record was 34,085 pounds raised by Saint Francis in 2022.

This year's total was also significantly more than the combined total of 37,446 pounds from second-place Indiana Tech and third-place Saint Francis. In fact, PFW raised more than it had in the past two years combined. PFW's 2025 halfway result of 27,336 pounds, released a week ago, almost surpassed its previous record of 27,814 pounds in 2023.

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## History Majors Acting, Dressing the Part

Anyone walking by Deborah Bauer's "Historically Speaking" class during early October might have done a doubletake. Was that laughter, cheering, and clapping coming from inside? Were they just having a good time, or had the instructor lost all control?

No, the audible enthusiasm was actually by design and the Purdue University Fort Wayne instructor seemed to be spending most of her time laughing and enjoying the reactions as well.

This was not just another mid-semester lecture, but part of a plan the associate professor of modern European history introduced during her public speaking course in 2022. It's game theory

play that encourages students to research actual historical situations and their assigned characters' viewpoints, then role play to explore themes, choices, and outcomes of events. The assignment also helps students experience persuasive public speaking.

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## PFW-Based Ensemble to Share Love of Performing Historical Cultural Music

As an assistant professor of music history, Purdue University Fort Wayne's John Romey has for decades made the study of 15th-19th-century musical instruments his life's work. He loves nothing more than getting lost in the research and then trying to recreate items that have been absent for centuries, often relying on texts, paintings, or letters between musicians.

His second favorite pastime is watching historical movies and complaining about the musicians' inauthenticity.

"If you're going to have someone there looking like they are playing a historical instrument,

maybe hire someone who actually knows how to play the instrument so it looks somewhat like it's supposed to," Romey once said.

A few years ago, his pride and joy was recreating Renaissance-era viola de gamba from France. And now, Romey has shared his passion for ancient instruments with PFW student Andrew Danielson, who has fallen in love with playing the harpsicord.

The duo will be part of the Kekionga Early Music Collective during a free, family-friendly public concert of mestizo baroque music on Sunday starting at 1 p.m. at the main branch of the Allen County Public Library, 900 Library Plaza, in downtown Fort Wayne. Together they've played two previous concerts, including last April on campus to highlight the music of women composers from the mid-1600s to early 1700s in Italy and France.

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## Freshmen and Others up Next for Early Registration

Monday, starting at 8 a.m., freshmen and others will finally have their chance to take advantage of the opportunity to register early for the spring 2026 semester. For this priority group, patience has been a virtue—but now there's no time like the present!

Early registration is a great way for students to get the classes they want at the times they need. It's also not too late to meet with advisors who can answer questions and make sure everything is still on track.

## Good to Know

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### Today's Men's Soccer Semifinal Match Moved to USF

Due to this week's rain and snow, the Horizon League men's soccer semifinal match between Purdue Fort Wayne and Green Bay scheduled for today at 4 p.m. has been moved from the grass field at the Hefner Soccer Complex to the synthetic playing surface at Bishop D'Arcy Stadium on the University of Saint Francis campus. The address for this location is 1598 Lindenwood Ave. Students will gain free admission if they present their student ID.

# ThanksStudentsGiving Is Tomorrow

Offering students from Purdue University Fort Wayne and Indiana University Fort Wayne a free, traditional holiday meal, PFW's annual ThanksStudentsGiving will be held Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union.

## Eventful

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*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.*

NOVEMBER

14, 15

7:30–9:30 p.m.

### Opera Ensemble Presents Hansel und Gretel

The PFW Opera Ensemble presents an abridged production of Humperdinck's Hansel und Gretel, sung in English. This beloved fairy tale opera comes to life with enchanting music, imaginative staging, and timeless themes of courage and family. Fun for all ages...

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NOVEMBER

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Tues., 11:45 a.m.–  
1:20 p.m.

### From Ramen to Riches

Go from poor college student to successful adult by learning financial wellness. Join us at 11:45 a.m. for free ramen and add-ins. Then, ProFed Credit Union presents how to dodge debt, build a budget, savings, credit, equity, and more! Followed by an interactive trivia game and a prize...

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NOVEMBER

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Tues., 6–8 p.m.

### Pop & Rock Supershow #1

Dive into the ultimate musical experience with Pop 'n' Rock Supershow! This high-energy concert will feature popular music ensembles delivering an exciting mix of classic covers and original hits, making for an unforgettable night of pop and rock entertainment. Free admission...

## Mastodon Moments

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



Scales, fur, and feathers cause a few nervous moments in the atrium at Walb Student Union on Thursday. Mark's Ark, invited by the Student Activities Board, provided an engaging, hands-on animal experience for students and staff who dared to explore their wild side.

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