

For Faculty and Staff

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Gurevich Honored with PFW Outstanding Research Award

Naomi Gurevich, an associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, has been honored as the 2025-26 recipient of the Outstanding Research Award at Purdue University Fort Wayne. She was honored during a ceremony Friday in the IDEASpace at Helmke Library.

Presented since 1999, the **Outstanding Research Award** honors a tenured, full-time faculty member for outstanding performance in the area of research, scholarly activity, or creative endeavor. The honoree must have achieved an exceptional record of contributions to the body of knowledge or creative works in his or her discipline—and must also have had great success communicating that information to a wide audience.

Gurevich was chosen for the honor by the ORA committee, which consisted of past recipients and

her peers. The award is sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs.

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Microsoft Authenticator to Replace Duo Mobile for MFA

Beginning Jan. 6, Purdue IT will adopt Microsoft multi-factor authentication for all university accounts systemwide. This will simplify the MFA process for users and eliminate the need for Duo Mobile.

All Purdue Fort Wayne students, faculty, and staff are asked to download Microsoft Authenticator and enroll with Microsoft MFA before leaving for winter break if they have not done so already.

Once the Microsoft MFA change takes place, all users will see a new login screen for local applications that are currently accessible via the Central Authentication Service, or CAS. This will also be the case for Purdue system applications including email and those protected by Purdue Single Sign-On such as SuccessFactors, Brightspace, and others.

No action is required for users who have already enrolled in Microsoft MFA with their @purdue.edu account. After the switch, but not before, users may delete Duo from their mobile devices unless it is needed for external purposes.

Click here for additional information.



Recently Formed Archery Club Moving Inside for the Winter

Proving a student can follow almost any dream at Purdue University Fort Wayne, Cadd Amsler was sharing details about his hobby with others in his Latin class one day. Amsler, a sophomore who also works as a custodian on campus, has been participating in archery for about 15 years.

As the discussion grew, Mevi McClure, a senior majoring in history, said she had always had a fascination with archery, and Cully O'Meara, another senior studying astrophysics, said he's always wanted to give it a try. Even their instructor, Damian Fleming, jumped in with his words of encouragement.

Pretty soon, PFW's Archery Club was applying to become one of 104 student organizations recognized through Student Life. Amsler is the president, Tien Price is the vice president, O'Meara serves as treasurer, and McClure as secretary.

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Good to Know

Fee Remission Submissions

Effective immediately, all spring 2026 semester fee remission forms must be emailed to **hr@pfw.edu**. To help ensure a smooth process, do not send them to Payroll or through interoffice mail.

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.

NOVEMBER

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Wed., 5–6:30 p.m.

Folklor De Mi Tierra—Latin American Dancing and Cultural Performance

Established in 2015 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Folklor De Mi Tierra are specialists in teaching, performance, and cultural empowerment, sharing Hispanic roots, customs, and culture through folklore, colors, and rhythm...

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Wed., 6–8 p.m.

Pop and Rock Supershow #2

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...

NOVEMBER

Piano Studio Recital

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

Experience a captivating recital featuring solo piano performances by students of Hamilton Tescarollo. This varied program promises an engaging mix of styles and pieces, reflecting the rich diversity of piano music and the talent of our young pianists...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

 Jacob Benson, business assistant | Facilities Administration

Transfers

- Alice Robinson, business advisor-associate | Continuing Studies
- Kaleb Waikel, associate administrative assistant | School of Music

In a Snap

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



Students from Mishawaka High School pose for a photo on Friday. They were guests of the Department of Computer Science and took part in multiple activities and a campus tour.

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