



For Faculty and Staff

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Refurbished Kettler Computer Lab Offers New Options

The start of the spring semester at Purdue University Fort Wayne will give students a chance to take advantage of a refurbished computer lab in Kettler Hall, Room 217. Paid for by student technology fees, the space includes 1,600 square feet to study, hang out, and collaborate on projects.

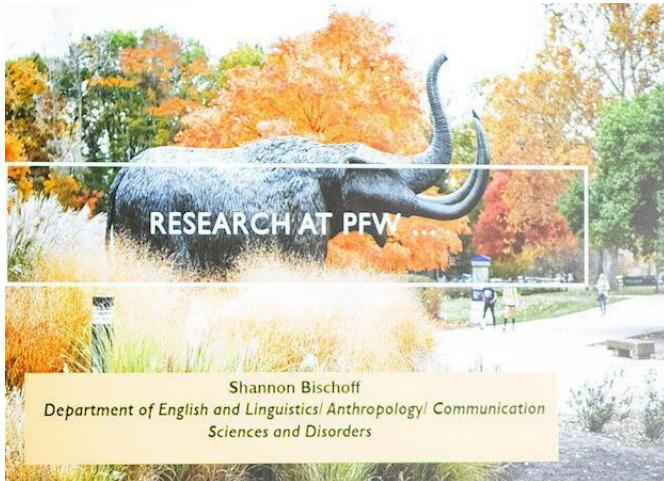
This is one of **seven open labs** available for use on campus. There are four main open labs, one specialty lab, and other computer rooms, which students can use between classes. There's also a **digital map** to check on locations and availability.

The rebuild at Kettler took nearly three years from planning to completion, with the room split into thirds between a collaborative social space, a traditional computer lab, and a bring-your-own computer area. There will be a mix of ~~12~~ Windows and Mac computers in the traditional area.

Along with updated carpeting, paint, and logos, new furniture recently arrived for the largest of PFW's seven open computer labs. Some of the tables are high-top café style.

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Bischoff Honored with Named Term Professor Designation from Purdue

An international designation one Purdue University Fort Wayne faculty member helped secure for the institution in 2025 has led to a new, prestigious title. After a thorough review of his credentials, a unanimous endorsement from four of his colleagues—distinguished and named professors in their own right—a recommendation letter from PFW Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer, and a final stamp of approval from Purdue University Provost Patrick Wolfe, Shannon Bischoff, chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, has been awarded the named term professor designation of UNESCO Chair on Rights Education among Indigenous and Non-Dominant Language Communities.

The purpose of professorships such as this is to enrich the intellectual environment of the university by attracting and retaining exceptional faculty. Selection is based on outstanding

original, creative, and productive achievements in scholarship and research that have been internationally recognized.

Bischoff, a professor of linguistics and anthropology, along with Mary Encabo Bischoff, director of the Teaching English as a New Language program, and Candace K. Galla, associate professor of Indigenous language and literacy at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, helped PFW last summer become just the 29th institution in the United States to be awarded a UNESCO Chair. There are more than 1,000 UNESCO Chairs worldwide. Purdue Fort Wayne's is the first and only in Indiana.

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New Hires

- George Blanchard, research analyst | Institutional Research
- Christian Garver, associate director of design | Enrollment Management
- Gabriel Gonzales, production manager | Communication

Transfers

- Somer Davis, business analyst advising systems | Student Information Systems
- DaVion Tate, administrative assistant | TRIO Upward Bound

Josiah Lockett, custodian | Building Services

- Tanya Soule, CELT instructional consultant/design lead | Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching
- Steven Steele, maintenance mechanic | Student Housing
- Christian Valladares | Building Services

In a Snap

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



An early riser collects warm wishes and an energizing meal Monday during the Senior Last First Day Breakfast in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. This spring semester kickoff included help with résumé reviews and Handshake software. The event was sponsored by the Career Development Center and the Division of Enrollment Management and the Student Experience.

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