



For Faculty and Staff

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## International Graduate Student Earns Prestigious Fellowship

The reason Zainab Gidado came to Purdue University Fort Wayne from Nigeria is incredibly simple, yet so complex.

"If you want to change your country, you need to step out of it sometimes to see what the rest of the world is doing," Gidado said.

Gidado, M.S. '25, fully intends to return to Nigeria, but only after completing a third PFW year working on optional practical training and her doctorate in philosophy at another university.

Under the supervision of Steve Carr, professor of communication and director of the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies in the College of Liberal Arts, Giadado is focusing on genocide,

violence prevention, social justice, human rights, and mass atrocities.

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## 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.*

JANUARY

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Sat., 7:30–9 p.m.

### Guest Artists Joseph Bognar and Nicole Lee, Piano

Nicole Lee and Joseph Bognar from Valparaiso University will present an evening of four-hand and piano duo music featuring transcriptions of music from ballets, including works by Tchaikovsky, Copland, Debussy, Gluck, and Ravel...

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JANUARY

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Tues., 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Healthy and eligible individuals are invited to donate, because the need for blood does not go away. Check the eligibility guidelines before signing up, then use the link to complete the forms and schedule an appointment...

## In a Snap

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



The All-State Honors Band spends a rare moment with instruments down while rehearsing Friday in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union before its Saturday performance at the Embassy Theatre in downtown Fort Wayne. The ensemble is a staple of the annual Indiana Music Education Association's Professional Development Conference.

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