



For Faculty and Staff

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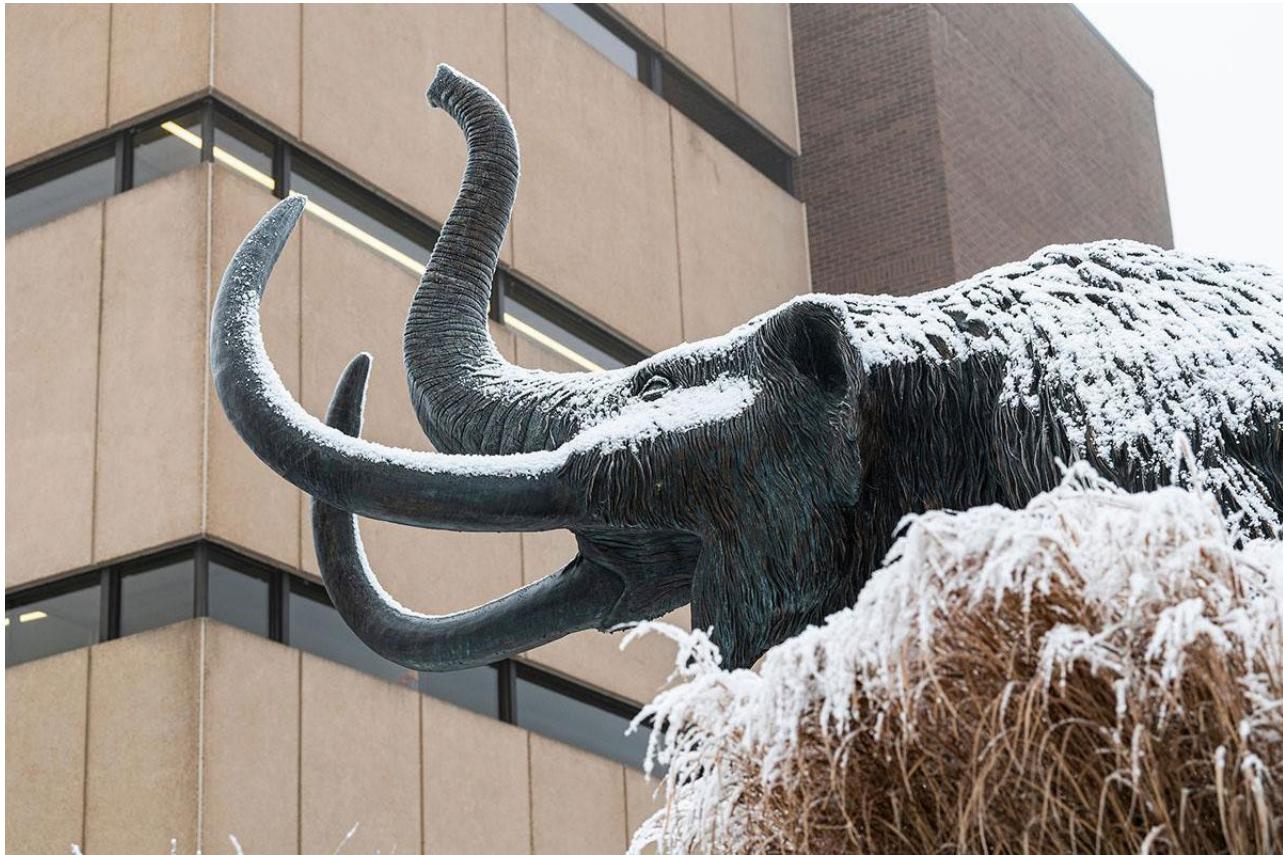
## Omnibus Returns: Melissa Proctor Tickets Available Today at 1:30 p.m.

Atlanta Hawks executive and professional sports trailblazer Melissa Proctor will be the next presenter in the Purdue University Fort Wayne Omnibus Speaker Series on Feb. 12. Proctor's dream was to become the first female coach in the NBA, but is now executive vice president and chief marketing officer for the Hawks and State Farm Arena, serving in both positions since 2016. She will step onto the Auer Performance Hall stage at 7:30 p.m. to present "From Ball Girl to CMO," the title of her 2020 biography.

Tickets will be released today at 1:30 p.m. They are free, general admission, and available on a first-come, first-served basis through the **Schatzlein Box Office** or PFW's **online ticketing platform**.

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## INSPIRE EBSCO Databases Are Back at Helmke Library

Thanks to a Lilly grant to the Indiana State Library, the full INSPIRE package of EBSCO databases has been restored. The databases that were cancelled in the summer—including Communication and Mass Media, MedLine with Full Text, and International Bibliography of Theatre and Dance—are available again in Helmke Library's [database list](#) and its resources findable in the [library catalog search](#).

In related news, be aware that in the next couple of months there will be some changes to how to log in to many library resources, including document delivery and library databases (off campus). To meet necessary security standards, the library will align its systems with others on campus. Once this update is made, when logging in to these library resources users will see the same login screen as other campus systems, such as Brightspace, go.pfw, and more. Like those systems, it will require multifactor authentication through the Duo app or a token. When this change in authentication happens, the library will post an announcement on its [website](#).

## Good to Know

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## Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

A photographer will be available Tuesday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to take complimentary professional portraits of faculty and staff. This opportunity will be located on the north end of the skybridge, which links Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

## Mastodon Campus Store Online Sale

The Mastodon Camus Store is having an online sale for all faculty, staff, and students. Shop online for course materials, school supplies, and cold weather essentials using promo code SNOW10. Stay warm, [order now](#).

## 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.*

FEBRUARY

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Tues., 4–6 p.m.

### Beavers: Landscape Architects

Celebrate World Wetlands Day at the Environmental Resources Center with Scott Bergeson, associate professor of biology. Explore how beavers, nature's architects, reshape wetland ecosystems and how their dam-building transforms landscapes, restore ecosystems, and inspires smarter conservation—one lodge at a time...

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FEBRUARY

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Thurs., 5:30–6:30  
p.m.

### Reflecting on the Declaration at 250

This panel discussion will feature faculty from the departments of History, English, and Political Science...

## In a Snap

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



Ivy Hamersley, a freshman majoring in interior design, braves the bitter cold to have some downhill fun thanks to the fresh powder that has fallen this week.

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