



## First-Year Student Secures Spots in Two Research Labs through Sheer Initiative

With a strong plan, Hayden Oliver Crowell made sure his college experience would be exceptional. By doing early research into how he wanted to, well, do research, Crowell proved his capability early during his first semester on the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus.

First off, Crowell turned down acceptance options at larger state universities because he had studied them and understood he'd likely have to wait until at least his junior or probably senior year before he could join a professor's research lab. Because large universities have limited laboratory space for expansive student bodies, graduate students and upperclassmen usually take priority after waiting years for a chance.

Crowell didn't want to wait.

After taking dual-credit courses during high school, Crowell decided to stay home and enter PFW as a sophomore to study psychology with minors in criminal justice and forensic investigations. His goal is to become a lawyer, likely specializing in environmental issues. Before ever starting a PFW class, he studied the Department of Psychology professors to learn their specialties.

"You can Google about any research a professor is doing in the department and then get a list of their labs," Crowell said. "I chose which ones looked the most interesting to me."

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FEBRUARY

20, 21, 26,

27, 28

8 p.m.

Feb. 22, 2 p.m.

### William Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew: The March for the Vote

The year is 1919 and, amidst suffrage marches in Chicago, a women's social club convenes to rehearse their production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. In the classic play, suitors compete for the hand of the demure Bianca, but her father decrees that her fiery and tempestuous sister Katherine must wed first...

FEBRUARY

27

Fri., 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

### American Heart Association CPR/AED/First Aid Certification Class

Basic Life Support is designed to teach the skills of CPR for victims of all ages, including ventilation with a barrier device, a bag-mask device, use of an automated external defibrillator, and relief of foreign body airway obstruction. The AHA Heartsaver First Aid course trains participants in first aid basics for the most common first aid emergencies...

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