

Tescarollo Remains Key Player in Promoting Marcus Legacy

It's extremely challenging to fulfill the dreams of a loved one who has passed, but how big is the struggle for someone you never met? There's little doubt Wilda "Gene" Marcus would be thrilled with what Hamilton Tescarollo has built in her name at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

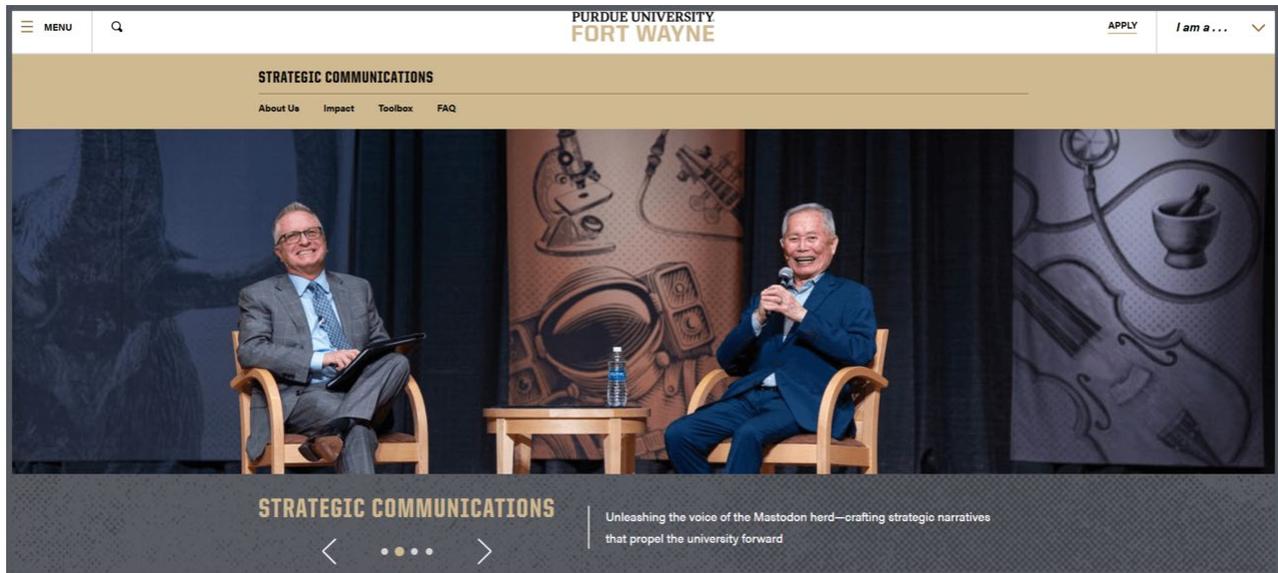
As he was being hired as the director of keyboard studies in 2007, Tescarollo was told one of his responsibilities would be building an event program to honor Marcus, a renowned piano teacher at the school from 1968 to 1986. Before passing in 2005, Marcus established an endowment with the university asking that young piano players be encouraged and offered unique opportunities to enhance their skills.

In 2012, Tescarollo established the Gene Marcus Piano Competition, held annually in January and February, and the Gene Marcus Piano [Camp and Festival](#), which takes place each June. The camp

is limited to middle and high school-aged participants, while the competition is open to devotees up to age 18 who live within a 100-mile radius of Fort Wayne.

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New Support Resources for Achieving Accessibility Standards in Drupal

The **Office of Strategic Communications** has launched updated resources and support for campus units and Drupal publishers to help them meet the new digital accessibility standards taking effect April 24. This important information is available on the **Drupal support site**, which now includes a comprehensive **Accessibility Quick Guide**.

Ensuring the accessibility of content is a shared responsibility. Departments and individual publishers are responsible for applying the standards and guidelines to their content. The Office of Strategic Communications facilitates this process by maintaining an accessible environment and providing the tools and training publishers need to meet the new standards. For a detailed outline of responsibilities and more information about the policies governing Drupal publishing, please review the **Drupal Service Level Agreement**.

The strategic communications team is committed to supporting the campus through various avenues. The office will be contacting Drupal publishers directly to provide details on:

- **Drupal Training on Accessibility:** Tailored sessions are available to enhance campus stakeholders' understanding of and ability to implement the new accessibility standards.

Updated Drupal Support Site: The site now includes an Accessibility Quick Guide and updated learning modules.

- **Microsoft Teams Office Hours:** Discuss specific questions or concerns about Drupal accessibility.

All Drupal publishers and department representatives should take advantage of these resources. The aim is to ensure that everyone, regardless of ability, can access and benefit from the published content.



PFW Pair Receives Honor at Model UN Conference

Two Purdue University Fort Wayne students were recently honored at the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago.

Matilda Radcliff and Nate Wilcox received their committee's award for Outstanding Delegation at the annual event. As part of the exercises, the group served as representatives of Ecuador to the UN General Assembly's First Committee. Traditionally, more than 1,200 students representing approximately 90 schools participate in the Chicago conference, which starts three days before Thanksgiving.

Radcliff is a junior majoring in political science, and Wilcox is a junior majoring in history.

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Sat., 9 a.m.–10 p.m.

MastodonCon

Fort Wayne has a local game convention again! MastodonCon offers students and community members a fun day of tabletop gaming events and open play space...

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Sun., 9:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.

Gene Marcus Piano Competition Finals and Winners Recital

The annual competition celebrates its 15th year and regularly attracts top your pianists from Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Finals start at 9:30 a.m. and the winners recital is at 6:30 p.m...

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Mon., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Concerto and Aria Orchestra Concert

This concert features the PFW School of Music students chosen, by competition, for an opportunity to solo with the orchestra. Student soloists featured include Braden Koble, Carter Vernon, Evan Sroufe, Christian Urizar, and Elias Washer...

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Mastodon Athletics | Jan. 30

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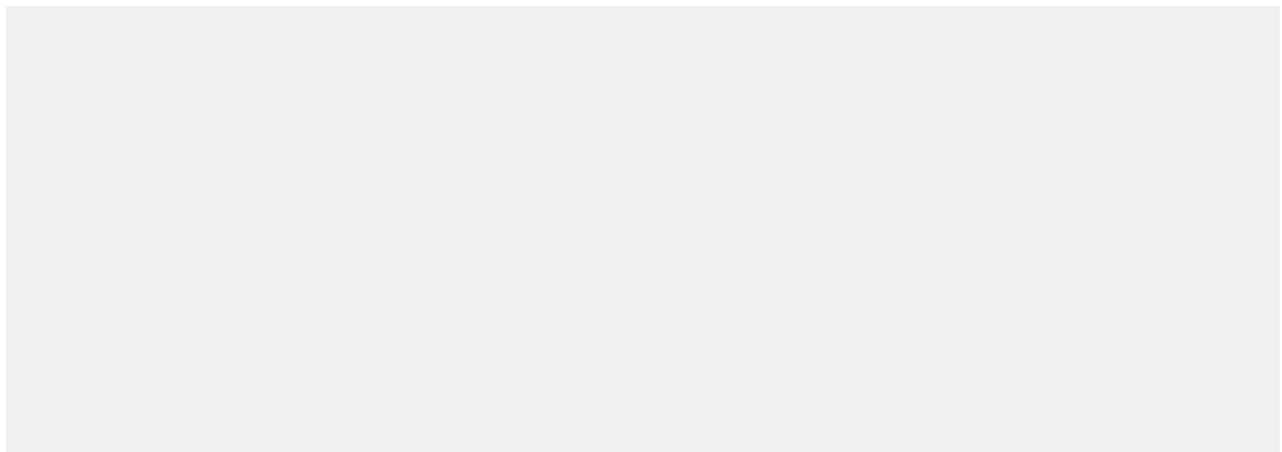
The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Jan. 30

Kids Who Care: Middle schoolers envision the cities of tomorrow

FOX 55 | Jan. 27

In a Snap

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





William Meyer and Trista Evans are recognized at center court during Saturday's basketball game at Memorial Coliseum after being crowned this year's homecoming king and queen.

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