



For Faculty and Staff

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Speech Class, Leadership Role Helps PFW Junior Find His Voice

Anyone who gets to watch Dell Kaufeld expertly and smoothly operate a game table at Saturday's MastodonCon might think this story is made up.

Though he's president of Purdue University Fort Wayne's **Tabletop RPG Club** and has worked at nationally recognized game conventions for six years, the junior describes himself as being a much different, significantly socially awkward person entering college. Even speaking before small groups was an almost impossible challenge.

"No matter how confident you are in speaking to people one-on-one, public speaking is entirely

different," Kaufeld said. "Every single time, I was physically shaking."

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Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Today

A photographer will be available today between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to take complementary 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.

From the Field

Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow this link to read the latest:

Expressions | College of Visual and Performing Arts

School of Education

In a Snap

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



Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer tosses welcome surprises to students in the form of many boxes of Girl Scout cookies during a break in Saturday's Homecoming basketball game at Memorial Coliseum.

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