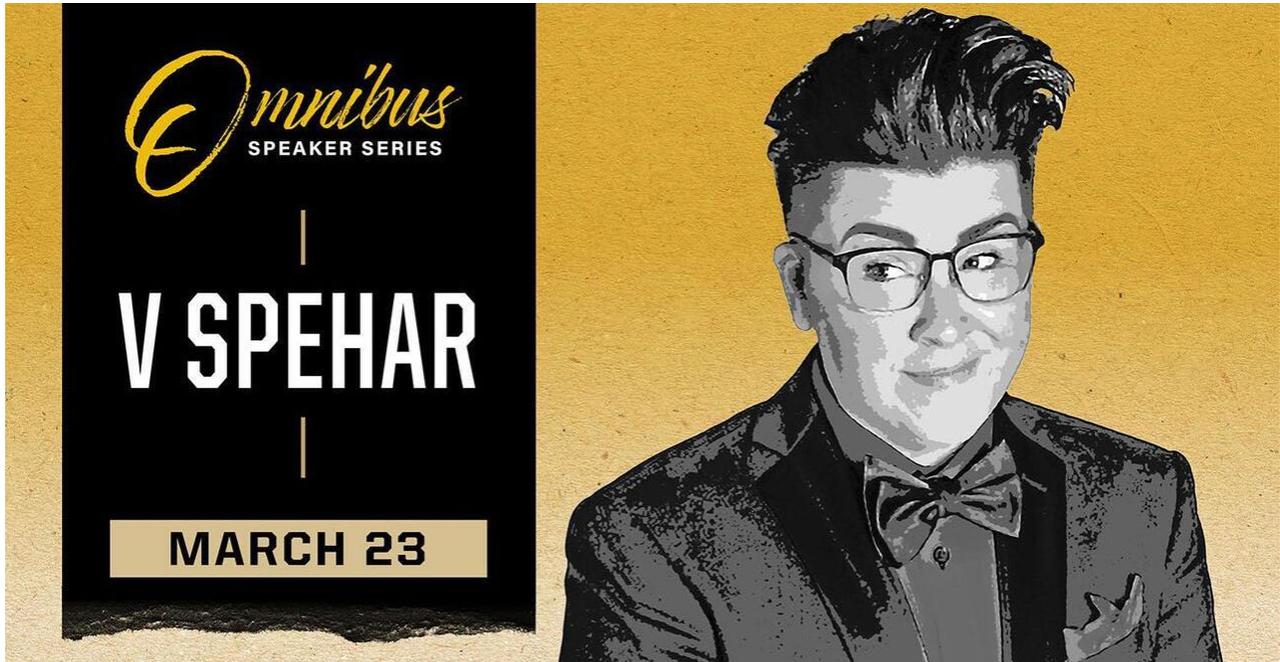




For Students

March 11, 2026



Tickets for V Spehar's PFW Omnibus Appearance Now Available

Internet personality and social media influencer V Spehar will close out the 30th Omnibus Speaker Series at Purdue University Fort Wayne on March 23. Known for "Under the Desk News," Spehar started out working in the culinary and hospitality industries. While lying under a desk during the Jan. 6 Insurrection in 2021, Spehar created a short video addressed to then-Vice President Mike Pence. The video took off, and Spehar found a niche in simply explaining current events and has gained more than 4 million followers.

Spehar will take the Auer Performance Hall stage at 7:30 p.m. to present "Sound it Out." 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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Lania Fleming, Cameron Smith, and Charles Lewis serve as club officers for The Black Coalition.

The Black Coalition, Recently Renamed, Remains Busy with New Goals

When members of Purdue University Fort Wayne's Black Student Union decided to make a change, they went big. Recognizing that the initials were not unique, the group voted to rename itself The Black Coalition and create a new Student Government Association charter and constitution. The new identity continues to reflect the group's mission as well as professional and educational goals.

But the core message behind the name remains the same, making the organization stronger because of it. The mission is still to cultivate the black experience through cultural events, meetings, collaborations, holidays, and more.

Throughout the name change process, the officers stayed busy. They **created new fashions** to raise funds, offering T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and caps featuring the new letters.

"When we came up with the idea for the new name, we were thinking about how to promote it," said sophomore Charles Lewis, TBC treasurer. "We thought clothing because everybody likes fashionable clothing, and it was a way to get people excited for the name change."

The other officers are junior Lania Fleming, president, and junior Cameron Smith, secretary. Junior Juliet Ogunniyi and freshman Brooklyn Rivera serve as social media coordinators, and there's also a panel of highly invested members providing input. The group's new theme is "One mission with various visions," and so far, interest is growing.

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Microsoft Authenticator to Replace Duo Mobile for MFA

Beginning May 29, Purdue IT will adopt Microsoft multi-factor authentication for all university accounts systemwide. This will simplify the MFA process for users and eliminate the need for Duo Mobile.

All Purdue Fort Wayne students, faculty, and staff are asked to download Microsoft Authenticator and enroll with Microsoft MFA if they have not done so already.

Once the Microsoft MFA change takes place, all users will see a new login screen for local applications that are currently accessible via the Central Authentication Service, or CAS. This will also be the case for Purdue system applications, including email and those protected by Purdue Single Sign-On such as SuccessFactors, Brightspace, and others.

No action is required for users who have already enrolled in Microsoft MFA with their @purdue.edu account. After the switch, but not before, users may delete Duo from their mobile devices unless it is needed for external purposes.

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Eventful

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.

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Mon., 9 a.m.–noon

PFW Women in Construction Day 2026—School of Polytechnic

This event will bring together students and professionals for a day of connection, inspiration, and hands-on experiences in construction management...

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Mon., 1:30–3 p.m.

Seeds of Intention

Take a break, plant something, and reflect on your own growth. By potting a small plant, students are invited to think about what they're working toward and how they're caring for themselves along the way...

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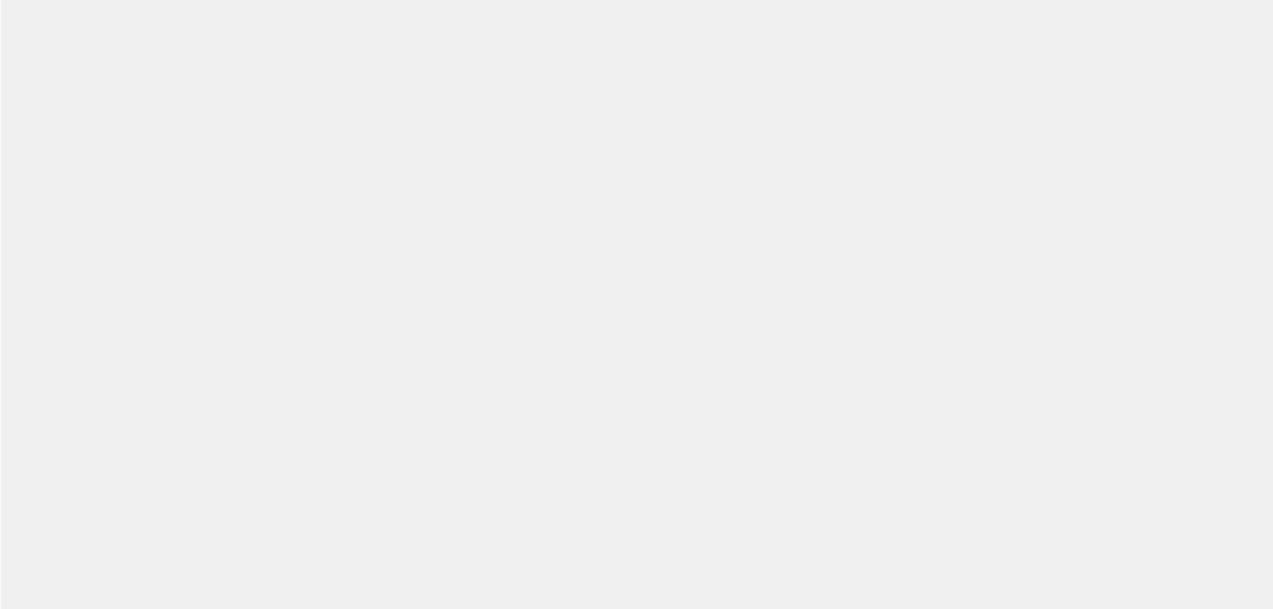
Tues., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

SAB St. Paddy's Potato Bar

Pinch us, we must be dreaming ... a loaded potato bar? Stop by Alumni Plaza to celebrate St. Paddy's Day with the Student Activities Board. Load up your potato and enjoy the festivities...

Mastodon Moments

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





It was students versus faculty on March 4 as teams prepared to face off at the College of Liberal Arts dodgeball game at the fieldhouse.

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