



PFW Graduates Open Dental Practice Near Campus

For Jason and Claire Hemphill, opening their dental practice at 4207 Hobson Court was a bit of a full-circle moment.

The office is located across the street from the Purdue University Fort Wayne campus where they met, both played volleyball, and decided to pursue careers as dentists. Jason majored in chemistry and Claire in biology. They graduated in 2007, marrying two weeks later. They were the only dental school students in their class who entered as a married couple, though a few others left four years later as spouses.

Because they always had to balance maintaining high grades in challenging majors and their volleyball careers, the Hemphills were better prepared for dental school at Indiana University in Indianapolis. As they said, they were already used to working hard and efficiently, finding time to

build and maintain their relationship. They shared the No. 1 ranking in their graduating class.

After serving as associates in local practices for 11 years, the Hemphills purchased their own shingle on Feb. 22, 2022, and have spent four years updating and refurbishing, with new equipment, carpeting, and paint. With more building plans, the business is growing, mostly through positive word of mouth, and partly through their hobby as both continue to play volleyball. They never stopped playing or making friends, and Claire also coaches the 8th grade girls at Woodside Middle School.

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Volunteers and Judges Needed for Regional Science and Engineering Fair

The 71st annual Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair, sponsored by PFW University Research and Innovation, will be held at Purdue Fort Wayne on March 21.

Up to 200 student researchers in grades K–12 from 21 counties in east and central Indiana will present their original research in science, engineering, computing, and mathematics. Top projects

in grades 4–12 will advance to the state fair in Indianapolis, where high school students compete for a chance to qualify for the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix.

The event is in need of student, staff, and faculty volunteers to assist with setup, display check, and the award ceremony. There is also a need for student and faculty judges. To sign up to be a volunteer or fair judge, **complete the Qualtrics form** or contact Matthew Perkins Coppola, fair director, at **scifair@pfw.edu**.

Good to Know

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.

Office of Development and Alumni Engagement Move Complete

The Office of Development and Alumni Engagement has officially relocated to the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center on the West Campus. All gifts and mail may now be delivered directly to the center. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Questions? Call 260-481-6962 or email **development@pfw.edu**.

Mastodon Campus Store Sale and Spring Break Hours

The **Mastodon Campus Store** is offering 30% off Champion apparel through Tuesday (March 3). Spring break hours the week of March 9 will be Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

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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PFW Bands Concert III

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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

This evening will feature the bands in collaboration with the Fort Wayne Children's Choir performing "A Silence Haunts Me," a setting by Jake Runestad of Beethoven's "Heiligenstadt Testament." The concert will include works by Giroux, Turina, and Percy Grainger's monumental "Lincolnshire Posy"...

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Thurs., 6–8 p.m.

Ken Burns' "The American Revolution" Screening and Discussion

Join PBS Fort Wayne and the College of Liberal Arts U.S. 250th Anniversary Celebration Programming committee for an excerpt of Ken Burns' "The American Revolution," featuring a post-screening Q&A with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Kathleen DuVal. Free and open to the public...

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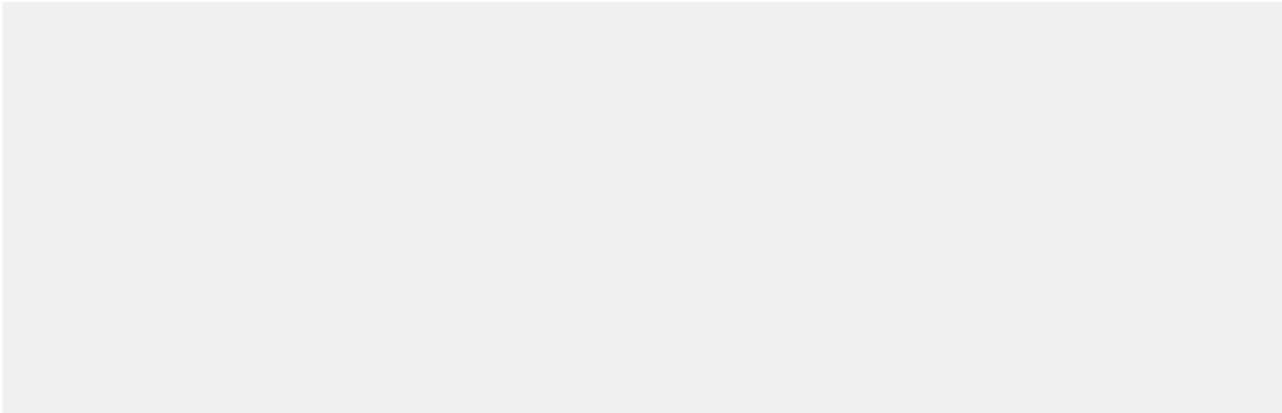
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Faculty Recital: Matthew Giallongo with Guest Artist Ellen Boll, Piano

This faculty recital features PFW faculty member Matt Giallongo. "Songs of the Night and Sea" will explore works by Fauré, Larsen, and Granero. With guest artist Ellen Boll at the piano, this program travels through nocturnal scenes, ocean imagery, and the emotional colors they inspire...

In a Snap

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At Friday's premiere of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew: The March for the Vote," Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer and Provost Carl Drummond surprised director and VPA Dean John O'Connell (right) with a major announcement. In honor of his upcoming retirement, the performance space has been officially renamed the John O'Connell Stage inside the Williams Theatre building.

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