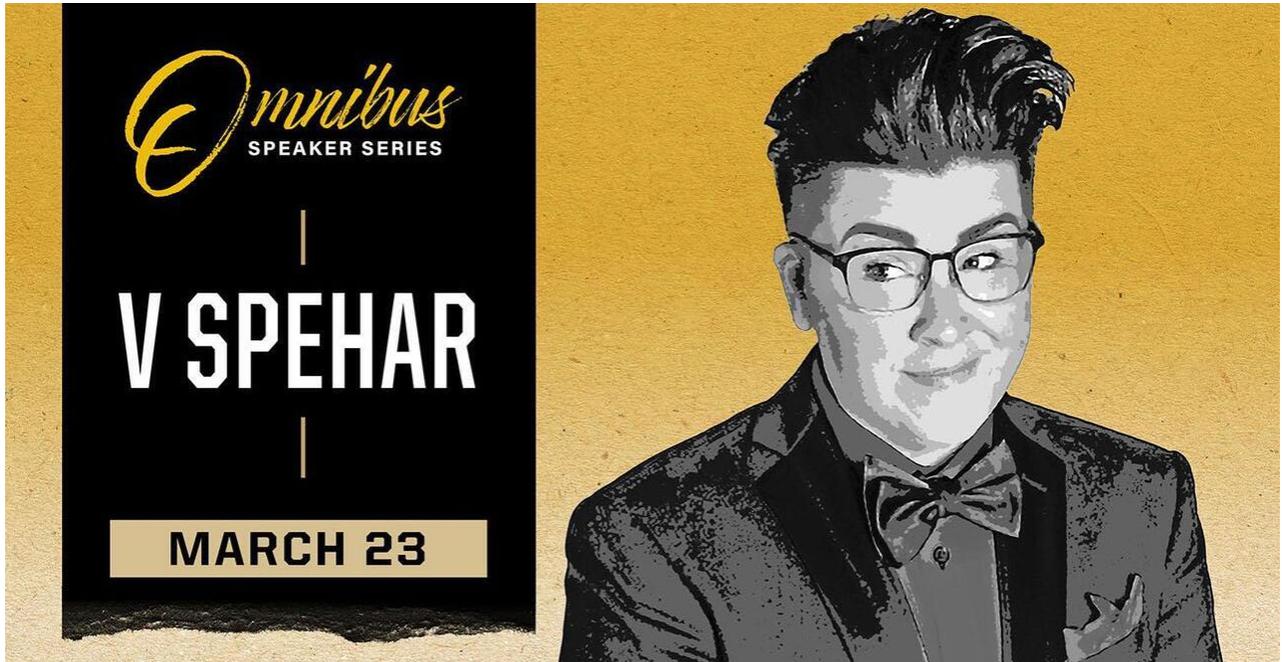


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For Faculty and Staff

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Tickets for V Spehar's PFW Omnibus Appearance Go on Sale This Afternoon

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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Supporting Students Through Mid-Semester Stress: When to Contact the CARE Team

Spring break marks the mid-point of the semester. This can lead students to feel overwhelmed or stressed by tests and exams, papers, assignments, and projects due. If behavior is observed that feels concerning, worrying, or alarming, trust those instincts and report it.

The CARE Team can assist the student of concern and, in some cases, provide suggestions for direct assistance.

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Center for Healthy Living's Cologuard Campaign Simplifies and Promotes Easy Access to Colon Cancer Screening

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, and the Center for Healthy Living has again

partnered with Cologuard to make colon cancer screening easier and more accessible for Purdue employees and their covered spouses.

Cologuard is designed for individuals at average risk for colorectal cancer. It is not recommended for those younger than 45 or older than 85; have a personal or family history of colon cancer; have a history of inflammatory bowel conditions such as IBD, IBS, Crohn's disease, or ulcerative colitis; have a history of colon polyps; have completed a Cologuard test within the past three years; or have had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years.

Eligible individuals can contact CHL to schedule an appointment and arrange for a Cologuard screening kit to be delivered to their home.

For more information about the Cologuard campaign, see the [recent article in Purdue Today](#), which outlines the screening process and provides additional information, or visit [Purdue's website](#).

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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Good to Know

RSVP by Thursday for the Employee Recognition Reception

The annual Employee Recognition Reception will be held March 26 in the International Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Doors open at 4 p.m., with the formal program beginning at 4:30. The event will honor employees who have reached service milestones, recent retirees, and the latest winners of the APSAC and CSSAC Excellence Awards. Guests can enjoy a selection of hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

RSVP by Thursday via the **registration portal**.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Joanna Moreno, custodian | Building Services
- Isaac Smith, custodian | Building Services
- Jamir Whitt, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- Samantha Rolf, field and licensing coordinator | School of Education

From the Field

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

News Brief | Environmental Resources Center

In a Snap

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



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

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