



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 Oggunniyl 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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## Purdue Fort Wayne Celebrates Thrive Week 2026 with Anchor Wellbeing Summit

Purdue Fort Wayne invites the campus community to Thrive Week 2026, a week-long celebration of health and connection taking place March 16–20. The main event on Thursday, the **Wellbeing Summit**, will act as a hub for promoting physical, emotional, and social wellness.

The summit offers a variety of interactive experiences aimed at promoting a culture of holistic health:

- Vendor Fair and Demonstrations: Explore mental health and self-care resources.
- Wellness Services: Hands-on offerings such as massage and facials.
- Giveaways and Employee Incentives: Employees who complete a brief survey will receive a free Thrive Week T-shirt and a chance to win Fort Wayne TinCaps tickets.
- Community Brunch: A brunch will be served where everyone is encouraged to sit together, introduce themselves to someone new, and share a table.

Throughout the week, PFW and IUFW employees can enjoy **free access to the fitness center**.

For details about daily Thrive Week events, check out the **PFW events calendar**.

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