



## First-Year Education Majors' Efforts Impress Local School Corporation

With more than 15 representatives from Fort Wayne Community Schools and another 10 from their School of Education watching intently, 28 future teachers from Purdue University Fort Wayne marched to the front of the room and assertively and cheerfully stated why they had chosen this profession and were so excited about it.

They were impressive and determined—especially noteworthy considering they were almost all first-semester freshmen.

That's the transformative effect of the new Exploring Education class the offered by the SOE this semester. A few students even decided to become teachers after the general ed elective course started. No one dropped out, and everyone was empowered by what they learned during four

weeks each at FWCS schools Bunche Montessori, Levan Scott Academy, Shawnee Middle School, and Snider High School.

“The first day that I met them, I could tell they were just eager to see what the world of education is about in action,” said Ashlie Simpson, principal at Levan Scott Academy. “It’s one thing to be in the classroom to learn about it, but another thing to see it in action. I could just tell they were really fearless and ready to be part of the work.”

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FACULTY AND STAFF**



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## Women's National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game Is Today

Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball will host a second-round game in the postseason WNIT today at 7 p.m. in the Gates Sports Center. The Mastodons will face off against South Alabama.

Faculty and staff may claim one free upper-level ticket, with a valid ID, by visiting the PFW Athletics Ticket Office.

Students in grades K–12 receive free admission, so bring family, friends, and young Mastodon fans for an exciting night of basketball! Kids' tickets can be claimed at the Athletics Ticket Office.

## Goals Management and Annual Review Timeline

Purdue University uses annual performance reviews in SuccessFactors to drive staff achievement and service excellence. These evaluations measure progress against individual goals and three core university-wide competencies: job performance, professional development, and culture/values.

The 2025-26 performance management timeline is outlined in [this table](#).

Questions should be directed to [hr@pfw.edu](mailto:hr@pfw.edu) or 260-481-6840.

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## Eventful

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*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.*

MARCH

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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

### Spring Vocal Division Showcase: Anti-Love Songs

Join PFW voice students for an evening of music that explores the other side of love—the breakups, the near-misses, the disappointments, and the romances that never quite bloom. A month after Valentine's Day, come enjoy a program that reminds us it's not always roses and chocolates...

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MARCH

### Mid-America Guitar Ensemble Festival Opening Concert

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Fri., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Please join us for the opening concert of the Mid-America Guitar Ensemble Festival 2026. This concert will feature classical guitar ensembles from the Midwest region...

MARCH

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Sat, 3–5 p.m.

## R.U.R. Rossum's Universal Robots

A special play reading performance of Karel Capek's pioneering sci-fi fable about artificial intelligence, automation, and humanity. With AI and the Arts creative talkback immediately following the performance...

## On the Job

*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### Transfers

- Jacob Pettibone, maintenance mechanic | Operations and Maintenance

## In a Snap

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



The PFW Center for Student Counseling was one of many tables at the Wellbeing Summit, the anchor event of Thrive Week—a campus-wide celebration of health, connection, and community. It featured a vendor fair, interactive demonstrations, giveaways, brunch, and hands-on experiences, a custom T-shirt, and even free plants, all designed to support physical, emotional, and social wellbeing.

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