



Horizon League Honors Mastodon Men's Golf with Bobby Fong Award

The Horizon League announced on Monday that the Purdue Fort Wayne men's golf team earned the league's Bobby Fong Award.

The league annually awards the Bobby Fong Award to one current Horizon League student-athlete or team since 2016. Named for the late Bobby Fong, who served on the Horizon League Board of Directors from 2001 to 2011, the award encompasses the league's core values of integrity, respect, and stewardship. Fong's decade as the president of Butler University was marked by a new core curriculum and improved campus-community relationships. Under his watch, Butler sustained an athletic program distinguished by its balance between academic achievement and competitive balance.

The Mastodons have been involved in several volunteer opportunities this year, including the DuPont Hospital Love Light Shine Bright, Coats for Kids, DSANI Buddy Walk, and the Purdue Fort Wayne Fitness Day. Brock Reschly and Nick Bellush have worked in the Mastodon athletics department, and Reschly served on the #HLSAAC messaging cabinet.

The team's involvement in the community this year was encapsulated no better than when AJ Agnew and Landon Smith rescued a Fort Wayne man from his car that had careened into a pond. The duo was honored by the Fort Wayne Fire Department's Fire Chief Recognition Awards and coins from Mayor Sharon Tucker's office.

The men's golf team had a 3.35 team GPA in the fall and has had the highest GPA in the Purdue Fort Wayne athletic department in the past five years.

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Eden Bailey shares a poem at a public reading before an audience of his peers.

Writers Go Off-Book during Student Reading Sessions

Public speaking is always a big challenge, but when you're reading a story or poem you created, the anxiety doubles. "Will the crowd react the way I want them to? Will they like it? Will they understand the message? Am I any good at this?"

But the only way to move past those doubts is to keep reading aloud in public until it becomes second nature, which is one reason Curtis Crisler, a professor in the Department of English, holds public readings/open mic sessions near the end of each semester. It also reminds Crisler of his own days as a Mastodon student, when public readings served as a way for young writers to showcase their work and encourage one another.

"If you're representing your own thing, don't you want them to get the best representation out there?" Crisler asked a small audience during a reading in November. "And since they are your words, you can represent them the best."

Writers get 10 minutes during lunch break in Walb Student Union, Room G21, to present samples of their work, which can include poems, a manuscript chapter, or any form of creative writing. There's no microphone, but it takes courage to share.

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University to Swear In Rick Wiegmann as New Chief of Police on Friday

The campus community is invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony for Purdue Fort Wayne's new Chief of Police, Rick Wiegmann, on Friday at 3:30 p.m. in Kettler Hall, Room 154 (faculty/staff lounge). Wiegmann has served the university for more than 16 years, most recently as interim chief, demonstrating a strong commitment to the safety and wellbeing our the Mastodon community.

This is an opportunity to welcome Chief Wiegmann, offer congratulations, connect with campus leadership, and celebrate this important moment for the university.

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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Wed., noon–1:15 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Challenges and Triumphs of AAPI in Our Community

To recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, five panelists from Pakistan, Laos, China, Japan, and Myanmar will discuss their journeys and cultures...

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Wed., 7:30–9 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble Studio Recital

This program will feature a wide array of musical styles showcasing students from our School of Music guitar studios, directed by Prof. Laura Lydy...

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Fri. & Sat., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Love, Tricks, and Trouble: An Evening of Opera Scenes

Join the PFW Opera Ensemble for an entertaining evening of famous, fabulous, and unforgettable songs from a variety of composers about the highs and lows of romantic love...

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Chancellor Ron Elsenbaumer was the featured speaker at the Purdue University Board of Trustees meeting that was held on campus last Friday. His presentation included updates on curriculum enhancements, regional workforce needs, enrollment challenges, reputation and recognition, and student engagement opportunities. He also reported on campus construction projects that will wrap up this summer, including the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Building and the Trace student apartment complex, as well as a new, donor-funded art gallery expected to break ground this summer. Chancellor Elsenbaumer also recognized and thanked Vice Chancellor Jerry Lewis and Dean John O'Connell, both of whom are retiring at the end of this semester.

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