



PFW Helps Fire up Student's Dream of Becoming a Lawyer

"Go sit back down, kid," the receptionist told my 7-year-old self with a smirk. My jaw clenched and my face grew hot. So many thoughts were going through my head as I slowly glanced at my father, who spoke no English and looked at me, confused by the situation. I felt helpless. I was there for one main reason: to interpret during the family's government assistance appointment. Yet I was denied."

That moment sparked Mansan Kiim's desire to help fight the wrongs of a system that hurts immigrants.

Purdue University Fort Wayne helped turn that spark into a raging fire.

Kim, a senior majoring in human services, described the embarrassing incident in a three-page

essay she's submitting with law school applications. How many people can point to something that happened when they were 7 years old that changed their life forever—something that has built into the intensity of determination that attending PFW has only refined?

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Day of Giving Is Less Than Two Weeks Away!

Purdue University Fort Wayne's annual Day of Giving on April 29 is about encouraging experiences and creating opportunities in and out of the classroom. To illustrate why this effort is important, a majority of the more than 55,000 alumni in the Mastodon Alumni Community live and work in Indiana, contributing significantly to the state's economy, vitality, and intellectual strength.

In 13 days, friends from across the country and around the globe will be able to do their part to keep the momentum going so Purdue Fort Wayne students can continue to accomplish big things on campus, in Fort Wayne, and beyond. Throughout the 24-hour event, visit dayofgiving.pfw.edu for updates and to make a donation.



Step into History: America 250 Time Machine

Join us on Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union for the America 250 Time Machine. Experience interactive exhibits, live readings of historic texts such as the Declaration of Independence and Common Sense, and hands-on activities, including colonial games, costuming, and a Revolutionary War soldier exhibit.

Hosted in partnership with campus partners, Historic Fort Wayne, and other community organizations, this immersive event brings the founding of the United States to life.

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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.

APRIL
17, 18, 23,
24, 25
8 p.m.
April 19, 2 p.m.

The Spitfire Grill

This heartwarming musical follows the mysterious, young Percy Talbott to Gilead, Wisconsin—a town she chose from a picture in a travel book—where she hopes to begin a new life after a recent incarceration. There, she finds a new job and community at the local restaurant, the Spitfire Grill, where she helps the entire town rediscover their sense of human kindness...

APRIL
19
Sun., noon–5 p.m.

Earth Day Fort Wayne

As Earth Day Fort Wayne has grown, it's moving to the Waterfield Environmental Resources Center at Purdue Fort Wayne. Whether planting native species, learning about wetlands, or enjoying a walk along the river, Earth Day Fort Wayne is a place to explore, learn, and make a difference in your community...

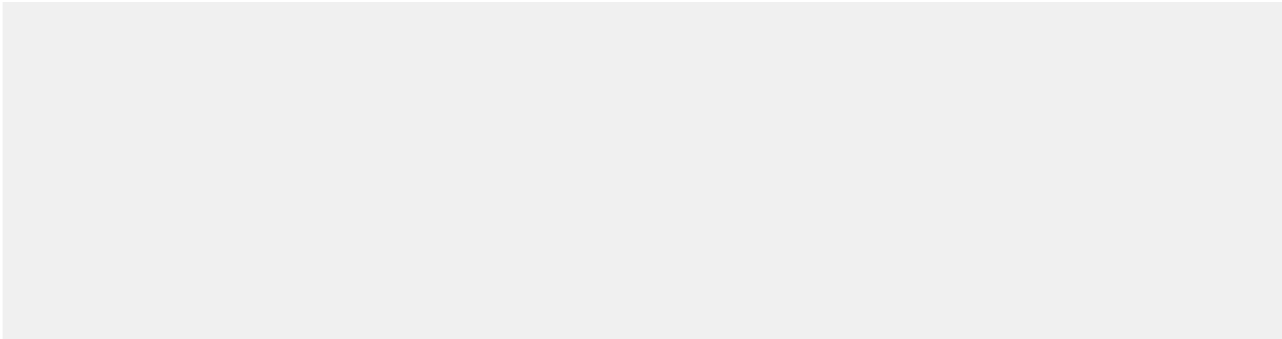
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Tues., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

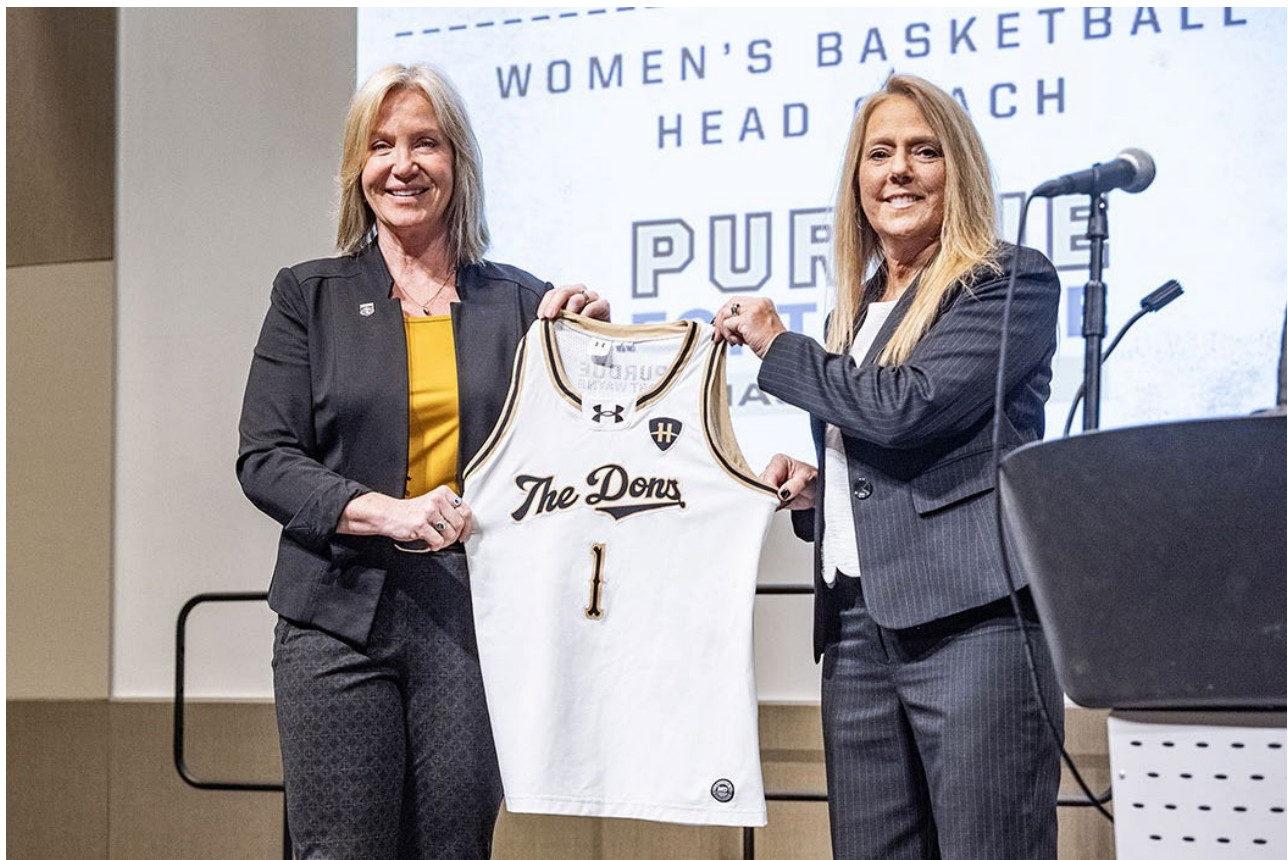
Orchestra Final Concert

Hamilton Tescarollo, director of keyboard studies, will perform the Second Piano Concerto of Camille Saint-Saëns. Vocal faculty member Ashlee Bickley McCrory will sing Elgar's *Sea Pictures* with the orchestra.

In a Snap

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





Athletic Director Kelley Hartley Hutton presents a jersey to **Kate Peterson Abiad**, who was officially introduced as the Purdue Fort Wayne women's basketball head coach during a press conference on Wednesday at Walb Student Union.

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