



Nontraditional Student Finds New Purpose, Career Excitement at PFW

Though Mr. Rogers always taught valuable life lessons, sometimes it takes years for them to truly take hold.

The late children's program personality once said, "You don't ever have to do anything sensational for people to love you." In other words, everyone deserves to be loved simply for being themselves.

"When you let go of having to do something incredible, you start seeing all the things where you can make a difference around you," said Zach Andrews, Purdue University Fort Wayne graduate student.

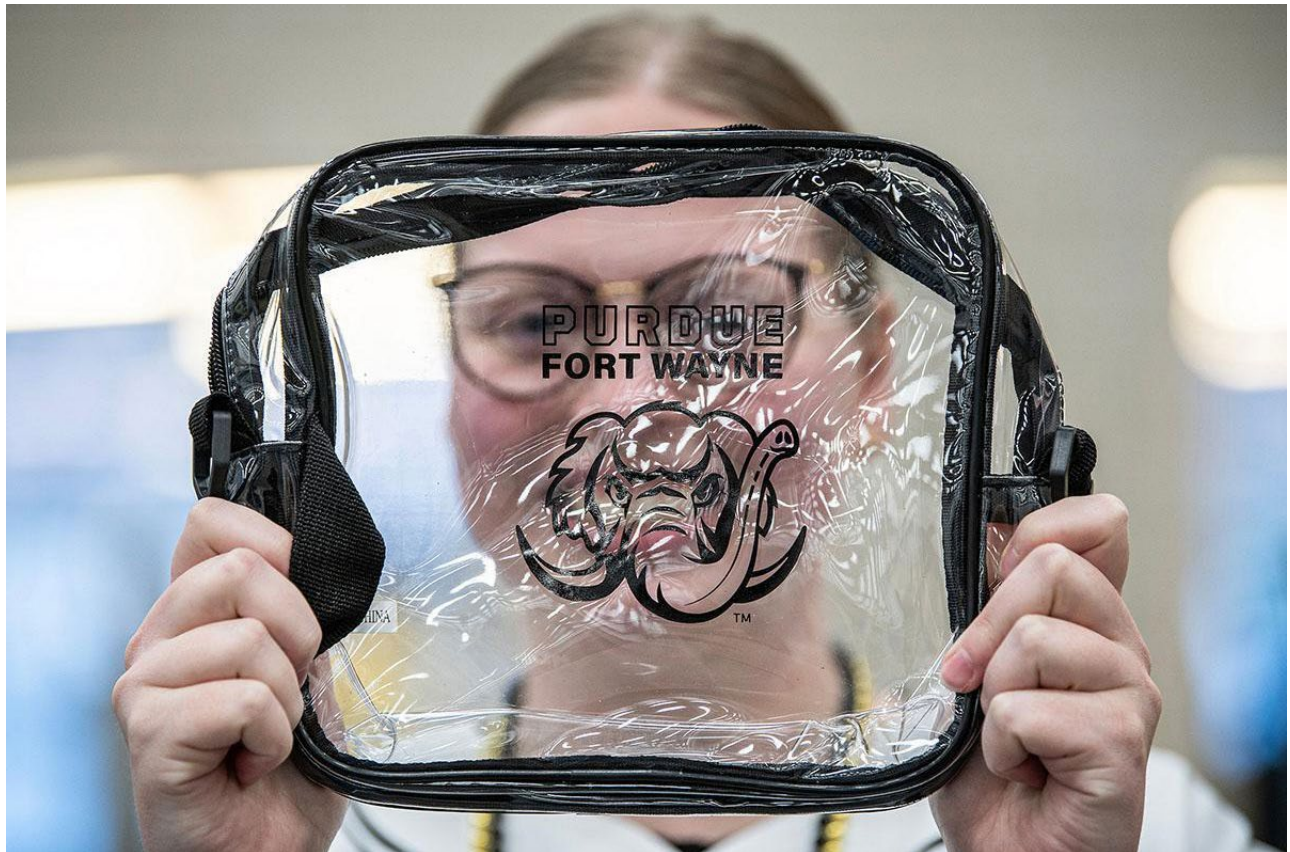
Andrews, 30, has seen his life change over the last 10 years as he continues to find ways to make a difference for others. While studying creative writing at the Savannah College of Art and Design, he met his future wife, Esther, during his senior year. They moved to New York City for work, but eventually burned out and decided to come to Fort Wayne, her hometown.

Checking out PFW's class catalog led to taking a linguistics class taught by Shannon Bischoff, chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and professor of linguistics. As Andrews said, it felt like being grabbed by gravitational forces.

"Shannon Bischoff pulled the curtain off of language, and said, 'This is what we don't know about language,'" Andrews said. "I had no idea this is what I was going to learn, but it was exactly what I needed to learn. I'm obsessed with learning, and studying how language works and doesn't work is incredible."

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Spring Closet Clean Out—Stop by Today for Free PFW Swag

The Student Activities Board invites all staff and faculty to its annual Spring Closet Clean Out. This

is a great opportunity to refresh your wardrobe and pick up some free PFW gear!

Date: TODAY (April 28)

Students: 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Faculty and staff: 1–2 p.m.

Overlapping times were intentionally scheduled to ensure everyone can stop by, browse, and grab some PFW swag. Everything is first-come, first-served, so be sure to arrive early for the best selection.



Dorothy and Paul Shaffer Fine Arts Gallery Groundbreaking and Reception

Members of the campus community are invited to a groundbreaking ceremony and reception for the Dorothy and Paul Shaffer Fine Arts Gallery on May 7 at 10 a.m.

Held at the Visual Arts Building, this event will mark an exciting new chapter for the arts in our community. Admission is free for everyone, and we invite you to stay for a reception following the ceremony to celebrate this milestone.

PFW to End Direct Billing of Reservations at Holiday Inn

Purdue Fort Wayne is ending its direct billing process with Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne on Paul

Shaffer Drive, effective with transient guest reservations beginning on or after July 1. This change means that guests of university departments will then need to make and pay for their own reservations.

If guests are eligible for lodging reimbursement, they must submit their folios showing payment and no balance due to their host department. The host department may submit a reimbursement request using the normal procedures for prospective employee or personal reimbursements.

Accounting and Budget will work with Holiday Inn to develop a mutually acceptable procedure for communicating the PFW room rate to our guests. Once the procedure is in place, it will be communicated to all departments.

Questions and comments about this topic may be sent to acctsvcs@pfw.edu.

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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Thurs., 7:30–9 p.m.

PFW Bands Concert IV: Cornerstones

This concert will feature cornerstone works for wind band, including Jonathan Young performing Stravinsky's Concerto for Piano and Wind Instruments, Holst's First Suite, Armenian Dances, and Hindemith's Symphony in Bb...

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Fri., noon–3 p.m.

Biology Senior Seminar Poster Symposium

Biology seniors have been hard at work this semester—in the classroom, in the lab, and in the field. See what they've been working on. They'd love to share their work with you...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Jill Dunkel, business analyst registrar | Student Information Systems

In a Snap

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



Don himself was compelled to pick out a favorite creation at the Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Thursday. The annual project, sponsored by the Department of Art and Design, raises money for The Pantry at Purdue Fort Wayne and the student Ceramics Club.

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