



## Day of Giving a Resounding Success: Over \$1.5 Million Raised

Purdue Fort Wayne's annual Day of Giving drew strong community support, raising a record-breaking \$1,505,909 from 1,137 donations by midnight. This initiative, highlighting the university's "Big Give" fundraising effort, continues to directly benefit student success through increased donations from alumni and supporters.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our Mastodon community, we witnessed the incredible power of coming together for our students.

A special thank you to all of the support staff, social media wizzes, student workers, and leadership who leveraged their time and talent to promote the Big Give. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!

**Click here** to see additional results posted on this year's challenge and leaderboard pages.

For questions regarding the Day of Giving or how to get involved next year, email Av Gehlhausen

at [av.gehlhausen@pfw.edu](mailto:av.gehlhausen@pfw.edu).

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## Outside Opportunity Leads to Massive College of Science Project

Whenever faculty in the Purdue University College of Science get the chance to push students outside the classroom, they seize it. Still, waiting will be a key part of a massive collaboration PFW is starting with Michelin North America's BF Goodrich Plant, located at 18906 Old 24 E. Rd.

Opened in 1961, the 1.9 million-square-foot factory employs around 1,500 people to produce car and light truck tires. The factory is located on 40 acres of a 500-acre property near Woodburn, which is where PFW is getting involved.

Factory representatives recently reached out to Sean Ryan, PFW's director of the **Office of Engagement**, who helps local businesses interact with university resources. In this instance, BF Goodrich wanted more information about the site's potential ecological opportunities, so Ryan connected them with Bruce Kingsbury, director of the university's **Waterfield Environmental Resources Center** in the College of Science. One of the university's 15 **Centers of Excellence**, the ERC is dedicated to promoting the understanding and conservation of the region's natural resources through scientific research and educational programs.

In an attempt to become more environmentally responsible, Michelin North America has proposed a three-phase project at the plant, which it hopes to complete by 2034. Many areas of the College of Science will be involved in the first and third phases.

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## Celebrating Excellence at Purdue Fort Wayne

On April 24, Purdue Fort Wayne honored its 2026 Exemplar, Top 50, and the inaugural Top 10 Graduate Student recipients for their remarkable accomplishments and community impact. Click the link to watch "You are Becoming..." and join us in celebrating their exceptional journeys.

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## In-Person Appointments Available at the Center for Healthy Living

While One to One continues its search for a permanent practitioner for the Center for Healthy Living at PFW, a visiting provider has been secured to offer in-person appointments a few days per month.

A nurse practitioner will be available on May 11, 12, 18, 19, and 20.

Please note that walk-ins cannot be accommodated. However, in-person appointments will be available on the dates listed above.

## Good to Know

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### Faculty and Staff Portrait Session Scheduled for Tuesday

A photographer will be available Tuesday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to take complimentary professional portraits of faculty and staff. This opportunity will be located on the north end of the skybridge, which links Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

## 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.

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Fri., 7–11 p.m.

## Spielfreaks Campus-Community Tabletop Board Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more. You'll find an eager crowd ready to play your favorites and teach whatever you want to learn...

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Fri., 7:30–9:30 p.m.

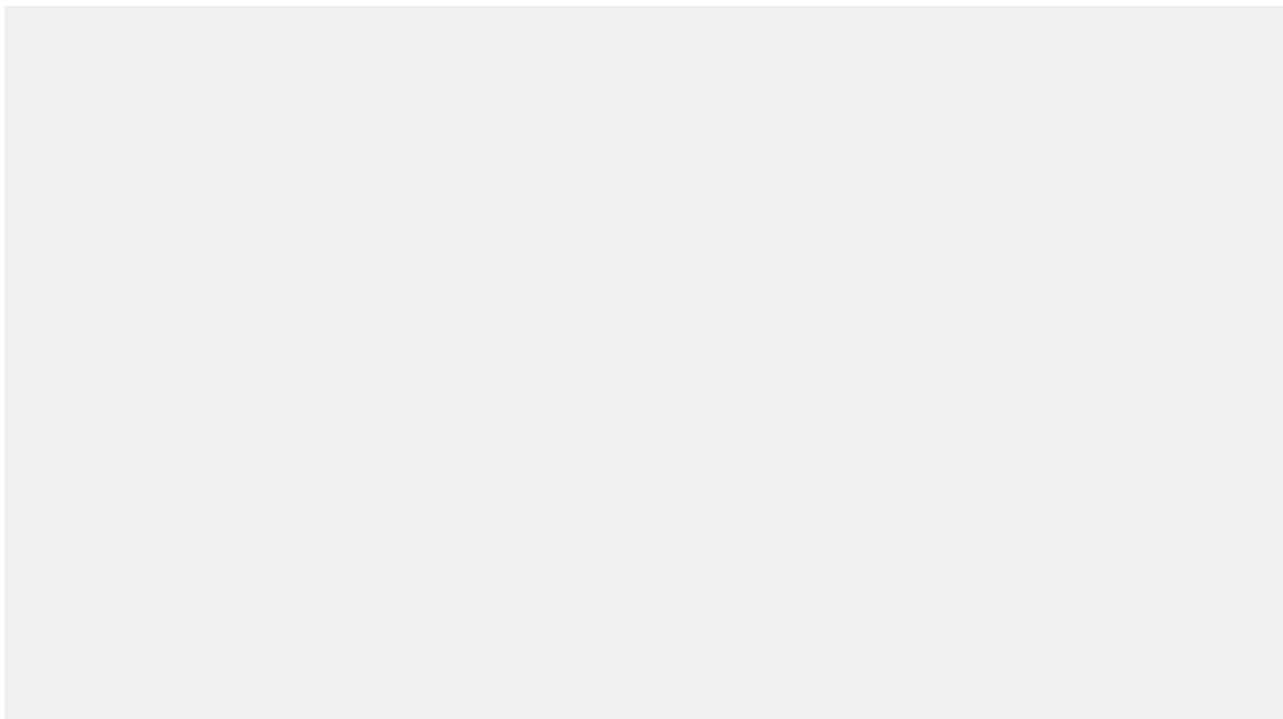
## From Sea to Shining Sea: Choral Music of the United States

Celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary with From Sea to Shining Sea: Choral Music of the United States, featuring the Purdue Fort Wayne Chamber Treble Singers, Choral Union, and University Singers. Showcasing the breadth of American choral traditions, the program honors the diverse voices that shape our national story...

## In a Snap

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





Representatives of the Bangladesh Student Organization displayed some handmade items at the annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Fest on April 22.

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