



## PFW Honors Top 50, Top 10 Graduate Students, Exemplars

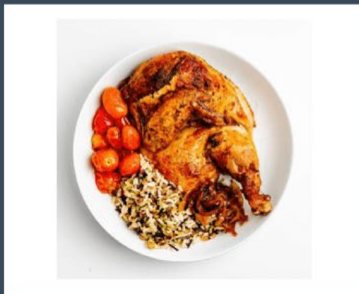
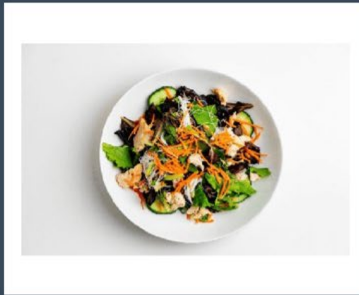
Purdue University Fort Wayne has chosen this year's Top 50 students—undergraduate juniors and seniors who have demonstrated strong academic achievement, leadership, and service—and introduced a new honor: the Top 10 graduate students, celebrated for their exceptional academic performance and dedication to their field of study.

The university also celebrates its Exemplars, selected by their colleges and schools for achieving the highest levels of excellence in their disciplines and for making meaningful contributions through leadership and service.

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees for this well-deserved recognition—their hard work and impact make a difference across the Purdue Fort Wayne community.

VIEW THE HONOREES

Share the story:



## PFW Sampling Food Options at Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus

Purdue University Fort Wayne students living in Student Housing on the Waterfield Campus will soon have new meal options close to home. The Crave will open soon at Cole Clubhouse in the evenings, offering students a variety of cuisines, according to Marcus Weemes, executive director of Housing and Dining Services.

“There will be three options that will be served,” Weemes said. “It could have a burger menu, a Mediterranean option, or a ramen station. And then each month we will replace one option with something different so that there’s a variety and to keep things fresh.”

The rotations may feature options like pizza, Italian, barbecue, or Mexican. Vegetarian and vegan options will also be available.

Plans for The Crave started more than a year ago, and the Purdue Board of Trustees approved the contract in December. Construction has already begun. The plan, Weemes said, is to launch a soft open right before the spring semester ends so the operation will be fully prepared and operational when the fall semester begins.

The proposed hours would be from 4 p.m. to 10 or 11 p.m. The Crave is part of a national restaurant chain and will be run by Fresh Ideas, PFW's dining services provider, similar to Einstein Bros. Bagels in Kettler Hall. This also provides opportunities for student employment.

READ MORE

Share the story:



## 2026 ETCS Innovation Summit Set for April 17

Get ready to be inspired. The entire PFW campus and Fort Wayne community are invited to attend the 2026 ETCS Innovation Summit on April 17 in the Classic Ballroom at Walb Student Union. Students from the College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science will showcase their innovation, creativity, research, and problem-solving talents across a wide range of disciplines.

From 1 to 3 p.m., attendees can explore projects, engage with the presenters, and cast three votes for their favorites. Then they can stay for the awards presentation from 3 to 3:30, where the outstanding innovators will be recognized.

All visitors, including students, family members, community members, faculty, and staff, are eligible to vote.

## 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

9, 10

Thurs. & Fri.,  
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

### Ceramics Club Spring 2026 Pottery Sale

Spring is in the air, and it's a beautiful time to visit the Helmke Library and find the perfect gifts for Mother's Day, graduation, and more! There is a wide variety of ceramic works to choose from, created by students and faculty during the academic year...

---

APRIL

9

Thurs., 7:30–9 p.m.

## Piano Studio Recital

A program of varied piano music featuring the students of Hamilton Tescarollo. Free admission...

## On the Job

---

*Check out the new faces in new places.*

### New Hires

- Emily Eidson, admissions counselor | Admissions
- Aubree Kuhns, admissions counselor | Admissions
- Catherine Maurer, administrative assistant | Teacher Education
- Ana Ramirez, custodian | Building Services
- Franyelis Romero, custodian | Building Services
- Adela Sipaque, custodian | Building Services
- Charles Washington, custodian | Building Services

## From the Field

---

*Several colleges, departments, and programs at PFW publish e-newsletters. Follow these links to read the latest:*

**Expressions** | College of Visual and Performing Arts

**SOE Newsletter** | School of Education

## In a Snap

---

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



The 2026 Undergraduate History Conference was held in the Helmke IDEASpace at Helmke Library on March 28. Eleven students shared the fruits of their research to a packed room on topics such as colonialism, cultural Identity, political perceptions, race, and gender.

News Center



Inside PFW Archive



Athletics



Ripples



*Inside PFW* is an official university communication for faculty and staff. All submissions should be sent to [inside@pfw.edu](mailto:inside@pfw.edu) no later than 2 p.m. on the day prior to the next edition to be considered for inclusion. Newsletter guidelines are available in the PFW **News Center**.

*Inside PFW* is produced twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday by the Office of Communications and Marketing. *Inside PFW Special Edition* is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
**FORT WAYNE**

