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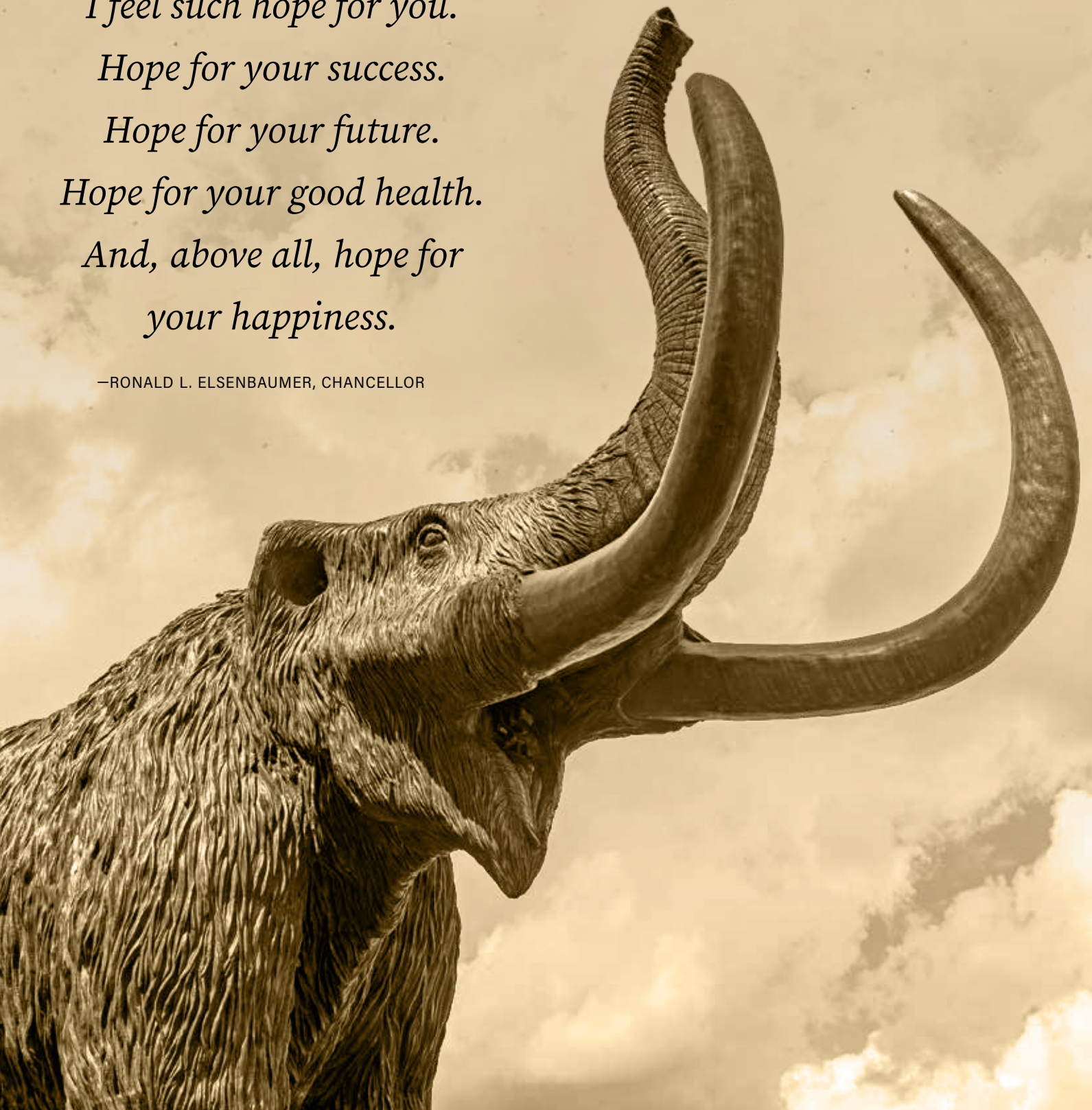
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

THE EMBASSY THEATRE | FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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*Graduates,
I feel such hope for you.
Hope for your success.
Hope for your future.
Hope for your good health.
And, above all, hope for
your happiness.*

—RONALD L. ELSENBBAUMER, CHANCELLOR



COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

PRELUDE Purdue University Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Daniel Tembras, D.M.A.
Director

PROCESSIONAL* Purdue University Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble

NATIONAL ANTHEM* Alina Sofia Brinker

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND REMARKS Ronald L. Elsenbaumer, Ph.D.
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CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND CHARGES TO THE CANDIDATES Chancellor Elsenbaumer

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RECESSIONAL* Purdue University Fort Wayne Symphonic Wind Ensemble

**Audience members are asked to stand if they are able.*

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Computer Science Amal Khalifa, Ph.D.
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Sowjanya Karanam
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Congratulations Graduates

A WORD FROM OUR CHANCELLOR

Today marks the culmination of your hard work, perseverance, and dedication to your education. As you cross the stage to receive your diploma, you carry not only a degree but also the pride of Purdue University Fort Wayne and the support of our entire community.

You recognized the value of continuing your education when you began your graduate education. Now, as we recognize your accomplishment, you are even more prepared to take the next step—in your career, in life, and wherever your journey takes you.

With graduation, you officially join the Mastodon Alumni Community—a lifelong network of more than sixty thousand alumni worldwide. As a Mastodon alum, you remain connected to Purdue Fort Wayne through shared experiences, professional opportunities, campus traditions, and a continued commitment to learning and service.

This milestone is not a farewell, but the beginning of a new chapter in your relationship with the university. Thank you for staying connected and contributing to the future of Purdue Fort Wayne.

We celebrate your success and look forward to all you will accomplish.

Ronald L. Elsenbaumer
Chancellor

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DRAB

Richard T. Doermer
School of Business



LIGHT BLUE

School of Education



ORANGE

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Technology, and
Computer Science



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Integrated Studies



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Liberal Arts



GOLD

College of
Science



BROWN

College of Visual
and Performing Arts



PINK

School of Music

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