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For Faculty and Staff

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Thank You for Supporting PFW in Readers' Choice Voting

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first round of Fort Wayne Newspapers' Readers' Choice 2026 voting. Purdue Fort Wayne was nominated in the Best College and Best Higher Education Institution categories, and several of our outstanding faculty members were recognized in the Best Professor category.

We appreciate your support in helping showcase the incredible people and programs that make PFW a leader in northeast Indiana.

The next round of voting, featuring the top five finalists in each category, will take place August 1–9. We look forward to the next phase of voting and hope to bring home several Readers' Choice honors for Purdue Fort Wayne and our faculty members.



Walk with PFW in the Fort Wayne Fourth of July Parade

There's still time to join Purdue Fort Wayne in the City of Fort Wayne's Fourth of July Parade as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

We are seeking students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of PFW to walk with us and help showcase our Mastodon pride to the community. This is a great opportunity to engage with the community, represent the university, and demonstrate the impact PFW has throughout northeast Indiana.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. on July 4 and follows South Calhoun Street from Creighton Avenue to Main Street. Participants will receive a PFW free parade shirt and hat (while supplies last) and help distribute giveaways along the route.

If you plan to participate, please submit your RSVP as soon as possible so we can finalize shirt orders and event logistics.

[SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

Purdue IT Help Desk Relocates in Kettler Hall

The Purdue IT Help Desk has moved to a new location in Kettler Hall and is now located in Room 148, directly across from Human Resources.

The Help Desk's hours of operation remain unchanged:

- Monday–Friday | 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Saturday–Sunday | Closed

Faculty, staff, and students needing technology support are encouraged to visit the new location for assistance with IT-related questions and services.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Planned Network Drive Service Interruptions

Faculty and staff should be aware of upcoming IT maintenance that may temporarily impact access to network drives.

On Thursday, June 18, user home directories ("I" and "H" drives) may be intermittently unavailable between 7 and 10 p.m. ET. On Saturday, June 20, the "O" drive will be migrated as part of Purdue's systemwide domain consolidation project and may be intermittently unavailable between 4 and 10 p.m. ET. This disruption may affect departmental shared drives and library storage.

Additionally, MyFiles (myfiles.pfw.edu) will be retired. After June 20, users accessing PFW file shares from off campus will need to connect through the Purdue VPN and manually map their network drives.

Faculty and staff with urgent file access needs during the outage should contact the IT Help Desk. Questions or issues following the transition should be directed to your tech lead or the IT Help Desk.

Official Holiday Schedule for Fiscal Year 2026–27

The official holiday/recess dates for Purdue University Fort Wayne for Fiscal Year 2026–27 will be:

- Friday, July 3, 2026 | Independence Day
- Monday, September 7, 2026 | Labor Day
- Thursday–Friday, November 26–27, 2026 | Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday–Friday, December 24–25, 2026 | Christmas Holiday
- Monday–Wednesday, December 28–30, 2026 | Winter Recess*
- Thursday, December 31, 2026 | President's Designated Holiday
- Friday, January 1, 2027 | New Year's Day

Monday, January 18, 2027 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Monday, May 31, 2027 | Memorial Day

* The winter recess was approved by the Purdue University Board of Trustees at their February 2026 meeting.

Upcoming Changes to PaperCut Printing Services

IT Services is updating PaperCut printing services in campus labs:

- Print pricing will remain the same through August 8, then decrease from 5¢ to 4¢ (black and white) and 25¢ to 12¢ (color).
- Print quotas will be reduced starting August 8 based on usage trends, with updated pricing designed to better reflect actual printing needs and stay consistent with the broader Purdue system. [Learn more](#)

Printing Updates

- Web Print (print from anywhere): Jobs must now be released directly at the printer by scanning the QR code on the lab printers. [Learn more](#)
- Lab Computer Printing: No changes. Documents will continue to print immediately after they are sent.

Have questions or need assistance? Contact the Purdue IT Service Desk at 260-481-6030 or by email at helpdesk@pfw.edu.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Carmen Valenzuela, custodian | Building Services

Transfers

- Shelby Krider, business manager | Administrative Business Services
- Hailey Rauner, assistant director of housing operations | Student Housing

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

News Spotlight

A sampling of external news coverage of Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Purdue Fort Wayne men's basketball to host Purdue Boilermakers in October exhibition

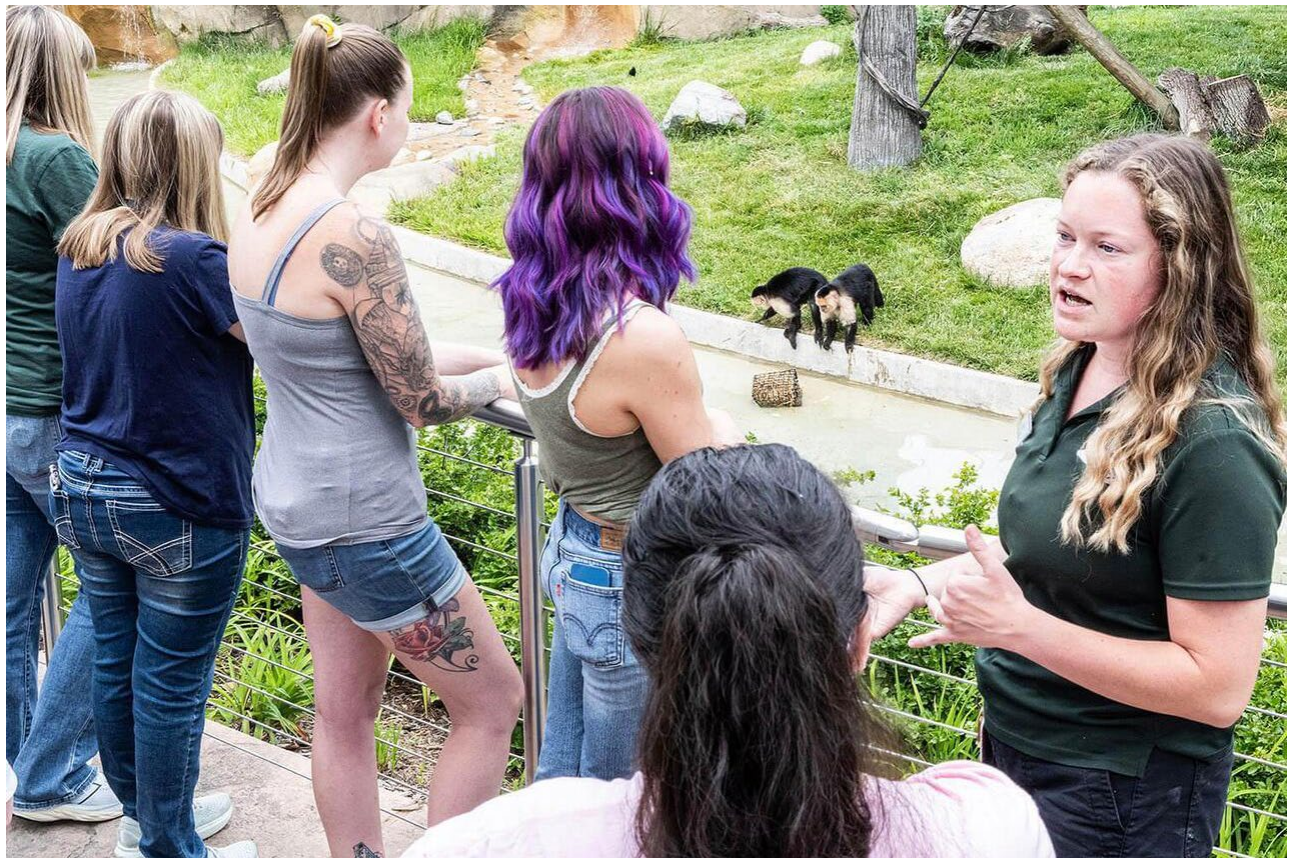
WFFT-TV | June 9

Purdue University Fort Wayne class lets students explore teaching as a career

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | May 29

In a Snap

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



Professor Scott Bergeson and students are involved in a series of immersion classes at the Fort Wayne Zoo. Here, they learn about the care of the capuchin monkeys at the island exhibit. Other days include birds, the aquarium, red pandas, and the zoo's involvement in breeding and releasing the endangered hellbender salamander, the largest amphibian in the United States.

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Athletics



Ripples



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