



Mastodon Pride on Parade

Purdue University Fort Wayne proudly joined the community in celebrating America's 250th Independence Day by participating in the City of Fort Wayne's Fourth of July Parade. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends represented the university along the parade route, sharing Mastodon pride with thousands of spectators gathered downtown.

The celebration highlighted PFW's ongoing commitment to the Fort Wayne community and provided an opportunity to connect with families and attendees in a vibrant, celebratory atmosphere. Browse the photo gallery to see highlights from the day, and watch the recap video for a look at PFW's participation in this year's parade.

[BROWSE GALLERY](#)

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Share Your Expertise with the Media

You can help Purdue University Fort Wayne showcase its incredible expertise. A directory of faculty and staff experts is being created to help local journalists find knowledgeable sources for news stories and interviews. Whether you're willing to provide a quote, speak by phone or video, participate in an on-camera interview, or serve as a subject matter expert, we'd love to include you.

The directory will be featured in the News Center, making it easy for media outlets to connect with PFW experts. Your participation will help position Purdue Fort Wayne as the region's intellectual hub, thought leader, and trusted source of expertise. If you're interested, please complete the Faculty and Staff Expert Form.

[COMPLETE THE FORM](#)



Help Shape the 2026–27 Omnibus Speaker Series

Who would you like to see at Purdue Fort Wayne? The Omnibus Speaker Series Committee is seeking recommendations for inspiring and engaging speakers for the 2026–27 season. To continue the tradition of bringing the world's leading voices to campus, the committee welcomes the community's ideas.

If you know of an individual whose story, expertise, or perspective would inspire fresh and diverse thought among our students, faculty, staff, and community, you are encouraged to submit a recommendation. Submitted input will help shape another outstanding year of the Omnibus Speaker Series.

[SUBMIT YOUR RECOMMENDATION](#)

Annual Office Supply Swap is July 21

Save the date for the annual office supply swap on July 21. Get rid of office supplies that aren't needed—it's a great way to be green and save the campus money.

1. Drop off unused/unwanted office supplies in Kettler Hall, Room 128, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Items cannot be stored before the sale.

2. Items will then be organized for the afternoon “store” hours.
3. Return from 1 to 3 p.m. and find things that your office can use. It’s helpful to bring printer model numbers when shopping for toner cartridges.

These items will not be accepted:

- Broken items
- Equipment such as printers and scanners
- Furniture or chairs
- Floor mats
- Clothing, vases, dishes, wicker baskets

If you’re unable to attend the event, you may ask another department to bring your items. Items that have not found new homes will be sent to Salvage/Surplus. Questions? Contact Purchasing at purchase@pfw.edu.

Volunteer for United Way Day of Caring

Join your fellow Mastodons in making a difference during **United Way of Allen County's Day of Caring** on Friday, August 21. This annual community-wide event brings volunteers together to support local nonprofit organizations through meaningful service projects.

We're currently gathering the names of faculty and staff who are interested in representing Purdue Fort Wayne. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up today. Additional details about project assignments and the day's schedule will be shared as they become available. We hope you'll consider joining us as we give back to the community we proudly serve.

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)

No More Direct Billings with Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne

Purdue Fort Wayne has ended its direct billing process with Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne, effective immediately. The direct billing process has been plagued by numerous difficulties for several years with no likelihood of improvement. This change means that guests of the university will need to make and pay for their own reservations. If guests are eligible for reimbursement of their lodging, they will need to submit their folio showing payment and zero balance to their host department. The host department can then submit a one-time vendor payment request for prospective employee reimbursements or a personal reimbursement request through the Purdue

service portal for other situations.

Host departments should **share this URL** with guests. The URL is a dedicated page for Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne and incorporates our company ID in the page. The PFW corporate ID is 000298905. The current rate for the ID is \$239 /er night plus taxes. The rate is for guests of the university only and is not authorized for personal or leisure use.

Host departments should request that guests forward their reservation confirmation to the department immediately so the room rate can be confirmed.

Questions and concerns should be directed to Philip Davich at **davich@pfw.edu**.

Good to Know

New Alumni Center Drop Box

The Office of Development and Alumni Engagement, located at the Steel Dynamics Keith E. Busse Mastodon Alumni Center on the West Campus, now offers a drop box for gifts. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., but if you would like to drop off a gift outside of those hours, the drop box is a great option. Questions? Call 260-481-6962 or email **development@pfw.edu**.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Hamad Almakrami, maintenance mechanic | Maintenance and Operations
- Dustin Falk, police officer | University Police Department
- Spencer Garstka, administrative clerk | Office of the Registrar
- Justus Lopresto-Jackson, community director | Student Housing
- Ann McClard, athletic trainer II | Athletics

Transfers

- Mackenzie Bengs, financial aid counselor | Financial Aid
- Htoo Doh, police sergeant | University Police Department
- Sadie Gerber, laboratory technician | Biological Sciences
- Bridget Perry, project manager-associate | Continuing Studies
- Shareef Robinson, social media specialist | Marketing

- James Payne, police officer | University Police Department
- Drue Polka, athletic trainer II | Athletics
- Colby Porter, custodian | Building Services
- Tim Romanello, associate men's soccer coach | Athletics

From the Field

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

News Brief | Waterfield Environmental Resources Center
SOE Newsletter | School of Education

News Spotlight

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

NIIC, Grow Wabash County among recipients of state community collaboration grants

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | July 7

Trio of Mastodons headline 96th Women's City Golf field at Chestnut Hills

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | July 3

In a Snap

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



The College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science is hosting Camp Invent, a two-week adventure featuring many activities that provide opportunities to learn, create, and develop critical thinking skills.

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** 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**.

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