



Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers with Isabel Nuñez

How is Purdue University Fort Wayne helping prepare the next generation of educators?

In this week's Mastodon Minute, Isabel Nuñez discusses how PFW equips future teachers with the knowledge, hands-on experience, and support needed to make a meaningful impact in the classroom.

Learn more about how our students are preparing to lead, inspire, and shape the future of education.

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Platzer



Sandman



Kopec



Fleming

Four PFW Faculty Members Named Finalists for Best College Professor in Readers' Choice Awards

Four Purdue University Fort Wayne faculty members have been named finalists in the Fort Wayne Newspapers Readers' Choice Awards Best College Professor category, a testament to the dedication, expertise, and student-centered teaching that define the university's academic experience. In addition to the Best College Professor category, Purdue Fort Wayne is also a finalist for Best College and Best Higher Education.

Representing disciplines across the humanities and business, finalists Sarah Sandman, Jim Platzer, Andrew Kopec, and Damian Fleming share a common goal: helping students discover their potential while preparing them for success beyond the classroom.

While their teaching styles and subject areas differ, each professor emphasizes the importance of connection, curiosity, and creating meaningful learning experiences.

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Join the Movers and Groovers: Sign Up to Help Students Today

Like a well-timed cup of coffee in the morning, students moving onto campus for the start of the fall semester is a great source of energy for the university community. Move-in day for Student Housing will take place on the Waterfield Campus for new students on Thursday, August 20, and for returning students on Saturday, August 22. Support from volunteers sets students up for a great start!

Faculty, staff, and student volunteers are encouraged to join the "PFW Student Housing Movers and Groovers."

All volunteers will receive a meal and a T-shirt. This annual activity is a major undertaking by the university, and any support is very much appreciated.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)



Welcome the Herd at the Mastodon Stampede on August 21

Please join the Mastodon Stampede Committee and New Student Programs as we introduce an exciting new tradition to campus!

On Friday, August 21, we invite you to help welcome our newest students to campus by lining up along Mastodon Way as the students make their way to the Welcome Home to the Herd BBQ. At 3:45 p.m., our incoming students will "stampede" down Mastodon Way, and we hope current students, faculty, and staff will be there to cheer them on and give them a warm Mastodon welcome.

If you're able to participate, please begin lining up along Mastodon Way at 3:30 p.m. Your enthusiasm and support will help create a memorable first experience for our newest Herd members and show them what makes our campus community so special. Additional reminders and map will be shared the week of the event. If you have questions, please reach out to Giang Petroviak at trangc01@pfw.edu.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT MASTODON STAMPEDE](#)

Volunteer for Mastodon Stampede Welcome Weekend

The Mastodon Stampede Welcome Weekend is right around the corner. This year, the weekend before the first day of school is jam-packed with activities to help prepare our new incoming students. To learn more about the weekend, please visit pfw.edu/stampede.

These events would not be successful without the help of our faculty and staff. If you are able, please [sign up for a volunteer shift](#).



Register for the 2026 Campus Connections Fair

You are invited to participate in the 2026 Campus Connections Fair, an excellent opportunity to connect with new and returning students, recruit members, promote opportunities, and raise awareness about your organization or department.

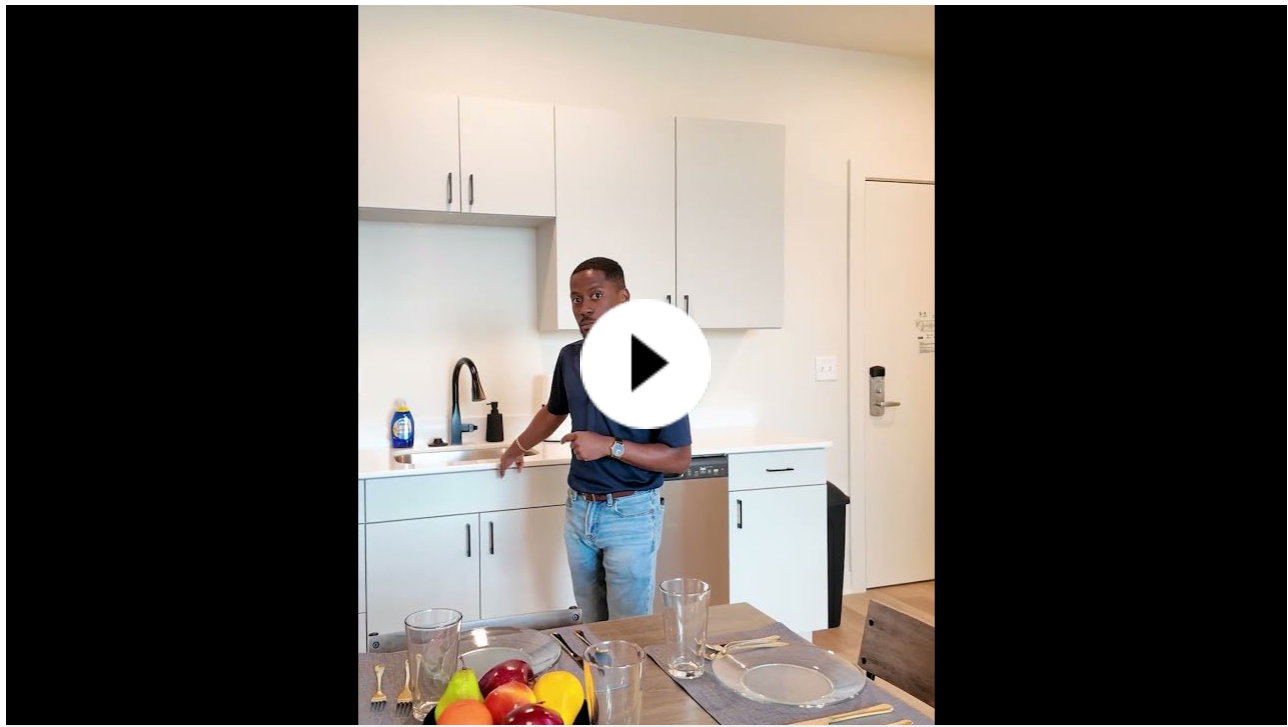
Join us at the Science Mall on Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this exciting midday event. Whether you're a student organization looking to recruit members, a university department seeking to share resources or student employment opportunities, or a community organization promoting volunteer, internship, or part-time employment opportunities, the Campus Connections Fair is a great way to engage with our students.

Participating organizations will receive one 6-ft. rectangular table and two chairs.

RSVP by 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, to ensure your organization or department has a table reserved. Table locations will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register early.

If you have questions, contact Abby Wang at wangal@pfw.edu.

[RSVP HERE](#)



Your Guided Tour of the New Trace Apartments at PFW

Join Randolph Mathis, operations director at Trace at Purdue Fort Wayne, for a walkthrough one of the spacious 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom apartments at Trace.

From fully furnished living spaces to modern amenities designed with students in mind, you'll get a closer look at what life at Trace has to offer them.

EAP with AllOne Health

Employees of Purdue Fort Wayne and their immediate family members are eligible to participate in our Employee Assistance Program with AllOne Health. Through our EAP, eligible members qualify for up to six free, confidential mental health counseling sessions per year.

AllOne Health offers multiple convenient ways to access support. Employees may schedule counseling sessions by phone, via secure video, or in person. Those who prefer in-person care can select from available local AllOne Health counselors. In addition, AllOne Health provides “in-the-moment” support, connecting employees directly to an available EAP clinician for immediate assistance, as well as text and chat options.

After the six free counseling sessions have been utilized, employees enrolled in a Purdue health plan may be referred to in-network providers for continued care. Employees may also explore other available options to support their ongoing mental health needs.

Aside from counseling services, AllOne Health’s member portal offers a wide range of resources,

including:

- An online financial wellness center
- Self-care assessments
- Soft skills courses
- Articles, webinars, and podcasts
- Health and well-being resources

Additional services include life coaching, work-life resources and referrals (such as childcare, elder care, housing, and adoption support), legal referrals, financial consultations, personal assistance services, fertility journey support and counseling, and depression screenings. Their online portal also provides discounts on many goods and services, as well as giveaways.

Questions? Contact Human Resources at hr@pfw.edu.

GET STARTED WITH ALLONE HEALTH

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

Trace Ribbon Cutting

August 17 | 10 a.m.

Crave Student Dining Opening

August 18 | 2 p.m.

W. Paul Wolf Field Naming

August 31 | 10 a.m.

Convocation

August 31 | Noon

Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

September 1 | 11 a.m.

DSB Open House

September 8 | 10 a.m.

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Nathaneal Wilson, assistant coach men's and women's track and field | Athletics
- Alycia Lundblad, manager of biological life sciences support services | Biological Sciences

News Spotlight

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

Purdue Fort Wayne adviser puts a 'punch' into prelaw

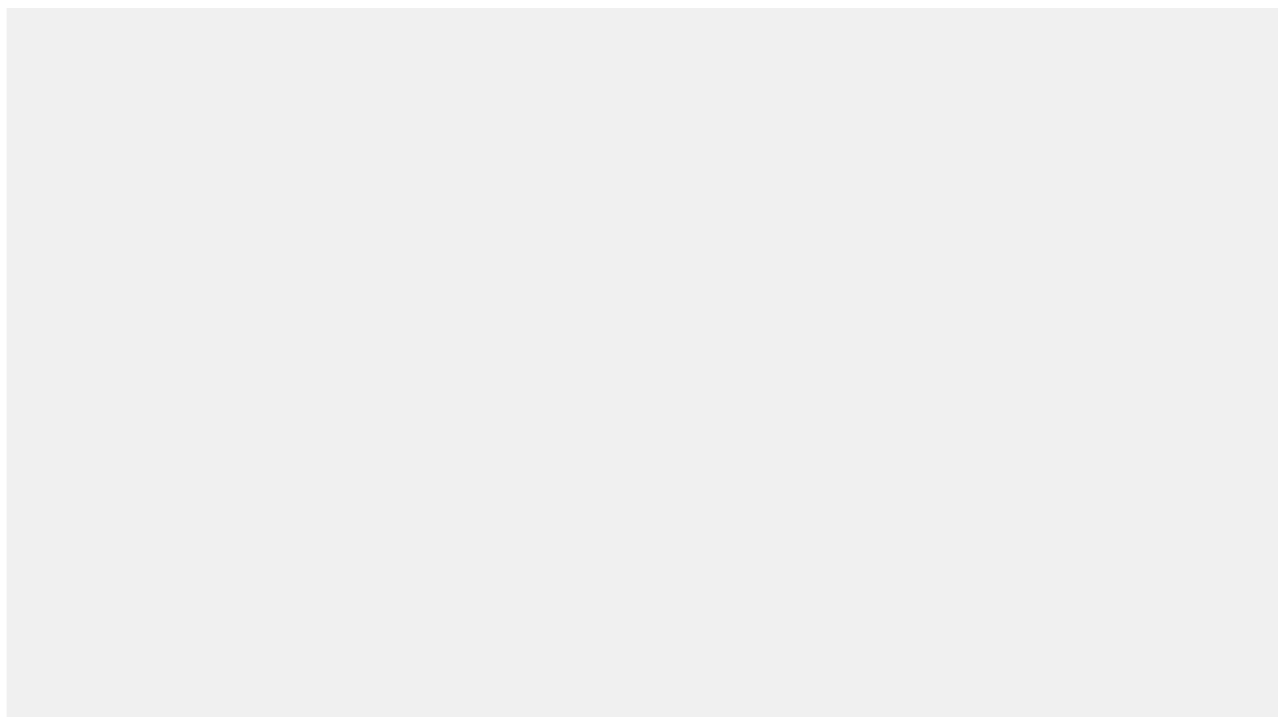
The Indiana Lawyer | July 31

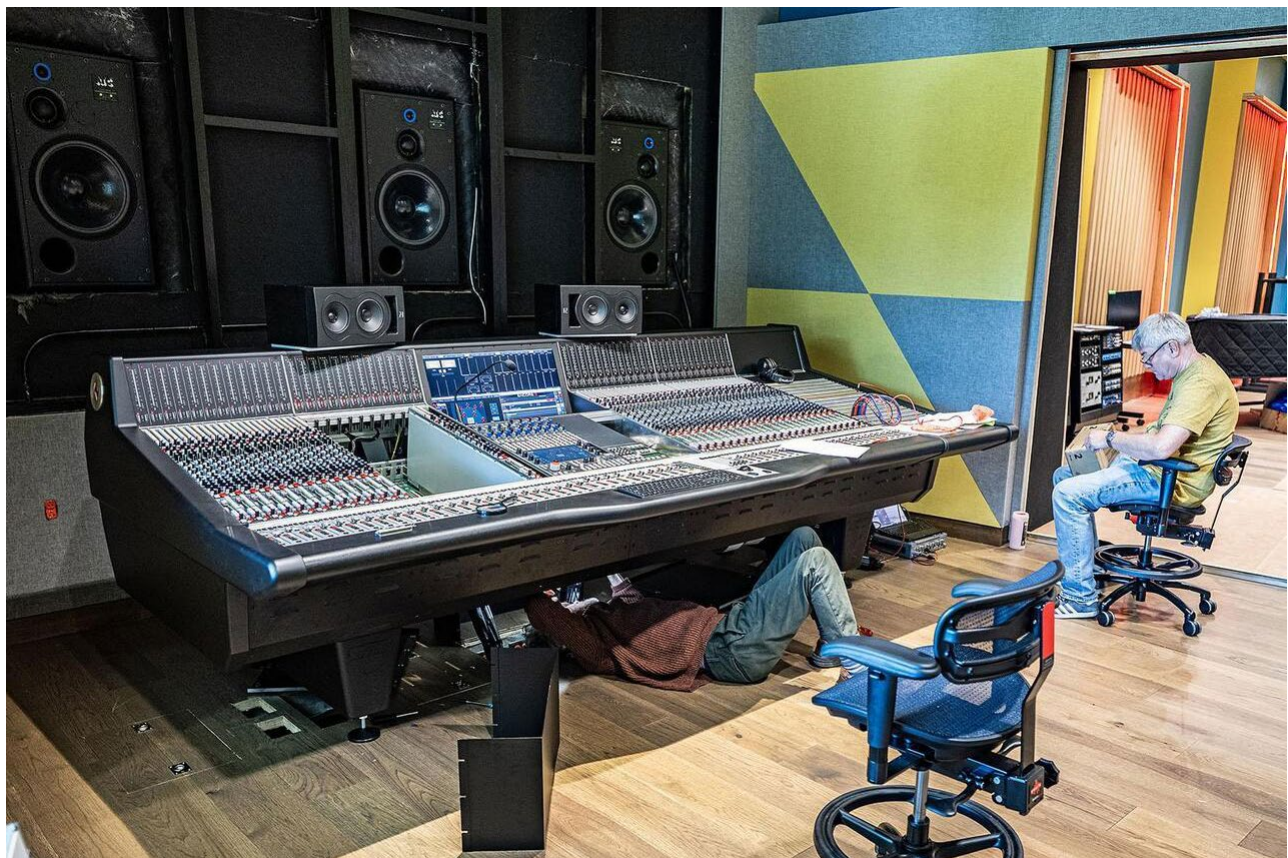
Period of reflection: Menstrual product access assures no one misses out on education

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | July 31

In a Snap

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





Visitors work on installation of state-of-the-art technology as the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center nears completion.

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