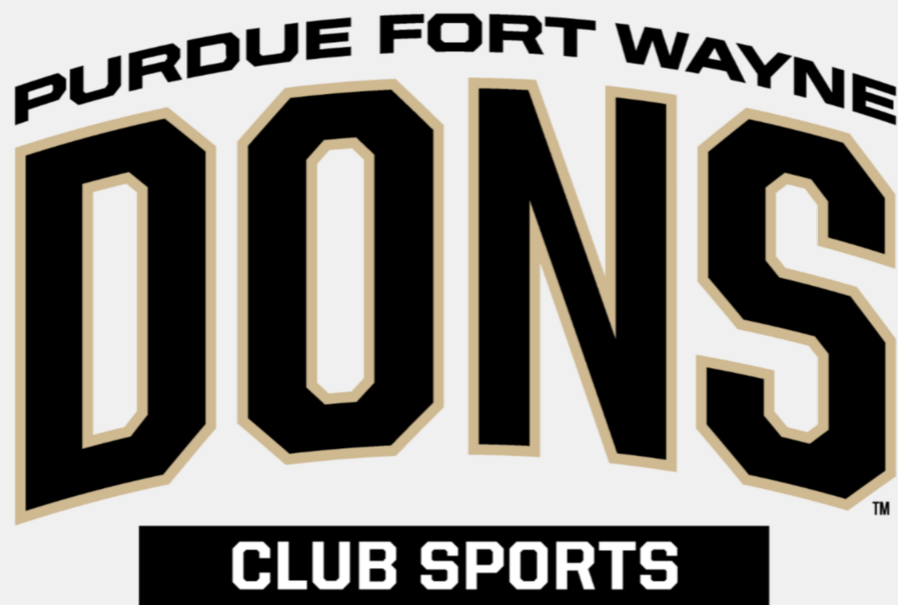




For Students

August 19, 2026



PFW Launches 13 New Club Sports Teams with Full Uniforms, Meals, and Travel Perks

One of the exciting additions to the Purdue Fort Wayne experience this year is Club Sports! These teams will play home and away games in Midwest college club sports leagues.

There are 13 sports being offered, including men's tackle football (fall), women's flag football (spring), women's soccer (fall), women's volleyball (spring), men's rugby (spring), men's lacrosse (spring), co-ed running (open), and co-ed dance (late fall/early spring).

Club Sports players receive UnderArmour uniforms, most equipment included, meal plans, swag, leadership opportunities, dedicated coaches, travel, and the ability to be a part of a team competing in a sport you love and making lifelong memories and friends.

Want to be on a roster this year? Fill out this **Roster Spot Form**. A member of the Club Sports team will be in touch the next business day.



New Premium Parking Option Available for Students

Purdue University Fort Wayne is introducing a new premium parking option for registered students, providing more convenient access to campus with parking locations closer to academic buildings.

Premium parking spaces are designated by orange-painted markings and are available in Lots 4, 6, 10, and 11, as well as the P1 parking garage. The permit cost is \$135 per semester.

Premium parking permits are not yet available for purchase. Additional information, including availability and purchasing details, will be shared in the coming weeks.

The new parking option was developed with support from the Student Government Association, whose advocacy and collaboration helped bring the initiative to fruition.

The launch of premium student parking coincides with updates to campus parking and transportation policies aimed at improving safety and accessibility across campus.

Students are reminded that bicycles and scooters are not permitted inside university buildings and should be secured at designated outdoor bike racks. Additionally, all bicycles and scooters operated on campus must be registered with the Purdue Fort Wayne Police Department.

For more information about parking permits, campus parking regulations, and scooter registration, visit the **University Police Parking website**.



Start the Semester with Food, Fun, and New Connections

From rock-wall climbing and a giant foam pit to an outdoor movie under the stars, Purdue Fort Wayne students will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate the start of the fall semester.

The Office of Student Life and Leadership has at least six events planned between Aug. 24 and Sept. 2, giving new and returning students opportunities to meet others, discover campus resources, and create memories beyond the classroom.

"College is way more than just a degree," said Abbey Wang, director of student life and leadership. "Half of the fun of college is taking part in these kinds of events, meeting new people and creating your own college experience."

[READ THE DETAILS](#)



Move-In Is Almost Here!

We're excited to welcome our Mastodons to campus for a fun and memorable new semester! Before packing the car, check out these helpful tips from our executive director of student housing and dining to make move-in day quick and easy.

[READ THE MOVE-IN TIPS](#)

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Stock up on Purdue Fort Wayne Gear

Purdue Fort Wayne Athletics will host a pop-up shop during move-in, featuring quarter-zips, full-zips, and crewneck sweatshirts. Cash and credit cards will be accepted, and all proceeds support PFW Athletics. Show your Mastodon pride and support your teams!

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

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.

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.

AUGUST

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Mon., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Campus Kickoff

Kick off the new school year with the Student Activities board at Campus Kickoff! Enjoy free food, play your favorite yard games, and grab a free event T-shirt while supplies last...

AUGUST

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Tues., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Paws and Relax: Therapy Dog Visit

Come “Paws and Relax” with the Three Rivers Visiting Dogs! Stop by to meet friendly therapy dogs, reduce stress, boost your mood, and take a well-deserved break from the first week of classes...

AUGUST

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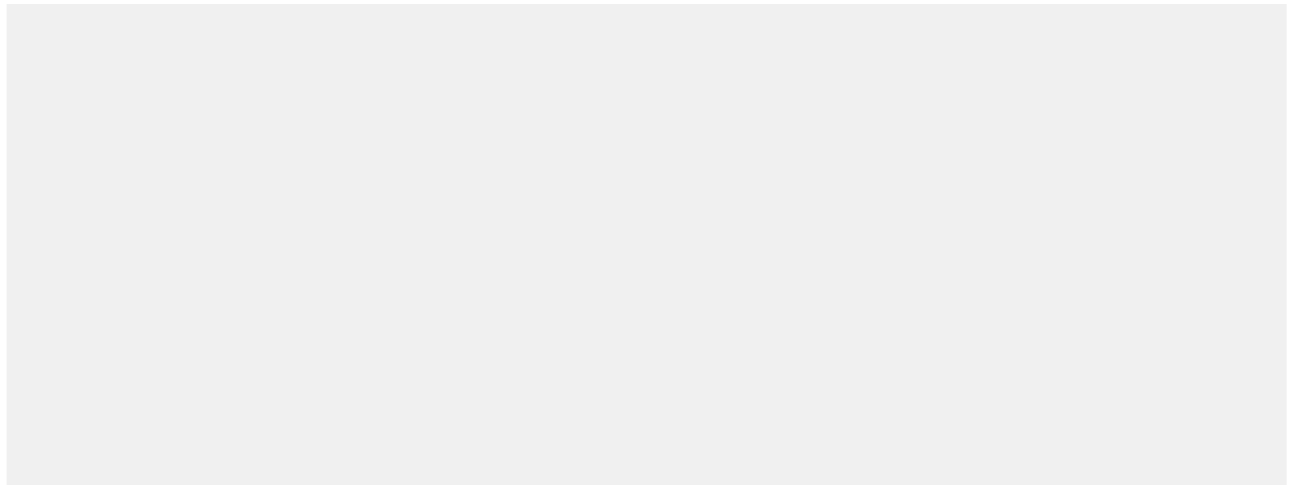
Wed., 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Rec Fest

Learn about everything Recreation has to offer at RecFest, featuring free giveaways, acai bowls, games, and more! Campus Recreation wants to help you get connected and start your active Mastodon journey...

Mastodon Moments

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





Purdue Fort Wayne and The Trace hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday morning to celebrate the grand opening of PFW's premier student residential community. Following the ceremony, guests toured the fully furnished apartment-style spaces.

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