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STUDENT NEWSLETTER



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Mastodons Make History at Party at the Pitch

Purdue Fort Wayne soccer welcomed a record-breaking crowd of 1,229 fans to the Hefner Soccer Complex for the annual Party at the Pitch on Thursday, Sept. 3. The exciting doubleheader began with the women's team taking on Valparaiso, followed by the men hosting Manchester. The incredible turnout set a new home attendance record for the programs and showcased the enthusiastic support of the Mastodon community.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT PARTY AT THE PITCH](#)



PFW to Host Seventh Annual Military Appreciation Day

Purdue Fort Wayne will honor veterans and military-affiliated members of the campus and greater community during its seventh annual Military Appreciation Day on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will bring the Mastodon community together to recognize their service, celebrate their contributions, and foster meaningful connections.

Guests can enjoy interactive demonstrations led by campus veterans, complimentary food from Mission BBQ, music, games, and fellowship in a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Connect with Employers at the Mastodon Internship and Career Fair

Explore internship and job opportunities at the Mastodon Internship and Career Fair this Friday, Sept. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. The event is open to all current Purdue Fort Wayne and IU Fort Wayne students, as well as alumni.

More than 60 employers are already registered, with additional organizations joining daily. Visit [Handshake](#) to view the participating employers and register for the fair. Professional dress is required, and attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their résumé.

[LEARN MORE AND SAVE THE DATE](#)

Make Your Voice Heard, Mastodons!

Whether you're beginning your first semester or returning for another year, we want to hear about your experiences and goals, and how Purdue Fort Wayne can better support you.

Watch your PFW inbox on Monday, Sept. 14, for a student survey from purduefortwayne@hedsconsortium.org. It takes about 10 minutes, and your feedback will

help us better support you throughout your college journey.

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.

SEPTEMBER

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Today, 2–5 p.m.

Don's College Picnic

Join us for an afternoon of fun at Don's College Picnic—where campus spirit meets adventure! Connect with your academic community, discover new opportunities, and have a blast while doing it...

SEPTEMBER

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Today, 7–9 p.m.

SAB Bingo

Get ready to shout and win at SAB's Campus Bingo! Bring your friends for a fun-filled night of fast-paced games, awesome prizes, and good vibes...

SEPTEMBER

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Thurs., 6–8:30 p.m.

WOST Movie Night: A League of Their Own

There's no crying in baseball...but there's plenty of fun and free pizza, soda, and snacks! The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program is kicking off the semester by welcoming back students and the return of women's professional baseball with a screening of the classic "A League of Their Own," starring Tom Hanks and Geena Davis...

SEPTEMBER

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Sat., 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

You Matter 5K

The You Matter 5K brings our campus and community together to honor those we have lost, raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, and remind one another that every person matters. Whether you run, walk, come with friends, or participate in memory of someone you love, there is a place for you at this event...

Mastodon Moments

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



On Saturday, the PFW Pre-Med Club hosted a 5K run/walk to benefit the TRAA Foundation's Safe Sleep Program to prevent infant mortality and provide Pack n' Plays and education for new parents.

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