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CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



For Faculty and Staff

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Convocation Inspires a Strong Start to the Academic Year

Convocation brought our campus community together to begin the academic year with renewed purpose and momentum. Faculty and staff connected with colleagues, reflected on our shared accomplishments, and considered the opportunities ahead. The gathering served as an important reminder of the role each of us plays in creating a welcoming, engaging, and student-centered university.

The event also highlighted the dedication and collaboration that continue to move Purdue Fort Wayne forward. As we begin the year, we remain focused on supporting student success, strengthening our connections across campus and throughout the region, and advancing our mission through teaching, research, and service. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make convocation a meaningful celebration of our people, our progress, and our shared future.



Retention Gains Reflect Campus-Wide Commitment to Student Success

Purdue Fort Wayne is celebrating significant improvements in spring-to-fall student retention. Undergraduate retention increased from 86.2% to 88.6%, graduate retention rose from 94.5% to 96.4%, and overall retention climbed from 86% to 88.2%. These gains represent more students continuing their education and moving closer to graduation—and reflect the collective efforts of faculty and staff across campus. Read the full story to learn more about this important achievement.

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Show Your Black and Gold on College Colors Day

Friday is College Colors Day, and the Purdue Fort Wayne community is encouraged to celebrate by wearing black and gold. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the university can show their Mastodon pride and school spirit by sporting their favorite PFW apparel and colors.

Need some new black-and-gold gear? The Mastodon Campus Store is offering 20% off, making it a great time to refresh your PFW wardrobe.

Wear your colors proudly this Friday and help fill the campus (and the community) with black and gold!

Purdue Launches AppsAnywhere Software Portal Systemwide

Purdue students, faculty, and staff can now access Purdue-licensed academic software from anywhere through the **AppsAnywhere portal**. AppsAnywhere is a web-based solution that allows users to access licensed software off campus. AppsAnywhere is Purdue's primary platform for remote access to licensed software and replaces the legacy Citrix Software Remote service.

"We're excited to implement the AppsAnywhere platform across the Purdue University system," said Dwight Snethen, senior director of end user experience. "The College of Engineering has been successfully using the platform for several years, so we know AppsAnywhere is able to

support even the most demanding and GPU-intensive applications.”

Software availability is determined by licensing agreements, campus affiliation, department, course enrollment, and academic program requirements. Users will only see software for which they are authorized. Connection to the Purdue VPN is recommended.

For system requirements and troubleshooting, review this [Purdue IT Knowledge Base article](#).

Mileage Reimbursement Rates Updated

Beginning July 1, the Purdue University mileage reimbursement rate for business travel using a privately owned vehicle increased to **\$0.76** per mile. This updated rate replaced the previous 2026 rate of **\$0.725** per mile, which applied from Jan. 1 through June 30.

The updated rate aligns with the IRS midyear adjustment for business mileage and reflects the fixed and variable costs associated with operating a vehicle, including fuel, maintenance, and depreciation.

Sponsored Program Travel

For travel charged to state-funded programs or other sponsored projects that require the use of state mileage rates, travelers should use the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) mileage rate rather than the Purdue University mileage reimbursement rate. Effective Aug. 6, the IDOA mileage reimbursement rate is **\$0.64** per mile. The applicable rate and additional information are available through the [IDOA website](#).

Questions about mileage reimbursement should be addressed to Purdue Travel at purduetravel@purdue.edu.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Events

Party at the Pitch | Thursday, Sept. 3

DSB Open House | Tuesday, September 8

College Colors Day | Friday, September 4

PFW vs. PWL Basketball Game |
Thursday, October 22

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Destiny Leo, assistant women's basketball coach | Athletics
- Lillian Stogdill, club sports coordinator | Campus Recreation

Transfers

- Aaron Johnson, assistant AD-media services | Athletics
- Erin Miller, assistant director media services | Athletics
- Jessica Montalvo, academic advisor | Advising and Student Academic Success

News Spotlight

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

Purdue Fort Wayne celebrates flat enrollment, other accomplishments at fall convocation

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Aug. 31

Fresh start: Purdue University Fort Wayne begins semester with new buildings on campus

The Journal Gazette (subscription required) | Aug. 28

Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center opening at Purdue University Fort Wayne

WANE 15 | Aug. 24

In a Snap

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



Campus Kickoff Week culminated in a Movie on the Lawn in the Science Mall area. Plenty of concessions were provided by the Student Activities Board.

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