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Mastodon Minute: Krissy Surface Previews DonFest at Purdue Fort Wayne

In this edition of Mastodon Minute, Krissy Surface previews DonFest, Purdue Fort Wayne's new community celebration. With family-friendly activities, live entertainment, athletics, outdoor adventures, and opportunities to connect with the community, DonFest has something for everyone.

DonFest takes place Saturday, September 26, on the Purdue Fort Wayne campus.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT DONFEST](#)

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Reminder: Campus-Wide Emergency Alert Test Is Tomorrow

Purdue Fort Wayne will conduct a semiannual test of its emergency notification system at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 25.

In the event of severe or inclement weather, the test will be rescheduled.

Follow this link to view the steps to follow during an emergency, including a tornado. Additional information can be found on the campus's **Safety and Security website**.

If you haven't already, please consider signing up to receive **emergency mobile alerts**, which arrive much faster and with greater reliability than automated phone calls.

Make University Business Travel Easier with TripLink

Purdue faculty and staff who travel on university business are encouraged to activate TripLink in Concur. TripLink connects participating airline, hotel, and rental car loyalty accounts with a traveler's Purdue business profile. It provides more flexibility when booking directly with participating travel providers while keeping eligible details connected to Concur.

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Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success is the result of faculty and staff who work tirelessly to help make the university such a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series helps us recognize those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Sebastien Wilson Is Helping Mastodons Build Confidence, Connection, and Health

For Sebastien Wilson, supporting the Purdue Fort Wayne community goes far beyond managing the fitness center.

As recreation coordinator and shuttle program coordinator, Wilson oversees a wide range of programs that impact countless students, faculty, and staff each year. From coordinating campus recreation opportunities and intramural sports to supervising student employees and providing personal training, his work is rooted in a simple goal: helping people realize their potential.

"I hope they feel included and confident," Wilson said. "In life, you just need to learn that you matter and that you're worth prioritizing."

A 2024 PFW graduate who is now pursuing an MBA at the university, Wilson experienced firsthand the impact that supportive faculty and staff can have on a student's life. Today, he strives to provide that same encouragement to others.

"PFW is made up of all those people who just want to see you succeed and be happy," Wilson said. "I just want people to always feel included like I did."

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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.

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Mon., noon–1 p.m.

Thrive Together: Wellbeing Conversations

Come for lunch. Connect with colleagues. Join the conversation. Thrive Together Wellbeing Conversations are informal monthly gatherings designed to create space for connection, conversation, and reflection around topics that affect our wellbeing at work and in life...

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Mon., 12:15–1 p.m.

Annual First-Year Summit Scholars Meet & Greet

Join us for the Annual First-Year Summit Scholars Meet and Greet as we welcome the newest Chapman Scholars and Doermer Distinguished Scholar to the Purdue Fort Wayne campus community...

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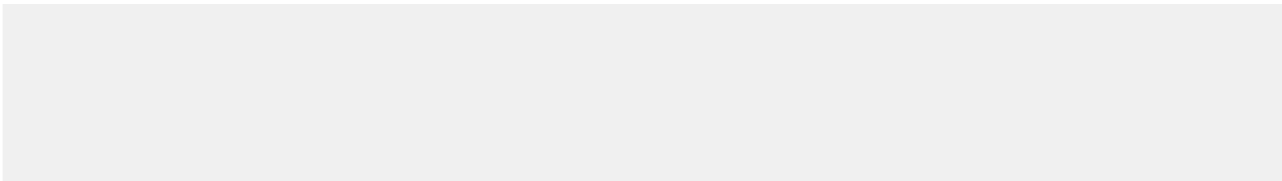
Tues, 7–9 p.m.

Guest Artist: Devin Cobleigh-Morrison

PFW faculty Jonathan Young and Charlotte Ulmer will join French horn guest artist Devin Cobleigh-Morrison on stage for a special night of music...

In a Snap

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





Recently, the School of Education hosted Aspiring Teachers Day. The event targets high school juniors and seniors from the region and beyond who aspire to pursue a teaching career. Following a keynote address by the 2026 Indiana Teacher of the Year, Megan Johnson, there were various activities and information sessions, including a visit to the SOE's urban gardens.

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