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CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



For Faculty and Staff

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Purdue Fort Wayne Opens the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center

"To the students who will walk through these doors, I want you to leave with this. Don't put limits on what you think you can accomplish. Dream big, keep saying yes, and never forget because anything is possible."

Purdue University Fort Wayne proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center on August 31, a transformative new facility designed to inspire creativity, innovation, and collaboration for generations of students.

Hear from university leaders, Sweetwater founder Chuck Surack, and Fort Wayne Mayor Sharon Tucker as they reflect on the significance of this milestone and its role in advancing Fort Wayne's vision of becoming one of the nation's premier music destinations.

The Surack-Sweetwater Music Industry Center strengthens PFW's commitment to experiential learning, industry partnerships, and preparing students for careers in the music and entertainment industries.

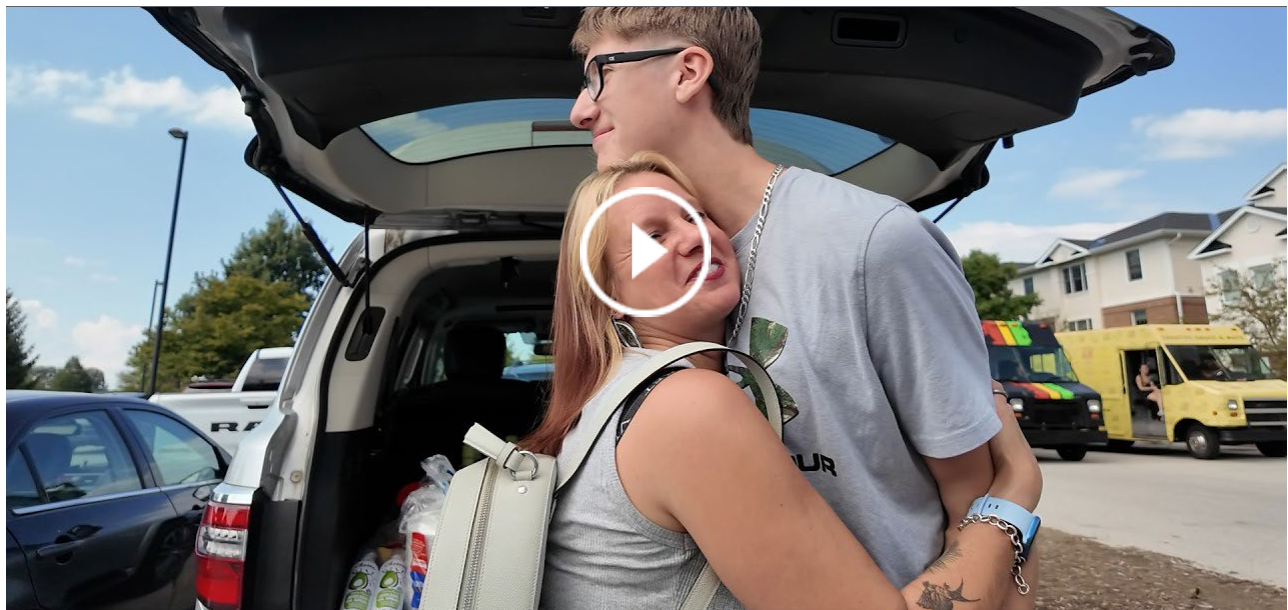
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Mastodon Minute: How the Student Life Team at PFW Enhances the College Experience, with Abbey Wang

Abbey Wang, Director of Student Life and Leadership at Purdue University Fort Wayne, brings a passion to her role that many others in our institution share—to make college an unforgettable, life-changing experience for students.

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Before Saying "Goodbye". . .

A few hugs. A few happy tears. And a lot of words of encouragement.

As students settled into life at Purdue Fort Wayne, parents and family members shared their hopes, advice, and well wishes for the year ahead.

Take a moment to hear what they had to say, and help us welcome the newest members of the Mastodon family.

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Secure Your Parking Permit Online

Faculty and staff parking permits are now available online. **[Purchase your permit here.](#)**

Select parking spaces are now marked in orange for exclusive student premium parking. Faculty and staff must continue using green spaces. The total number of green spaces across campus remains unchanged.

Free parking remains available in all white spaces on campus without needing a permit.

University Police will begin using a new parking-management system shared across the Purdue system, making ticketing and citation processing quicker and more efficient. Parking regulations will be closely monitored across campus, so please park only in spaces appropriate for your permit and ensure your permit is clearly visible at all times.

To learn more about campus parking regulations, visit pfw.edu/parking.

Dates to Remember

Party at the Pitch | Today

DSB Open House | Tuesday, September 8

College Colors Day | Friday, September 4

PFW vs. PWL Basketball Game |
Thursday, October 22

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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Today, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

WellRec and the American Red Cross invite all healthy, eligible individuals to donate blood at our blood drive because the need for blood never goes away...

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Tues., 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Doermer School of Business Renovations Open House

Take a guided tour of the recently renovated first and second floors of the Doermer School of Business Building on Purdue Fort Wayne's South Campus. The event features formal remarks in the EEE Nexus (Room 121), with seating and light refreshments available...

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Tues., 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Bridget O'Brien: Land Credits

Guest artist Bridget O'Brien presents a collection of oil paintings that hold reverence for ecological and personal grief. Through her work, O'Brien tells the ongoing story of the protracted loss of biodiversity and protected

lands in North America, while recalling the joy of these lives and habitats now lost to us...

In a Snap

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



The Division of Campus and Community Wellbeing co-sponsored the 2026 Indiana Hunger Summit in the International Ballroom on Wednesday. Stakeholders from across the food system addressed food insecurity through collaborative, innovative, and actionable solutions.

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