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Purdue Fort Wayne Engineering Programs Tie for No. 44 Nationally

Purdue University Fort Wayne's undergraduate engineering programs are tied for No. 44 nationally among institutions that do not offer a doctorate in engineering, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2027 Best Colleges rankings. Among the public universities in that list, the programs rank 11th nationally and first in the Midwest.

The recognition brings national attention to engineering education in northeast Indiana, where Purdue Fort Wayne combines classroom instruction with applied design projects and opportunities for students to gain professional experience with regional employers.

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Purdue Fort Wayne Launches Official TikTok Presence

Purdue University Fort Wayne is expanding its social media footprint with the launch of its official TikTok account on Friday, Oct. 16, introducing a new platform designed to connect with students through authentic, student-created content.

The university's official TikTok channel will feature exclusive videos produced by students for students, providing an inside look at campus life, academics, traditions, events, and the everyday experiences that make Purdue Fort Wayne unique. The new account aims to engage current and prospective students through creative storytelling and content tailored specifically to the platform.

In addition to the university's main TikTok presence, PFW Athletics will debut Go Mastodons, its official TikTok account in the near future. The athletics-focused channel will highlight student-athletes, game-day experiences, behind-the-scenes moments, team accomplishments, and the excitement surrounding Mastodon sports.

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Get Game-Day Ready at the Pre-Game Party!

Join us Thursday, October 22, in Expo IV at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum before Purdue Fort Wayne takes on Purdue! Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for free food and drinks, games, and a spirit station. A cash bar will also be available.

The party is free and open to Purdue Fort Wayne students, faculty, staff, and community members. Festivities wrap up around 6:30–6:45 p.m. so you can head into the arena. Bring your Mastodon pride and get ready to cheer!



Swipe with Pride. Support the Herd.

Show your Mastodon pride with the new MidWest America Federal Credit Union Mastodon debit card! Available at no cost to members who open a qualifying checking account, this affinity card lets you display your Mastodon spirit while supporting Purdue Fort Wayne. Every purchase you make earns money for the PFW—turning everyday spending into Mastodon support!

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Launch Your Career with Confidence

The Office of Student Success Initiatives is hosting a Career Launch and Lunch event on Thursday, Oct. 22, in Walb Student Union, Room 114, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A **free lunch** will be provided while supplies last, and all students are welcome!

Prepare for the workforce after graduation with a range of topics focused on building your skills, confidence, and know-how to navigate everything from the job search to landing the job/career, and not only keeping it, but growing from it. Don't let the workforce post-graduation intimidate you; we're here to get you ready for the future!

Topics may vary, but here's what to expect:

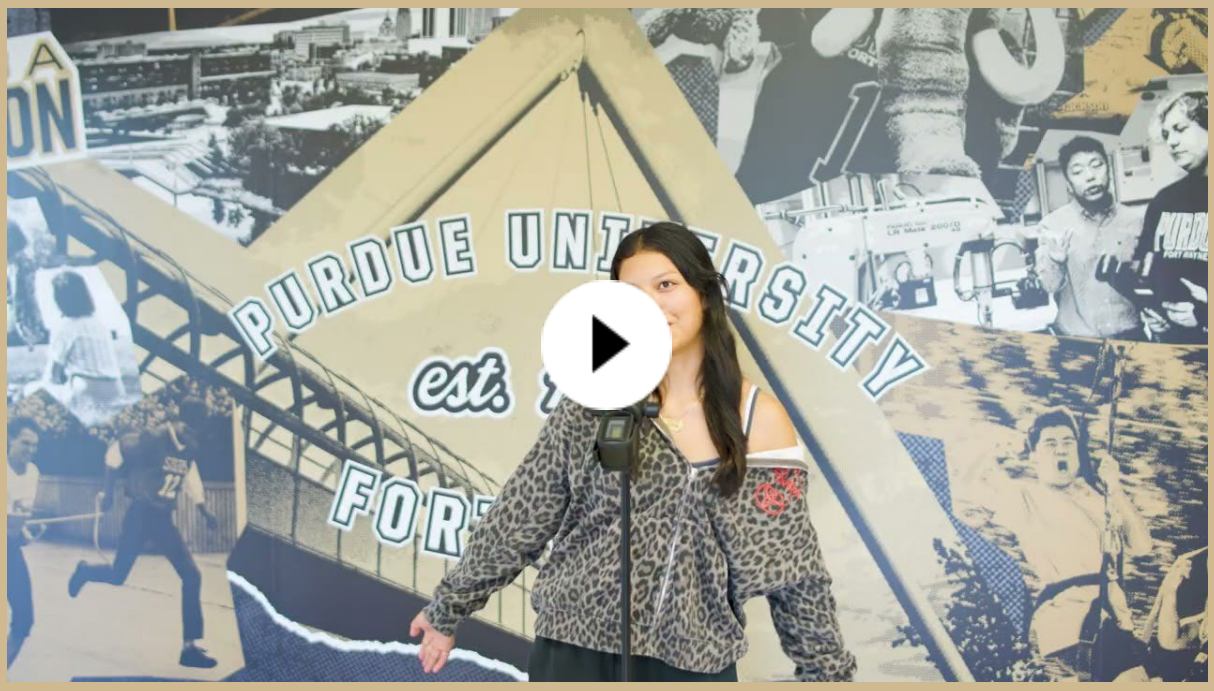
- Job searching do's and don'ts
- Preparing for different hiring processes

- Building hard and soft skills
- Crafting an elevator pitch
- Tackling difficult interview questions
- Interview do's and don'ts (attire, what to look for, what to ask)
- Navigating rejection and applications
- Taking a job while still looking for the career

This event counts toward points for the Passport to Success program.

Herd That

This week we asked several students, "How has PFW changed you?" Here are some of their answers.



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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Thurs., 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

ETCS Next Generation Networking

This drop-in event is to informally network with local companies interested in learning more about you and your major. Please feel free to ask questions about the company, job opportunities, or the industry...

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Thurs., 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Doermer Days: Industry Insight

This lunch-and-learn experience is designed to connect you with professionals and give you a closer look at the industries and careers you may be considering. Hear real-world insights, learn about career paths and workplace expectations, and gain valuable advice...

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Thurs,, 7:30–9 p.m.

Woodwind Showcase Recital

Celebrate an evening of music featuring students from the Purdue Fort Wayne woodwind faculty studios. The program features a variety of solo and chamber repertoire for flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, and bassoon, showcasing our student musicians' talent and dedication...

Mastodon Moments

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



Biology senior and Chapman Scholar Nada Dahouk brought "A Fresh Approach" to the skybridge on Wednesday. As part of her senior capstone project, Dahouk handed out free fresh produce alongside practical tips to help busy students add more fruits and vegetables to their daily diets.

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