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## Josh Peck Kicks Off 2026–27 Omnibus Speaker Series

Actor, comedian, and author Josh Peck kicked off Purdue University Fort Wayne's 2026–27 Omnibus Lecture Series with an evening of stories, humor, and advice.

In this recap, Peck talks about finding your voice as a young actor or creator, what he wishes he could tell his 18-year-old self, and why working toward a dream sometimes means accepting a few sleepless nights.

He also shares humorous observations from his time in Indiana and Fort Wayne, so stick around until the end.

See highlights from the event and hear more from Peck in our conversation before he took the Omnibus stage.

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## Apply for the Adopt-a-Don/Fox Holiday Project by Oct. 30

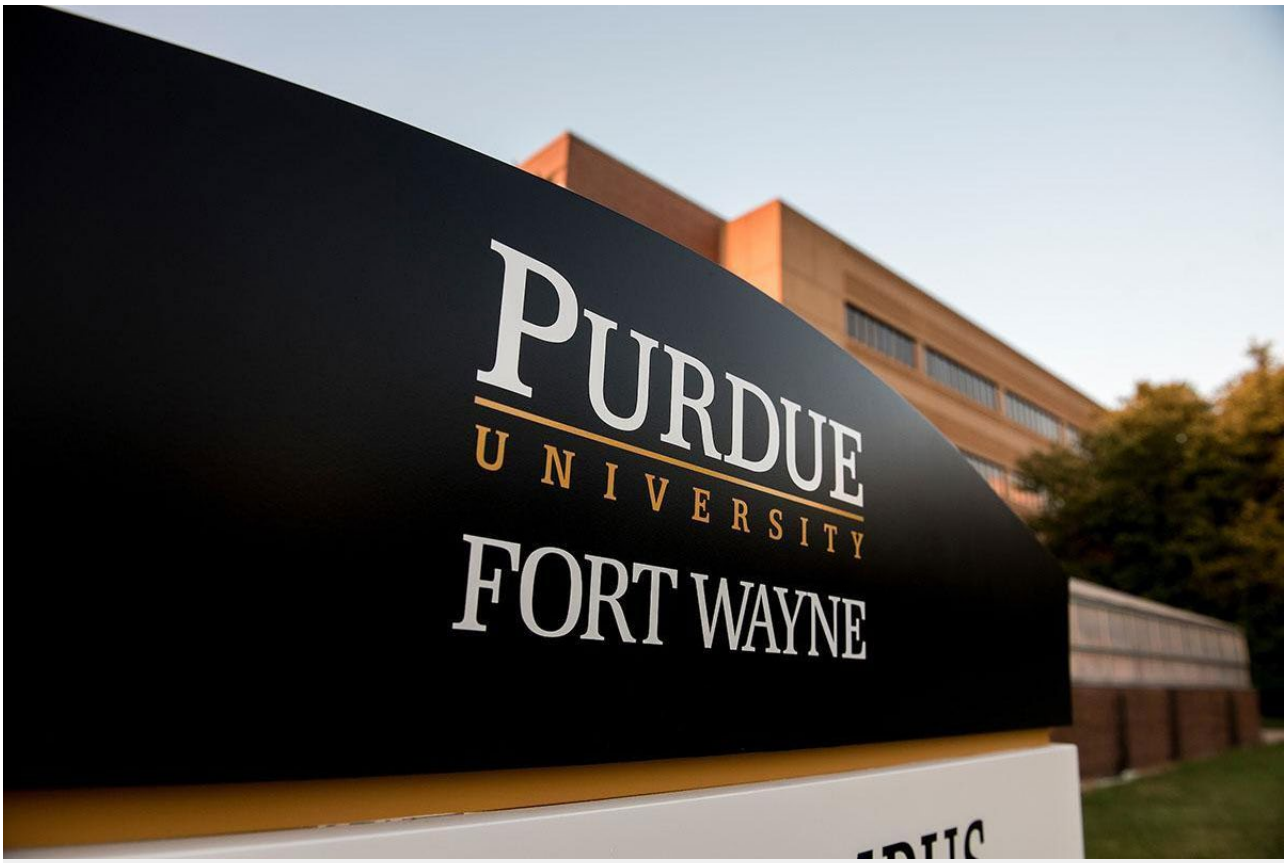
Could you use some extra support this holiday season? The Adopt-a-Don and Adopt-a-Fox Holiday Project provides holiday assistance to selected students and their families. **Register by Oct. 30** to be considered.

Important dates:

- Oct. 5–30: Registration is open for students seeking assistance and adopters.
- Oct. 31–Nov. 5: The selection committee reviews applications and matches families with adopters.
- Nov. 6: Selected students and adopters are notified, and adopters receive wish lists.
- Nov. 6–Dec. 1: Gift drop-off in Walb 118.
- Dec. 5: Gift distribution during the Jingle Jubilee celebration.

Celebrate the season at the Jingle Jubilee on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the International Ballroom. RSVP by emailing **jingle@pfw.edu**.

Questions? Email **jingle@pfw.edu** or visit **pfw.edu/adopt-don**.




## Purdue Fort Wayne Selected for $10,000 Grant to Help Students Facing Financial Emergencies

Purdue University Fort Wayne has been selected to receive a $10,000 grant through the Ellucian Foundation's 2026 PATH Scholarship program to help students facing financial hardship remain enrolled and continue working toward their educational goals.

The funding will work alongside PFW's Zielinski Student Emergency Fund, expanding the university's ability to assist students whose financial circumstances could interrupt their studies. Individual awards of up to $2,500 can provide targeted assistance for immediate needs, supplementing other available grant support.

The PATH Scholarship program, which stands for Progress, Accomplishment, Thriving, Hope, provides grants to colleges and universities to support students experiencing financial distress. The funding is used entirely for student support and does not replace other grant assistance.

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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.*

OCTOBER
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Today, 7:30–9 p.m.

## Vocal Division Showcase: Protest Songs

The best voices at PFW assemble to share favorite songs of revolution, revolt, and social change. You don’t want to miss this show...

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OCTOBER
22
Thurs., 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

## Career Launch and Lunch: Career Readiness Workshop

Prepare for the workforce after the diploma with a range of topics focused on building your skills, confidence, and know-how in navigating everything from the job search to landing the job/career and not only keeping it, but growing from it...

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OCTOBER
23
Fri,, 7–9 p.m.

## Friday Nights at Walb

Unwind your week with SAB at Friday Nights at Walb! Join us for an unforgettable evening packed with live entertainment, big laughs, and great vibes...

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OCTOBER
27
Tues,, 2–3 p.m.

## What Does Civic Engagement Look Like Beyond Election Day?

This panel discussion will explore the many ways individuals can stay involved in their communities beyond election day. Panelists representing law, voter education, local government, neighborhood engagement, and student leadership will share their perspectives and experiences...

# Mastodon Moments

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




The International Ballroom was completely filled for yet another night of SAB Bingo. But this was the annual Halloween edition, and the victor of the very competitive costume competition was none other than Papa Smurf,

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