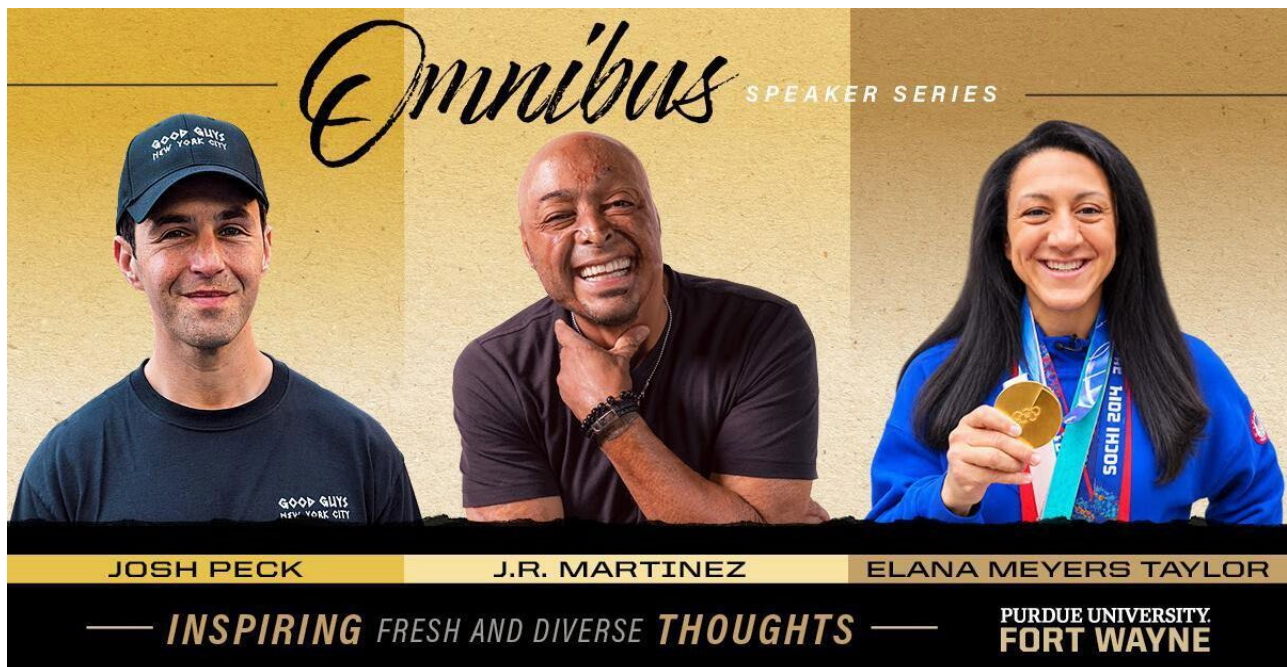




October 7, 2026



Omnibus Speaker Series announces Josh Peck, J.R. Martinez, and Elana Meyers Taylor for 2026–27 lineup

Inspiring fresh and diverse thoughts, the Omnibus Speaker Series brings the world's leading voices to Purdue University Fort Wayne to share engaging stories. The 2026–27 lineup features actor and comedian Josh Peck, Army veteran and motivational speaker J.R. Martinez, and Olympic bobsled champion Elana Meyers Taylor.

Through a moderated conversation and two keynote presentations, the speakers will share personal stories of navigating change, overcoming adversity, and finding purpose. All presentations begin at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall at Purdue University Fort Wayne's Music Center.

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10 Years of Flavor: The SAB Chili Fest is Back

Celebrate a decade of flavor at the Student Activities Board's annual Chili Fest on Tuesday, Oct. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the International Ballroom, as we mark ten years of bringing the campus community together for food, fun, and friendly competition. Whether you're a self-proclaimed chili connoisseur or just looking for a warm meal and great company, you won't want to miss this milestone celebration.

Throughout the afternoon, you can sample a variety of unique chili recipes, cast your vote to help crown the crowd favorite, and enjoy live music. To commemorate this special 10th anniversary, attendees will also receive an official chili mug, while supplies last.

Secure Seats Soon for Josh Peck's Upcoming Omnibus Lecture

Tickets are moving quickly for the upcoming **Omnibus Speaker Series** lecture featuring Josh Peck on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Space is filling up as anticipation builds to hear the actor and author share his perspectives. Those planning to attend are encouraged to reserve seats soon to ensure they don't miss an engaging evening. To secure a seat, attendees should

reserve tickets in advance through the university's **ticketing platform** or at the Schatzlein Box Office in the Music Center lobby.

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., 7:30–9 p.m.

PFW Bands Concert

Don't miss the first PFW Bands concert of the year, an evening filled with classic and modern works featuring the Symphonic Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble...

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Sun., 7:30–9 p.m.

Prime Time Swing: Television Themes in Concert

Join the PFW Jazz Ensemble for an unforgettable night of fun! From animated favorites and superhero adventures to classic sitcoms and stylish detective stories, this program explores how television themes have become part of our shared musical culture...

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Tues., 6–8:30 p.m.

WOST Movie Night: 9 to 5

Celebrate the late Dolly Parton with the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies movie night! Enjoy free pizza, snacks and drinks. Plus, grab a free Dolly button! Stay for a short discussion afterward the movie led by Dr. Stevie Scheurich...

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Wed., 7–9 p.m.

SAB Bingo

Get ready to shout and win at SAB's Campus Bingo! Bring your friends for a fun-filled night of fast-paced games, awesome prizes, and good vibes...

Mastodon Moments

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



Purdue Fort Wayne kicked off its annual Paint Campus Pink Week on Monday with a gathering at Alumni Plaza. Students tied pink ribbons throughout campus, and the mastodon statue sported a pink scarf in support of breast cancer awareness and those fighting the disease.

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