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Purdue Fort Wayne Celebrates Opening of W. Paul Wolf Field

Purdue University Fort Wayne on Tuesday celebrated the opening of W. Paul Wolf Field, a new athletic space designed to support the university's expanding club sports program and strengthen the student experience.

University leaders, students, and community members gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony recognizing longtime university supporter W. Paul Wolf, whose generous gift helped make the field and continued growth of club sports possible.

Located near Dean Drive and Parking Garage 3 on the north side of campus, W. Paul Wolf Field will serve as a primary competition site for club football, lacrosse, soccer, and flag football. The facility features a new scoreboard, benches, and bleachers, creating an enhanced game-day environment for student-athletes and spectators.

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Gold Top Records Announces Open Call for Annual Goldstock Music Festival

Gold Top Records, the student-run record label at Purdue University Fort Wayne, is proud to announce that auditions are open for its annual music festival, Goldstock, taking place at the Clyde Theatre on January 29.

This event offers local and regional talent an extraordinary opportunity to showcase their music at a state-of-the-art entertainment venue. The festival features a unique dual-stage setup designed to provide guests with a nonstop night of live entertainment, placing full bands on the Main Stage while highlighting intimate acoustic acts on a dedicated singer-songwriter side stage.

Managed entirely by commercial music students, the festival acts as a powerful hands-on learning experience while bringing local music to one of the largest stages in the region. Following last year's success, which drew over 80 submissions, Goldstock expects a record turnout this January and plans to more than double its previous attendance.

The open call for talent closes soon, with audition submissions accepted through October 8. Artists interested in performing can submit their materials directly through the **Goldstock**

Audition Form and find updates on the **Gold Top Records Instagram**.



Get Paid to Play: Join the PFW Pep Band!

Have you been interested in joining an ensemble or group on campus? Consider joining the PFW Pep Band for its 2026-27 season!

Students with at least two years of instrument experience can join the PFW Pep Band without an audition by simply filling out the **interest form**. Those with less experience can email Director Chris Dessent at cdessent@pfw.edu to schedule an informal meeting.

The band includes standard woodwinds, brass, electric bass, keyboard, and percussion. Rehearsals are held most Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Music Center Room 120 during September and October, shifting to an "as-needed" basis once the basketball season begins.

This paid student-worker position offers hourly pay for games attended, starting with the first exhibition game vs. the Purdue Boilermakers on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the War Memorial Coliseum. The band is assigned to about 30 **men's** and **women's** home basketball games at the Gates Athletic Center and War Memorial Coliseum, running through early March, with potential tournament games into April.

While full attendance is ideal, students can still participate if they commit to at least half of the

games (about 15–16 total) and communicate absences in advance. Students can join at any time, but signing up early is highly encouraged.



Turn Connections into Experience

All students are invited to attend the PFW Experiential Learning Summit: Connecting Students and Community on Friday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Walb Student Union International Ballroom. Through speakers, panels, preprofessional pathways, a networking lunch, and Idea Incubator sessions, students can connect directly with regional organizations and explore internships, research, projects, community partnerships, and other hands-on learning opportunities.

Participating organizations represent a wide range of industries, but students should not limit themselves based on an organization's name or primary focus. Employers are seeking talent across many majors and skill sets, from engineering and accounting to writing, human resources, and graphic design. If you're interested, register early; registration will close when all spaces are filled.

SIGN UP TODAY!

Get Help Completing the FAFSA

The Office of Financial Aid will host several FAFSA Completion Nights to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, with **sessions scheduled for today**. These events are open to current students, faculty, and staff who need to complete the FAFSA or assist a student, and members of the greater community. The FAFSA forms for both the current academic year and the 2027–28 academic year are now available, making this a great time to get personalized assistance and complete the application.

[SIGN UP TODAY!](#)

Your Voice matters, Mastodons!

Check your PFW email for a survey invitation sent on September 14 from purduefortwayne@hedsconsortium.org. Whether you're new to campus or returning, your feedback helps PFW support your goals.

The survey only takes about 10 minutes—complete yours today!

Explore What's Next at a Graduate Studies Information Session

An All-Program Graduate Studies Information Session will be held virtually on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m. Prospective students will learn about Purdue Fort Wayne's graduate programs, the application process, and opportunities to continue their education. Program-specific information sessions are also available for those who want to explore individual areas of study in greater detail.

[SIGN UP AND LEARN MORE](#)

Discover Your Path in Counselor Education

Join PFW's in-person information session at the Alumni Center on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. to learn how Purdue Fort Wayne prepares future counselors through evidence-based learning, supervised clinical experiences, and a focus on service and care. Discover what your path to becoming a licensed counselor could look like at Purdue Fort Wayne.

REGISTER FOR THE SESSION

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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Thurs., 6–8:30 p.m.

Medieval Studies Movie Night: *The Seventh Seal*

Medieval Movie Night presents the Ingmar Bergman classic film *The Seventh Seal*, starring Max von Sydow as a medieval knight returning to Sweden after the Crusades and challenging Death to a game of chess in an attempt to delay his fate...

OCTOBER

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Fri., 7–11 p.m.

Spielfreaks Campus-Community Tabletop Board Game Night

Play all kinds of modern tabletop board games like Settlers of Catan, Ticket to Ride, 7 Wonders, Splendor, and more (all are appropriate for high school and up). You'll find an eager crowd ready to play your favorites and teach whatever you want to learn...

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Wed., 9:30–11 a.m.

Donuts Not Drugs

Stop by to grab a donut, spin the wheel, and learn how to make healthy choices. While supplies last...

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A Fresh Approach - Free Fruits and Vegetables

Pick up produce and explore simple ways to make healthy eating easier. Learn practical tips for preparing and storing fruits and vegetables,

Mastodon Moments

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



The Purdue Fort Wayne men's club football team hosted the Loyola University Chicago Ramblers last Saturday.

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