

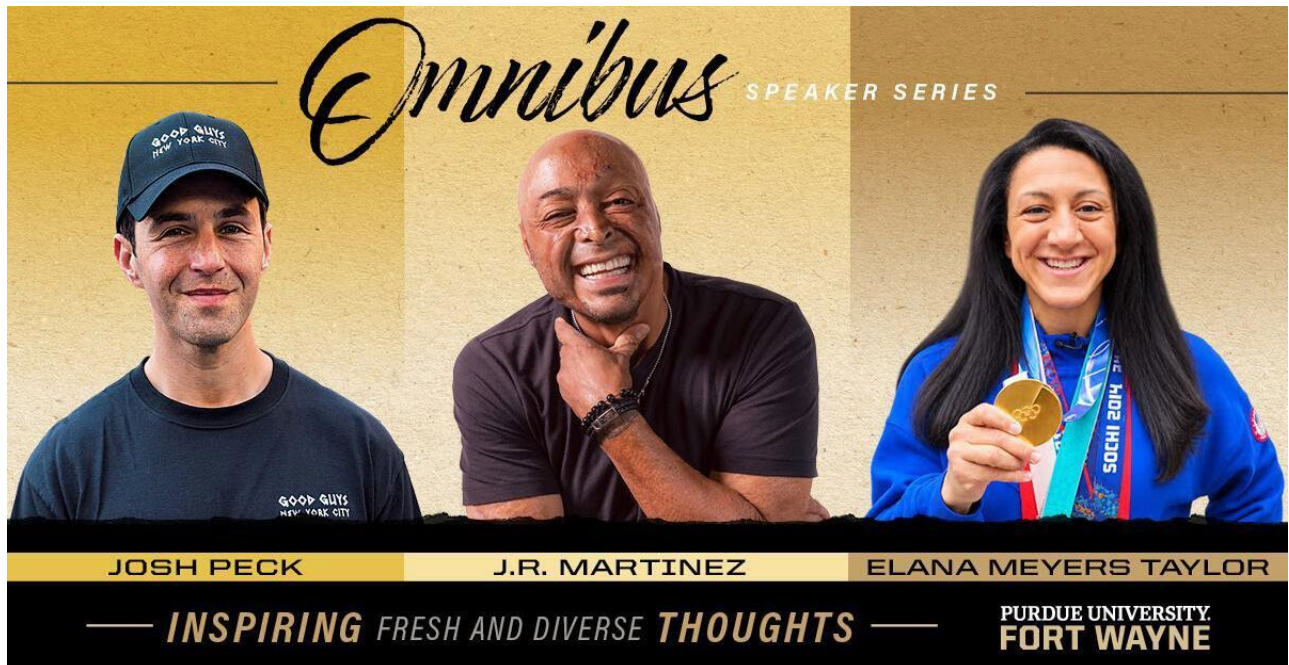
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For Faculty and Staff

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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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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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Girl Scouts STEM Expo Sparks Curiosity, Confidence, and Career Dreams at PFW

What does it take to become an astronaut?

For former NASA astronaut and engineer Sandra Magnus, it starts with helping young people imagine what's possible.

"I cannot stress enough the importance of role models," Magnus said during the Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana STEM Expo at Purdue University Fort Wayne on Sept. 26. "My passion as a role model is to inspire girls to imagine themselves and to see the possibility of themselves working in STEM and helping them understand how fun it is and how challenging it is, and how positive it is for the world."

That message resonated throughout the International Ballroom as hundreds of Girl Scouts and their families explored hands-on exhibits, met STEM professionals, and learned about educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Hosted by Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana, the free event welcomed girls in grades K–12 for a morning of discovery featuring more than 30 STEM professionals, interactive activities, breakout sessions, and opportunities to explore fields ranging from engineering and robotics to animal science and 3D printing.

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Mastodon Minute: How the Disability Access Center Supports PFW Students

What resources are available for students with disabilities at Purdue Fort Wayne?

In this episode of Mastodon Minute, Abby Blackmon highlights the Disability Access Center and the services available to help students access the accommodations and support they need to succeed at PFW. The center works to promote equal access and opportunity for students with disabilities while partnering across campus to create an inclusive university experience.

Students can work with the Disability Access Center to request reasonable accommodations, schedule accommodated exams, access their AIM Student Portal, and connect with resources that support their academic success. The center also helps ensure students have equitable access to university programs, services, activities, and facilities.

Whether you're a prospective student, current student, parent, or educator, learn how Purdue Fort Wayne is committed to accessibility and student success for every Mastodon.

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Full access to *The Wall Street Journal* site is now available through the library. **Read more about how to activate your account using the Purdue institutional subscription.** And don't forget —**full access to *The New York Times* Online site**, including Cooking, Games, and Higher Education, is also available, along with many other resources on the library's **A-Z Databases page.**

October Faculty and Staff Portrait Session

Faculty and staff who would like to have portraits taken may do so Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The photographer will be set up on the north end of the skybridge connecting Helmke Library and Walb Student Union.

In a Snap

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

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