

For Faculty and Staff October 13, 2026



Chapman Charitable Trust's $8 Million Gift Builds Lasting Legacy for PFW Students and Northeast Indiana

The Chapman Charitable Trust, with Howard Chapman and Stephen Chapman serving as trustees, has made an $8 million gift to the Chapman Scholars Fund Endowment at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Bringing the endowment's total to more than $14.9 million, the gift strengthens a family legacy that will benefit generations of PFW students and help build a stronger future for Fort Wayne and northeast Indiana.

The investment carries forward the vision of Howard Chapman and his late wife, Elizabeth "Betsy" Chapman, who passed away in 2019. Their decades of generosity have made them among the university's major philanthropic supporters and most dedicated champions. Through scholarships, an endowed professorship and service to the university, the Chapmans have demonstrated a lasting belief in education's ability to ~~transform~~ lives and strengthen communities.

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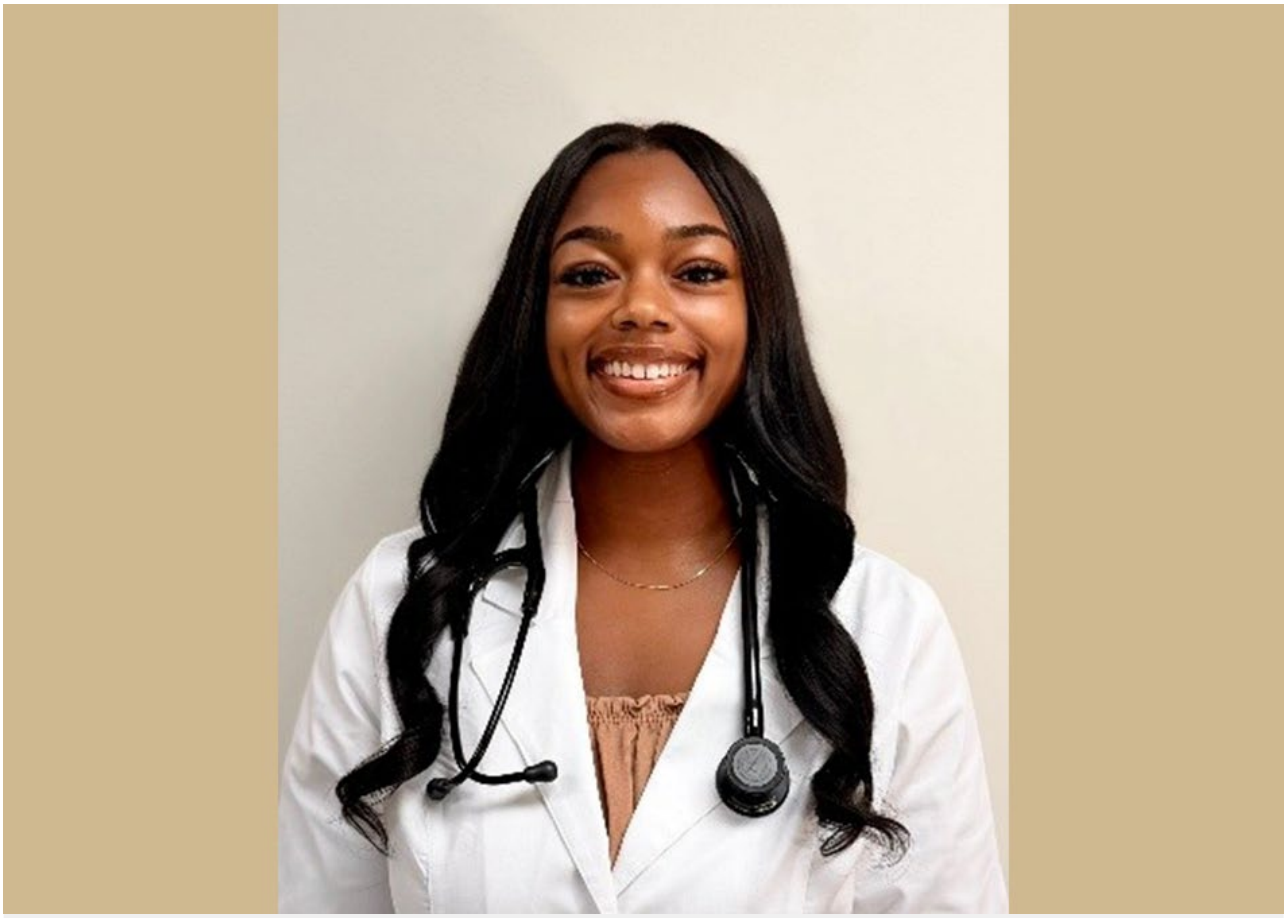
Purdue Fort Wayne Engineering Programs Tie for No. 44 Nationally

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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New Nurse Practitioner at the Center for Healthy Living

One to One Health has chosen a new nurse practitioner to be based at the **Center for Healthy Living at PFW**. She started her assignment at PFW in October.

Ky Hambright, MSN, FNP-BC, is a board-certified family nurse practitioner with over six years of experience in emergency medicine and two years in family medicine. She earned both her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Hambright joined the Center for Healthy Living in 2026 and brings a strong clinical background in acute care, chronic disease management, and preventive medicine.

Her philosophy of care is rooted in compassion, active listening, and patient education. She believes exceptional healthcare begins with understanding each patient's unique needs and treating the whole person. Through a holistic, evidence-based approach, Ky strives to build trusting relationships and empower patients with the knowledge and confidence to take an active role in their health.

To make an appointment, call 765-494-0111 or complete **One to One's online form**.

PFW Faculty Staff Walking Club

The PFW Walking Club, organized by One to One Health Coach Ethan Delatorre, is a supportive, community-based program meant to build healthy habits through regular walking.

Join your colleagues in the Gates Center 2nd floor track on Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 13–December 17, from noon until 1 p.m., to get active, connect with others, and have fun. This is a great opportunity to take a break during the workday, and you are welcome to walk for as much or as little of the hour as you are able.

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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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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...

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Omnibus Speaker Series: Josh Peck

Josh Peck is an actor, comedian, bestselling author, and creator who has turned reinvention and realness into a career-long superpower. First known to millions as a beloved Nickelodeon star on Drake & Josh, Peck has since evolved into a multi-platform cultural connector...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Adam Veeley, compensation and classification administrator | Human Resources

In a Snap

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 Oct. 7. 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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