

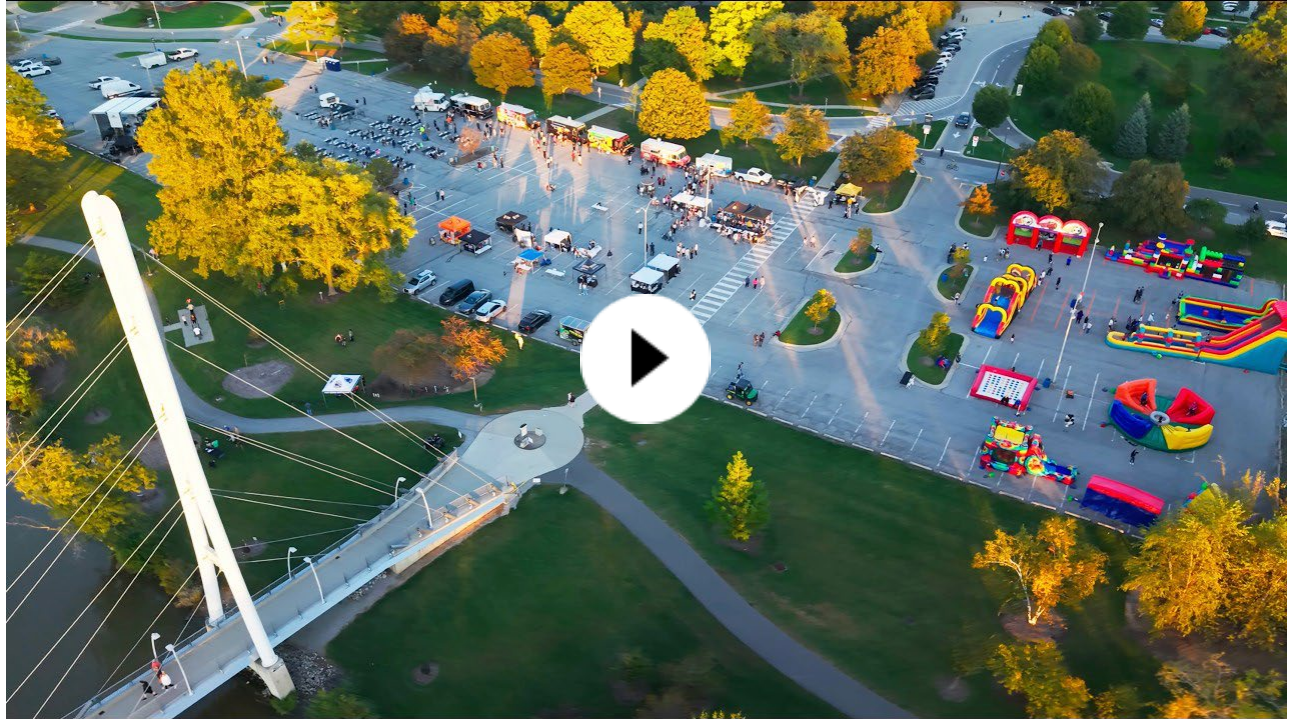
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CAMPUS NEWSLETTER



For Faculty and Staff

October 6, 2026



Looking Back at DonFest 2026

Thank you to everyone who joined us for DonFest, Purdue Fort Wayne's inaugural community celebration.

With live music and activities, food, family-friendly fun, and Mastodon spirit, DonFest brought together students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members from across Fort Wayne for an unforgettable day on campus.

Relive the highlights from this exciting new tradition and see what made DonFest such a special event.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



Paint the Campus Pink Returns for a Second Year

Purdue Fort Wayne kicked off its second annual Paint Campus Pink Week on Monday with a gathering at Alumni Plaza. Representatives from Lutheran Hospital's Cancer Center, Breastie Boxes, and the Vera Bradley Foundation discussed local cancer care, early detection, patient support, and the importance of research and community partnerships.

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.

The week's activities also include a student Bedazzle Bar and home games for men's soccer, women's volleyball, and women's soccer.

2027 Open Enrollment is Oct. 27–Nov. 10

See Purdue's **Benefits Enrollment website** for valuable 2027 benefits information, including your **Enrollment Guide**. The guide is a helpful reference tool that summarizes your primary benefits, plus plan comparisons and premiums.

Virtual presentations will be held via Teams for PFW on:

October 19, 3 p.m.

- **Download the iCal file** to add this meeting to your calendar.
- On the day of the presentation, **join the meeting**.

October 20, 10 a.m.

- **Add this meeting** to your calendar.
- On the day of the presentation, **join the meeting**.

Can't make it to a presentation? A recorded version will be available on the Open Enrollment Resources page so you can view it or review it at your convenience.

Supervisors, if you would like to book an in-person Open Enrollment presentation for your department, reach out to Human Resources before Open Enrollment begins to schedule a time.

In addition to Open Enrollment Presentations, West Lafayette is hosting presentations focused on Medicare and Social Security and their impact on Health Savings Accounts. These virtual presentations will be held:

October 13, 11 a.m.

- **Join meeting**

October 20, 3 p.m.

- **Join meeting**

Visit the **Enrollment Videos, Forms, and More** page for more information on benefits, as well as access to forms and guides to assist in enrollment. You can also use the website to see **what's new or changing** in 2027.

One-on-one sessions with Human Resources are available virtually and in-person by appointment. One-on-ones give you pre-scheduled time to ask any Open Enrollment questions; the time is yours.

- **Schedule with Amy Jagger**
- **Schedule with Andrew Wiley**

Questions? Contact Amy Jagger at **anjagger@pfw.edu** or reach out to Human Resources at **hr@pfw.edu** or 260-481-6840.

Good to Know

Purdue IT Fall Updates

News for this semester include changes to Microsoft SMS/Voice authentication, VPN login, and

Zoom multifactor authentication. [Read the details](#)

Share Your Feedback on Purdue IT Services

Purdue IT is conducting a university-wide survey to gather input on technology services and support. Responses will help guide future enhancements and ensure the university's technology investments align with the needs of the Purdue community. [Complete the survey](#)

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. 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

Join us this evening for a concert 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...



On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

Transfers

- Chad Cussen, director of advising and academic success for ETCS | Advising and Student Success
- Cindy Firestine, administrative clerk, senior, DCS | Training Outreach
- Bryanna Sabic, reconciliation accountant | Accounting and Budgeting

In a Snap

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



The Digital Strategy Team in the Office of Marketing Services hosted a discussion on digital accessibility in the Helmke Library Idea Space on Tuesday. The session provided Drupal publishers

with accessibility best practices and previewed future Drupal tools ahead of the April 26, 2027, federal compliance deadline.

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