

For Faculty and Staff

November 3, 2026

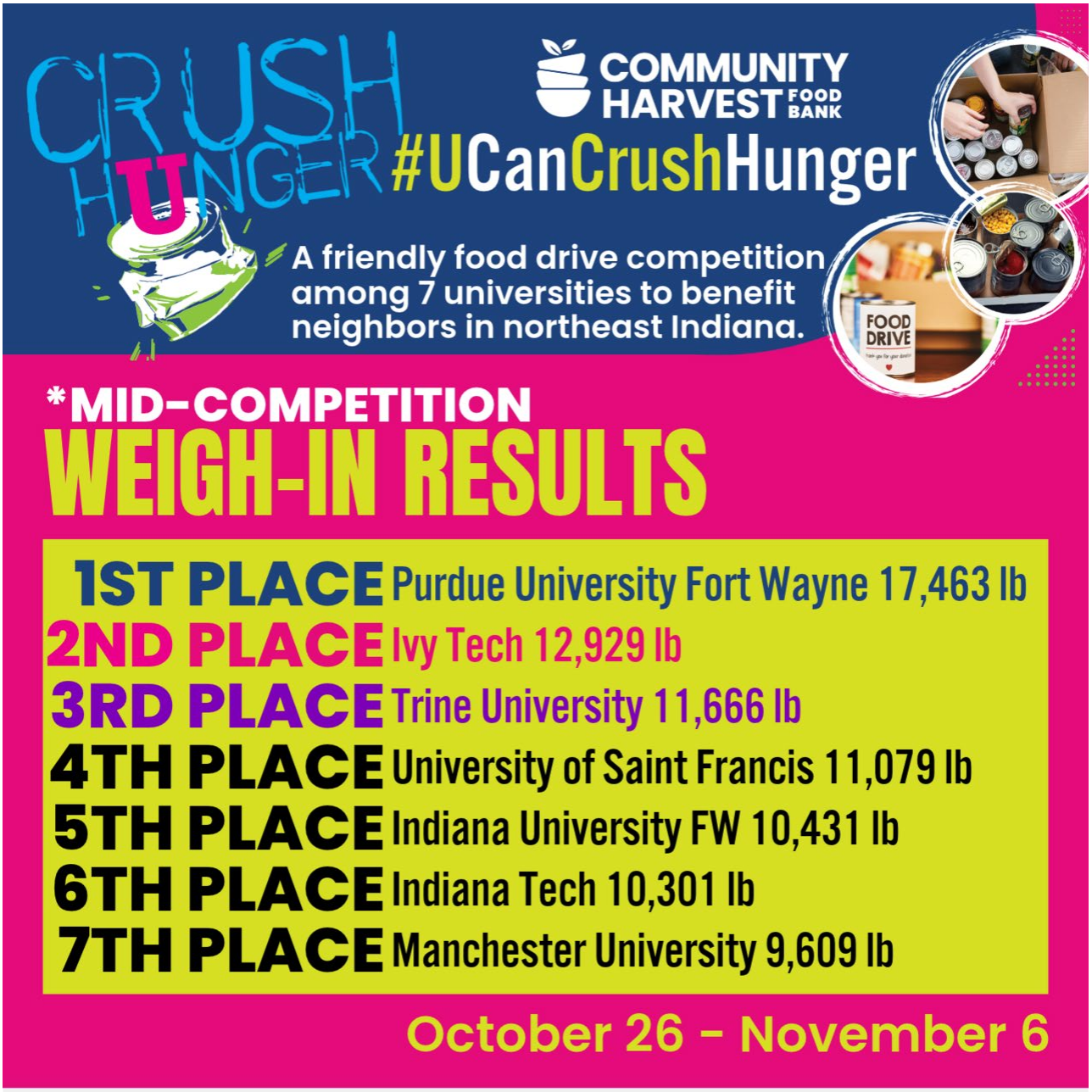


Beyond the Bench: Students See Human Side of Justice

On Oct. 28, students enrolled in the Law, Ethics, Policy, and Professionalism course attended Allen County's Problem-Solving Court at the Allen County Courthouse, where they witnessed firsthand the intersection of justice, accountability, compassion, and empathy. This experience powerfully demonstrated how the judicial system can hold individuals accountable for their actions while also recognizing the importance of rehabilitation, dignity, and second chances.

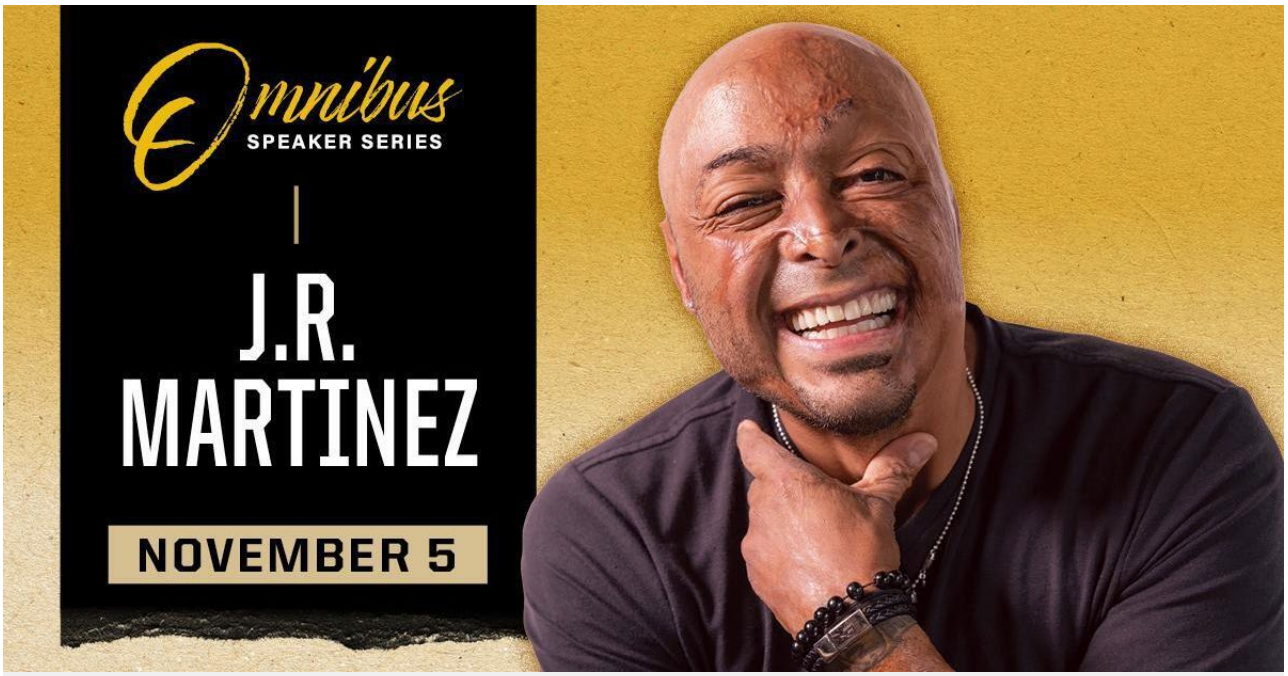
What these students gained from this experience could never be replicated through a classroom lecture or an assigned textbook chapter. They witnessed compassion and empathy in action while gaining a deeper appreciation for the human side of law, ethics, accountability, and public service.

Experiences like these reinforce the importance of taking learning beyond the classroom and connecting academic concepts to real-world practice. They shape not only what our students know, but also the professionals they aspire to become.



PFW Leads U Can Crush Hunger Competition at Midway Point

Purdue University Fort Wayne is currently in first place in the U Can Crush Hunger competition! According to the latest mid-competition weigh-in, PFW has collected an impressive **17,463 pounds of food**, leading Ivy Tech (12,929 pounds) and Trine University (11,666 pounds). The friendly competition brings together seven area universities to support Community Harvest Food Bank and help fight hunger across northeast Indiana. With the competition running through Nov. 6, PFW is in a strong position heading into the final days, thanks to the generosity and support of the campus community.



Secure Your Free Tickets for J.R. Martinez Omnibus Appearance

Join us this Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Performance Hall for the Omnibus Speaker Series featuring J.R. Martinez. A wounded U.S. Army veteran, actor, best-selling author, and motivational speaker, Martinez will present "Facing Adversity with Optimism and Resilience," sharing his powerful story of perseverance and finding purpose. The event is free and open to the public. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend and invite students, friends, and family. Learn more at **pfw.edu/omnibus**.



PFW to Honor Military-Affiliated Community During Veterans Week

Purdue University Fort Wayne's Center for Veteran and Military Student Success will host Veterans Week Nov. 9–13, featuring a series of events recognizing and celebrating the university's military-affiliated community.

Throughout the week, military-affiliated students can enjoy free breakfast and lunch, connect with fellow veterans over coffee, and explore local support services during the Veteran Community Resource Fair.

On Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, the entire campus community is invited to visit the Science Mall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a special American flag display honoring the service and sacrifice of veterans. Faculty and staff are encouraged to stop by and take part in this tribute.

Learn more about Veterans Week and view the full **schedule of events**.



Campus Reminder: Bicycle and Scooter Use and Registration

Electric bicycles, e-scooters and other electric mobility devices may be used on campus, but they may not be stored, charged, or operated inside any campus building. This restriction includes electric skateboards, hoverboards, mopeds, and any other device with an electrical propulsion system, with an exception for assistive devices used by persons with disabilities.

Additionally, roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, bicycles, and similar devices may not be used inside university housing buildings. All bicycles, e-bikes, scooters, and e-scooters must be registered with University Police. To learn more about the registration process, visit **pfw.edu/parking**.

YuJa Panorama and DocHub Available for Digital Accessibility Remediation Support

YuJa Panorama in Brightspace has remediation capabilities to support instructors with updating their course materials by providing instructors with the ability to:

- Scan content within Brightspace to identify potential digital accessibility issues
- Allow remediation of some course content without leaving the Brightspace environment
- Provide clear, actionable feedback on common concerns such as document structure, color contrast, and alternative text

Now also available, **YuJa Panorama DocHub (DocHub)** is a standalone access to YuJa Panorama for non-Brightspace users. Employees who do not own any courses in Brightspace should use DocHub to update and remediate content. YuJa Panorama DocHub provides users with the same support as Panorama.

For additional information, getting started guides, and FAQs, instructors and other Brightspace, visit **Purdue's Yuja Panorama webpage**. For additional information about DocHub, visit **Purdue's Yuja DocHub webpage**.

For information about digital accessibility, please visit **Purdue Fort Wayne's digital accessibility page**. For further questions and support, contact:

- For technical Brightspace support, contact the **IT Help Desk**.
- For questions about accessibility compliance and resources, please contact the **Office for Civil Rights Compliance**.
- For accessibility concerns, contact the **Office for Civil Rights Compliance**.
- For pedagogical support related to accessible course design and instructional best practices, contact **CELT**.

As a reminder, digital materials need to align with the new digital accessibility standards issued by the Department of Justice under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which take effect April 26, 2027.

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.

NOVEMBER
4
Wed., 7:30 p.m.

Percussion Studio Recital

This concert showcases the wide array of instruments incorporated in the study of percussion. Come experience a display of virtuosity and refinement as students display the expressivity of their solo performance...

NOVEMBER
7

The Canciones Project: Guest Artist Dr. John Seesholtz

Sat., 3 p.m.	Dr. John Seesholtz, baritone, is the cofounder of The Canciones Project, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of Latin American music throughout all stages of academia, and former director of vocal pedagogy at the University of Colorado. He will perform a selection of songs that celebrate the range and style of Latin American music...

On the Job

Check out the new faces in new places.

New Hires

- Stephanie O'Shaughnessy, administrative assistant, leadership and talent development | Integrated Studies
- Andrea Baker, lead administrative assistant | College of Science
- Siera Powell, maintenance mechanic | Operations and Maintenance

Transfers

- Nicholas Dailey, groundskeeper | Grounds

In a Snap

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



Panelists shared insights on the value of learning beyond the classroom during the Experiential Learning Summit on Oct. 30, sparking new partnerships between PFW students and community leaders.

News Center | Inside PFW Archive | Athletics | Ripples

UPDATE YOUR PLATE!



LEARN MORE

Inside PFW is an official university communication for faculty and staff. All submissions should be sent to **inside@pfw.edu** no later than 2 p.m. on the day prior to the next edition to be considered for inclusion. Newsletter guidelines are available in the PFW **News Center**.

Inside PFW is produced twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday by the Office of Communications and Marketing. *Inside PFW Special Edition* is a supplement to the regularly scheduled newsletter. It covers breaking news and time-sensitive information directly related to university operations.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE