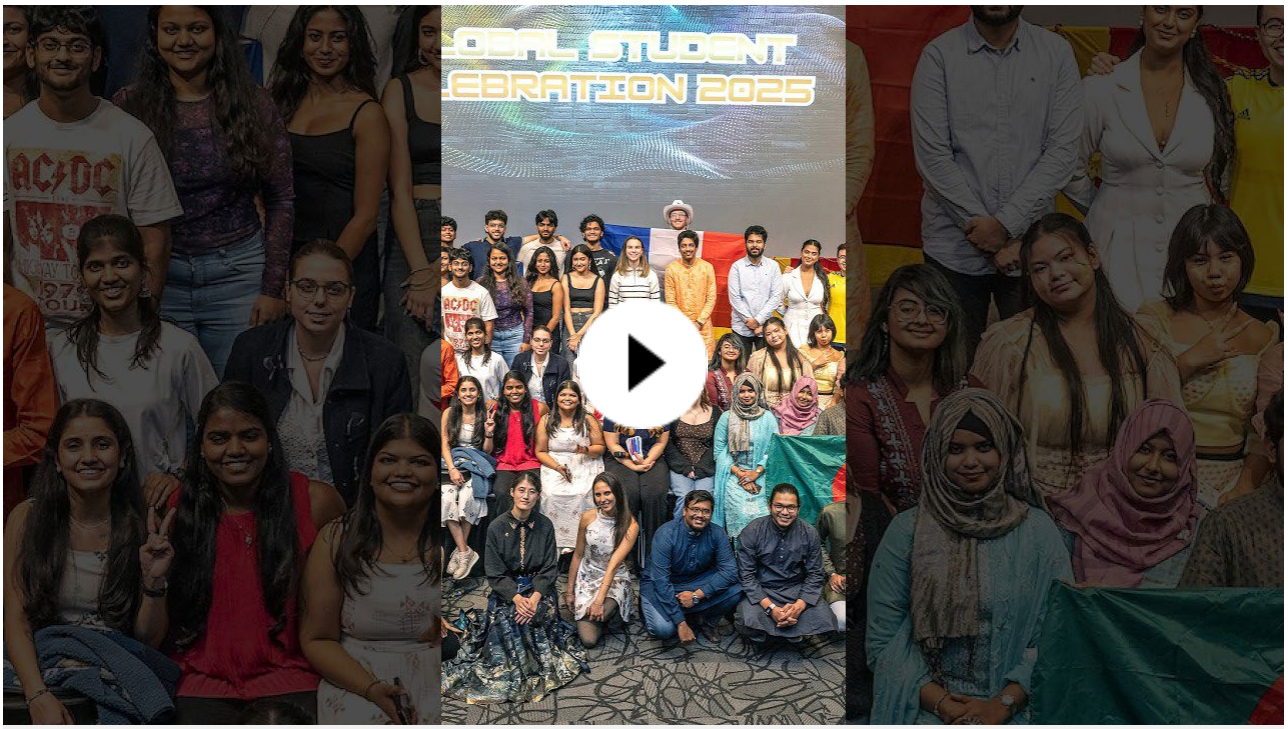


For Faculty and Staff November 5, 2026



Global Student Celebration Brings Cultures Together This Friday

Experience the cultures, traditions, and talents that make Purdue Fort Wayne's campus community unique at the Global Student Celebration this Friday. The event features student performances from around the world, international food, and opportunities to join in on the fun. Faculty, staff, and community members are welcome to attend with a non-perishable food item donation to the FRIENDS of the University Pantry. Bring your family for a fun night out celebrating the world right here on our campus.

Friday, November 6
International Ballroom
5:45–9:30 p.m.
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.; show begins at 7 p.m.

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Mastodon Minute



From Résumés to Internships: How PFW's Career Development Center Can Help

Do you have students looking for help with résumés, internship searches, interview preparation, or career planning? In this episode of Mastodon Minute, Aly Kennedy highlights the many resources available through Purdue University Fort Wayne's Career Development Center.

Discover how PFW students and alumni can take advantage of these valuable resources to build confidence and prepare for their career ahead.

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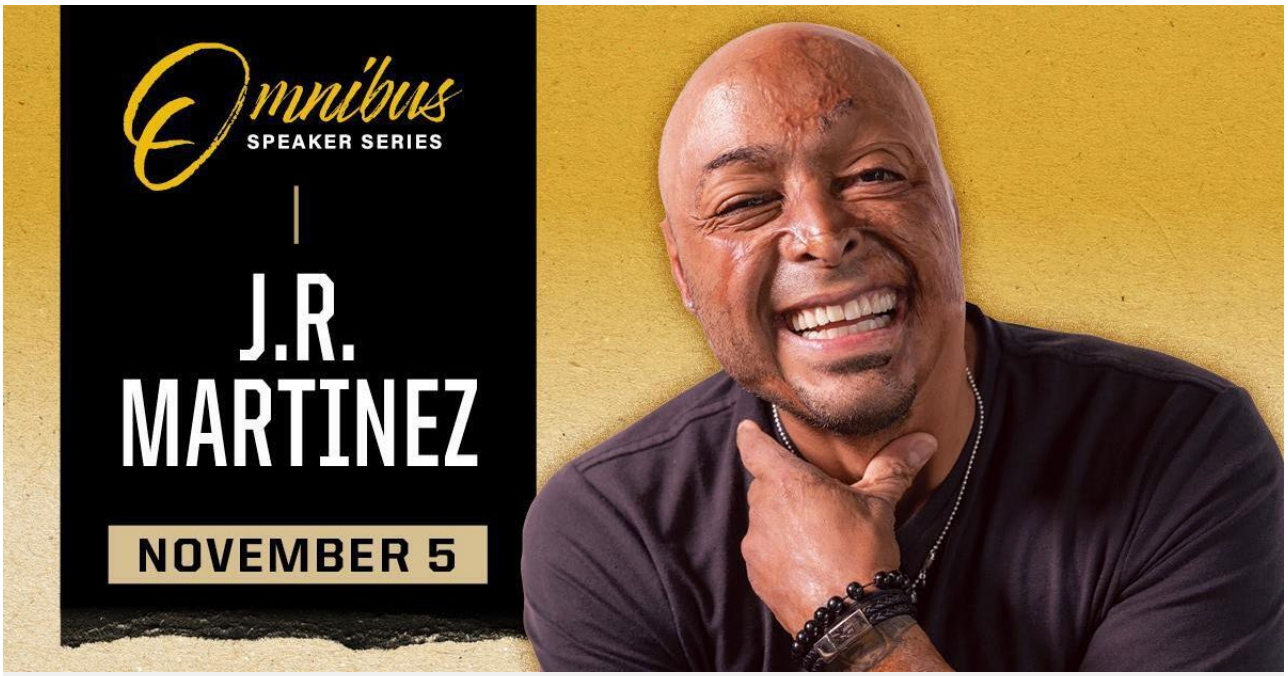


PFW Celebrates First-Gen Week with Events Honoring Nearly Half its Student Body

Purdue Fort Wayne is dedicated in supporting our first-generation college student population. Nationally, 56% of college students are first-generation; at PFW, almost half (45%) of our students are the first in their immediate family to attend college.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and its creation of the term "first-generation college student," colleges and universities across the country celebrate First-Generation College Celebration Day in November. This year, PFW will be hosting a First-Gen week. Join us for the following events to celebrate our vibrant and thriving first-generation students, faculty, staff, and graduates!

- Monday, Nov. 9 | 9:30–11:30 a.m. | **Morning Social** | Herd Hideout
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 | 2–4 p.m. | **Self-care Day** | Kettler Hall, Room G02
- Wednesday, Nov. 11 | 11 a.m.–1 p.m. | **National First-Gen Day Celebration** | Walb Student Union, Room G08



Tonight: An Evening with J.R. Martinez

Join us tonight 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. Learn more at **pfw.edu/omnibus**.

DAC and Academic Testing Merging in Spring 2027

Beginning in spring 2027, the Disability Access Center Testing Center will merge into Academic Testing Services, run by Director Khin Khin Gyi, to form one testing center in Kettler Hall, Room 232, and adjacent rooms. Bringing these services together is intended to make testing easier for faculty and students by providing one center rather than two separate services with different policies and procedures. Please note this change applies only to DAC's testing services; DAC's other functions are not part of the merger.

The combined center will provide academic and proctored testing for students who need accommodations related to testing time or environment. The search for a second proctor will begin soon. The larger space and added staffing will also support plans to offer more tests that are not directly tied to coursework, such as Amazon Web Services, Cisco Systems, NCLEX and NCEES any many others.

What to expect during the transition:

- All scheduled DAC testing, including final exams, will continue in Walb Union 113 through the

end of the fall 2026 semester.

- Beginning in January 2027, all DAC testing will take place at Academic Testing Services in Kettler Room 232 and adjacent rooms.
- All DAC testing equipment will move to Kettler 232 over winter break.
- DAC testing and regular academic testing will continue without disruption during the transition.

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
8
Sun., 2;30 p.m.

Saxophone Studio Recital

Discover the versatility of the saxophone at this engaging recital, where Paul Lorenz's students take the stage for a range of performances. Enjoy everything from compelling solos to lively chamber and ensemble pieces, highlighting the breadth of saxophone artistry...

NOVEMBER
8
Sun., 5 p.m.

Clarinet Studio Recital I

Enjoy a variety of pieces performed by the faculty and students of PFW's clarinet ensembles...

In a Snap

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



On Wednesday, Nov.4, Purdue Fort Wayne hosted the Second Annual Domestic Violence Conference, which was organized by the Victim Assistance Office of the Fort Wayne Police Department. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program and the College of Liberal Arts co-sponsored the event. Nearly 200 visitors listened to keynote speaker Dottie Davis and participated in sessions on a wide range of topics with experts in digital forensics, trauma educators, forensic nurse examiners, and victim advocates from FW Police, Center for Non-Violence, Allen County Prosecutor's Office, the YWCA, FWCS, and many other local organizations.

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