

For Faculty and Staff October 29, 2026



Mastodon Minute: Join Us for PFW's Global Student Celebration

In this episode of Mastodon Minute, Maureen Linvill, Director of International Education, highlights the many ways the Office of International Education supports students from around the globe while studying at Purdue Fort Wayne.

You'll also get a preview of the Global Student Celebration, featuring:

- International cuisine from local vendors
- Traditional dances and musical performances
- A chance to experience cultures from around the world right here on campus

Don't miss this vibrant celebration of diversity, culture, and community.

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Donversations: How to Survive the Midterm Slump at PFW

Welcome to the very first episode of Donversations, a student-hosted podcast featuring real Mastodons and real conversations about life at Purdue Fort Wayne.

Midterms can be overwhelming, but students are not alone. In this episode, host Capree Hardy, a marketing and psychology student at PFW, shares practical strategies for managing stress, staying organized, avoiding burnout, and finishing the semester strong.

You'll also hear from Buck Jordan, director of student success and advising for the Doermer School of Business, who discusses registration, academic resources, career services, advising support, and habits that can help students succeed.

LISTEN TO THE PODCAST

Faculty and Staff Invited to Participate in Spring Commencement

Purdue Fort Wayne will once again host two separate commencement ceremonies this spring, celebrating the achievements of its graduating students and marking an important milestone in their academic journeys.

The graduate ceremony will take place May 11 in Auer Performance Hall, located in the Music Center on campus. The undergraduate ceremony will be held May 12 at the Allen County War

Memorial Coliseum. Both ceremonies will begin at 4 p.m.

Faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in these special occasions, which celebrate the culmination of students' PFW experiences. Those interested in participating in one or both ceremonies by processing alongside the graduates may indicate their interest by **completing this brief survey**.

Additional information about regalia rentals will be shared at a later date.

Dedicated People

Our campus community's growth and success are the result of the dedicated people who work tirelessly to help make the university a special place to work, learn, and flourish. This series recognizes those who exemplify PFW's positive progress.



Anthony 'Tony' Lardydell Has Spent Years Showing Up for Students and Fort Wayne

For many Purdue University Fort Wayne community members, Anthony "Tony" Lardydell is a familiar face.

Whether he's attending a groundbreaking or ribbon-cutting, cheering on the Mastodons at an

athletic event, enjoying a College of Visual and Performing Arts performance, or sitting front and center at the Omnibus Speaker Series, Tony has spent years showing up for the organizations he cares about.

And when it comes to supporting Purdue Fort Wayne, he hasn't just been an enthusiastic attendee. He's also been one of the university's longtime donors and advocates.

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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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Fri., 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Experiential Learning Summit: Connecting Students and Community

This student-focused event designed to connect PFW students with community partners and regional leaders in an environment centered on learning, collaboration, and relationship building...

NOVEMBER
4
Wed., 7:30–9 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...

In a Snap

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



Headmaster Isabel Nuñez welcomes you to the School of Education faculty hallway, transformed into Harry Potter's wizarding world. Happy Halloween!

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