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## Purdue University Northwest diploma design approved by Purdue Trustees

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) students graduating in May 2019 will be the first graduating class to receive a Purdue University Northwest diploma. Chancellor Thomas L. Keon recently made the announcement to students, faculty, and staff.

"This is an exciting step forward for Purdue Northwest," said Keon. "Everything we do as a comprehensive university to ensure the success of our graduates—from high-quality teaching and scholarship, to a robust campus community, to a growing alumni network—is now further reflected in our diploma."

Keon said as the Purdue system has evolved in recent years, with the establish-



A sample of the newly-approved Purdue Northwest diploma design. Previous graduates will also have the opportunity to order the new design.

ment of Purdue University Northwest, Purdue University Fort Wayne, and Purdue University Global, it was increasingly valuable

to distinguish between the diplomas among these various institutions more prominently. While all remain legal (See *Purdue* Pg. 4)



## Firefighters, dispatchers visit local school

On a recent Friday afternoon, the Crown Point Fire Department came to visit both Kindergarten classes at St. Mary Catholic Community School. Along with Crown Point Fireman Anthony Flynn, there were three 911 dispatchers that came to speak to the children about safety. The children were allowed to make practice calls to 911 and provide location information. To learn more about St. Mary School's visit [www.stmarycp.org/school](http://www.stmarycp.org/school). Pictured are Crown Point Fireman Anthony Flynn, Graham Kolodziej, and Karyssa Urbanek.

## Era of growth for Indiana labor force is nearing an end according to new report

Indiana is entering a period where there will be little to no change in the size of its labor force, after decades of robust growth, according to a report from Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

"Between 1950 and 2000, Indiana's labor force doubled from 1.57 million to 3.12 million as the large baby-boom generation came of age and women entered the workforce in ever-increasing numbers," said Matt Kinghorn, senior demographic analyst in the school's Indiana Business Research Center. "Looking ahead, however, the youngest of the boomers

will reach traditional retirement age by 2030, and female labor force participation rates have almost certainly peaked."

Writing in the Indiana Business Research Center publication INContext, Kinghorn said that the latest projections suggest the number of workers in Indiana will grow by only 34,000 total between 2020 and 2050. That's a sharp contrast with an average of more than 280,000 new workers per decade between 1950 and 2010.

In the short term, the decline will appear gradual. Indiana is projected to add 120,000 workers between

2010 and 2020. The following decade, the state's labor force could lose nearly 30,000 employees, before more tepid growth between 2030 and 2050.

With the retirement of baby boomers in Indiana, a much smaller "Gen X" cohort will replace them in the older-age segment of the state's population, and a small "post-millennial" group will begin entering the workforce.

"Since the Great Recession hit around 2008, fertility rates in the United States -- Indiana included -- have been declining," Kinghorn said. "In fact, the U.S. had a record-low fer-

tility rate in 2016."

If age-specific fertility rates seen before the Great Recession had remained constant, Indiana likely would have had about 70,000 more births in this decade.

"This trend -- which has yet to show any signs of changing -- has been sustained long enough that it will certainly impact the size of the labor force in the decades ahead," Kinghorn said.

Also, fewer people are moving into Indiana. Hispanic residents fueled population growth between 1990 and 2010, accounting for 77% of all net migration during that period. Kinghorn

said the Great Recession also has led to lower levels of migration into the state. During the 1990s, Indiana had annual net in-migration of 17,500. Since 2010, that figure has plummeted to 1,900 new residents a year.

In the decades leading up to 2000, Indiana experienced a sharp increase in the number of women participating in the labor force. The share of women age 16 or older in the workforce grew from 27.6% in 1950 to 60% at the start of the current millennium.

Kinghorn said there will be wide differences in projected labor force rates among Indiana's regions.

Seven of the state's 15 metro areas are expected to exceed Indiana's rate of labor force growth between 2015 and 2025. For example, the size of the labor force for the 11-county Indianapolis/Carmel/Anderson metro area is projected to grow by 0.6%.

On the other hand, several metro areas with a strong industrial heritage are projected to continue experiencing labor force declines, such as Muncie, Kokomo and Michigan City-LaPorte. The 47 rural and mid-sized Indiana counties that are not in a metro area also are projected to lose labor force in

(See *Era* Pg. 4)

## Over 700 attend event and banquet honoring Northwest Indiana's most 'Influential Women'

More than 700 people and dozens of prominent businesses gathered to celebrate the achievements of more than 20 of NWI's female leaders at the Influential Women of Northwest Indiana Awards Banquet. Attendees included representatives from many corporate entities, as well as elected officials, entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizers, and more.

Twenty women received accolades in ten different industry categories; one Influential Woman and one Up-And-Coming Woman.

Also, additional special awards were distributed for overall winners, empowering business of the year, the Torch Award, community leader of the year, and supporter of the year.

Winners were selected from a pool of over 200 nominees that were submitted by their peers, colleagues, family, and friends.

The Overall Up & Coming Woman of the Year is Heather Garay, city controller with the City of Hammond. The Overall Influential Woman of the Year is Stacey Brock, gas

transportation analyst with NIPSCO.

"How different would Northwest Indiana be without these influential women?" asked Erica Dombey, chair of NWIWA and president of the Regional Development Company. "It certainly wouldn't be a place where companies and individuals could achieve success. Influential Women alumni and nominees change the paradigm for business in NWI."

A full list of winners can be found at [www.buildingindiana.com](http://www.buildingindiana.com).



Overall Influential Woman Stacey Brock with presenter Christina Matoski



Overall Up-and-Coming Woman Heather Garay with presenter Africa Tarver

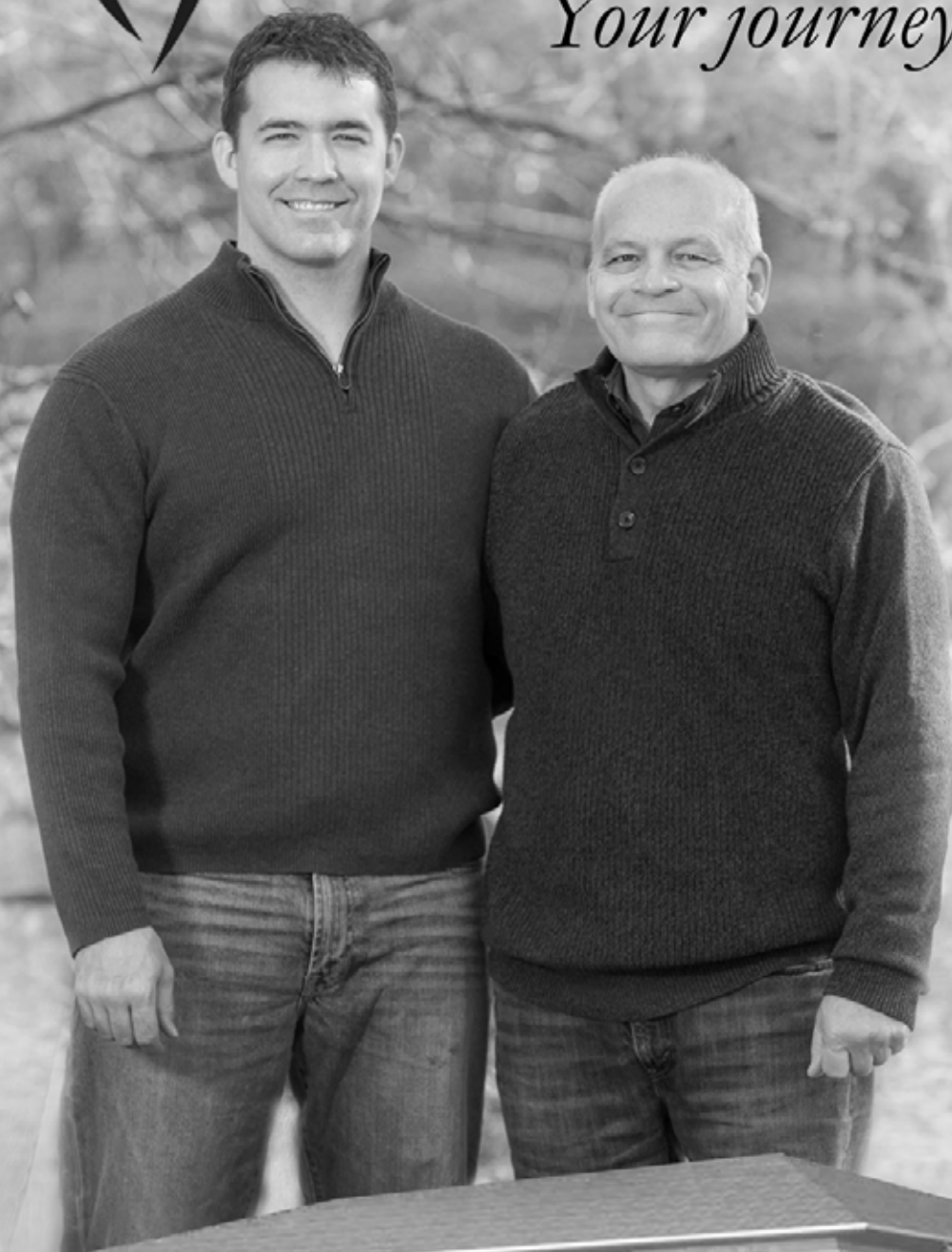
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# Dropping temperatures should bring out fall colors across the state

After a late spate of hotter-than-usual weather, a drop in temperature across the state should get things moving toward the fall colors Hoosiers love.

The best fall color formation happens with bright, warm days, cool nights and moist soils, according to Carrie Tauscher, the DNR Division of Forestry's Community & Urban Forestry program coordinator.

While all of Indiana has experienced bright, warm days, overnight lows and soil moistures have varied dramatically throughout the state.

Nonetheless, the tourist towns of southern Indiana such as Nashville, Madison, and Medora shouldn't fret, Tauscher said. Sassafras and sweetgum trees in forest understories and along roadsides regularly give a great show of red, orange and yellow.

If you plan to go sightseeing for fall colors, you can contact the Purdue Extension office in the county of your destination for a report. Another option is to call the nearest state park. Colors vary statewide, and from county to county.

"With all the events going on in parks and orchards and other fall destinations, you're

going to enjoy the ambiance no matter what," Tauscher said. "Just get outside and enjoy the fall."

Leaves produce pigments that give them color. During spring and summer, the green pigment, chlorophyll, is dominant. When days become shorter, other pigments in the leaf become visible as the amount of chlorophyll dwindles.

The full forest show in central Indiana should begin in the next one to three weeks, depending on weather, and continue for several weeks as long as the state


doesn't experience windy storms, Tauscher said.

Once the leaves fall, Tauscher said Hoosiers should consider mulching their yard leaves instead of bagging them and sending them to a landfill.

One option is to mow leaves and let them be absorbed into the lawn, providing nutrients for the next growing season.

Another use is to layer them onto planting beds, which provides nutrients and protection against wind erosion.

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# November 30 deadline for scholarship applications available for aspiring educators

Current high school seniors planning to pursue a degree in education can now apply for the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, according to State Rep. Julie Olthoff (R-Crown Point). The scholarship provides \$7,500 a year for a maximum of four years to 200 students who attend an Indiana college or university. "The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship is a major investment in the future of education in Indiana," Olthoff said. "In

helping these aspiring educators pursue their teaching careers, we are also setting our future students, schools and state up for success." Olthoff said the scholarship was established to encourage more high-achieving students to pursue a career in Indiana classrooms. Applicants must be in the top 20% of their high school graduating class or have earned a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Recipients must commit to teaching in Indiana for five consecutive years upon

graduation. Interested students should be nominated by a teacher and submit a nomination form with their application, which is available at [www.ScholarTrack.IN.gov](http://www.ScholarTrack.IN.gov). College students currently studying education may also apply as long as they graduated from an Indiana accredited high school or non-accredited non-public high school. For more information and to apply before the November 30 deadline, visit [www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/nextteacher](http://www.LearnMoreIndiana.org/nextteacher).

(Era from Pg. 1)  
the years ahead.

"Unlike during the second half of the last century, there are no labor-force-boosting developments on the horizon that are similar in magnitude to either the boomer generation or increased female participation, and certainly nothing akin to both of these simultaneously," he said.

"One way to compensate for this slowdown in labor force growth would be with strong productivity gains. However, U.S. productivity growth has been relatively slow in recent years. "Perhaps tightening labor markets will spur increased productivity gains," he added. "Other avenues that

could help address this concern would be increased migration, as well as education programs and wage increases that lead to higher labor force participation rates. Some combination of these factors will need to occur in Indiana, and the nation as a whole, to improve living standards in the years ahead."

(Purdue from Pg. 1)

entities of the Trustees of Purdue University, the Board approved the diploma change for each.

Distinguishing between diplomas conferred at regional universities from a "main campus" counterpart is common among public university systems in many states, such as Wisconsin, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, and California.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost Ralph O. Mueller said offering students a Purdue University Northwest diploma is further evidence of PNW's strong academic reputation. "Employers already look for the expertise of PNW students and graduates," said Mueller. "A clearly defined Purdue University Northwest

diploma enhances the proud tradition of earning a degree from PNW's many quality, and nationally recognized, academic programs." Keon said former alumni will be given the opportunity after May 2019 to order a new PNW diploma. Details will be shared through the PNW Alumni Community. For more information about PNW, visit [www.pnw.edu](http://www.pnw.edu).

# CSO cellist Richard Hirschl joins the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra for 'Russian Cello'

The public is invited to join the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and Music Director-Conductor Kirk Muspratt for 'Russian Cello' on Friday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. at The Auditorium at Living Hope Church located at 9000 Taft Street on the Crown Point-Merrillville border.) The concert will feature Superstar

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Removed signs will be taken to the nearest INDOT facility. Campaign signs may be claimed by the owner between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for holidays.

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## This day in history

### October 19, 1985

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In 1994, Blockbuster was acquired by the media giant Viacom Inc., whose brands include MTV and Nickelodeon. In the mid-1990s, the digital video disc (DVD) made its debut and in 1997, Netflix, an online DVD rental service, was founded.

Around that same time, the e-commerce giant Amazon.com launched a video and DVD store. Blockbuster faced additional competition from the rise of pay-per-view and on-demand movie services, through which viewers could pay for and watch movies instantly in their own homes.

In 2004, Blockbuster split off from Viacom. That same year, Blockbuster launched an online DVD rental service to compete with Netflix. As of 2008, Blockbuster had some 8,000 stores around the world. In 2006, the company, headquartered once again in Dallas, had global revenues of more than \$5.5 billion. However, in 2018, there is only one single Blockbuster store – in Oregon – that remains open.

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## Obituary ~ Alec P. Graham

Alec P. Graham, age 28 of Kouts, formerly of LOFS, passed away on October 10, 2018. He was a graduate of Boone Grove HS, class of 2008. He was a journeyman electrician and a member of IBEW Local 531. He was preceded in death by his father-David Graham.

Alec is survived by his wife-Ashley (nee Garner) son-Zaiden Graham; mother-Dawn Bailey; brother-Mickey Graham.; parents in law- Chuck and Rita Garner; grandmother-Barbara J. Bailey. Friends visited with Alec's family on Sunday, October 14,

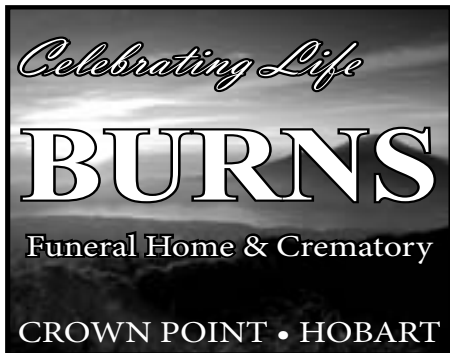
2018 from 1-4 p.m. followed by a Celebration of Life at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. Services concluded at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a scholarship fund for Alec's son, Zaiden. www.burnsfuneral.com

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Indiana students get free FAFSA filing help College Goal Sunday

Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at 39 sites in Indiana to help college-bound students and their families open the door to financial aid during College Goal Sunday. The event is set for 2 p.m. (local time), on October 28.

The free program assists Indiana students in filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form is required for students to be considered for federal and state grants, scholarships and student loans at most colleges, universities and vocational/technical schools

nationwide. The FAFSA must be filed by April 15 to be eligible for Indiana financial aid. College Goal Sunday is so important since completing this required form correctly and by the deadline is sometimes perceived to be complicated and time consuming. In less than one afternoon at a College Goal Sunday event, students and their families can get free help and file the form online.

According to the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching first-generation col-

lege students. In recent years, according to CHE statistics, more single-parent Hoosier families have filed for financial aid, indicating programs like College Goal Sunday are reaching high-risk students and their families.

Students should attend College Goal Sunday with their parent(s) or guardian(s), and parents' should bring completed 2017 IRS 1040 tax returns, W-2 Forms and other 2017 income and benefits information. Students who worked last year should bring their income information

as well. Students 24 years of age or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2017 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 Form or other 2017 income and benefits information. Students and parents are encouraged to apply for their U.S. Department of Education FSA IDs at fsaid.ed.gov before coming to the event.

Volunteers will walk through the online form line-by-line and answer families' individual questions as needed. A complete list of sites is available at [www.CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://www.CollegeGoalSunday.org).

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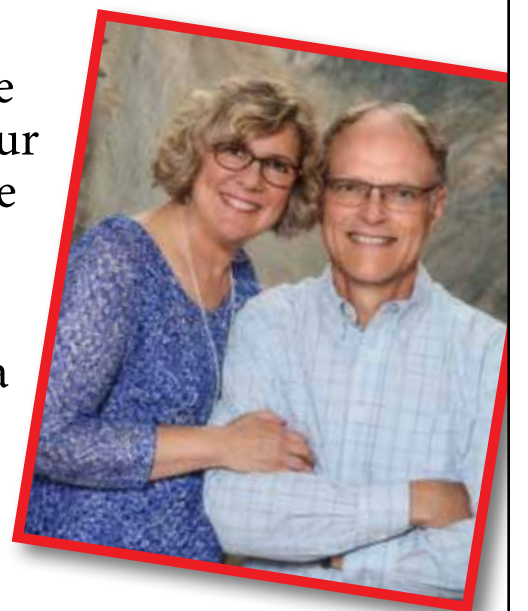


Julie is not a career politician. She is a small business owner and active community leader who knows how to work with local businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs for Northwest Indiana.

Julie is working at the Statehouse to bring more money back for our local roads, increase funding for our local schools and bring high paying jobs to our community.

Julie is also leading efforts to care for the most vulnerable in our community. Protecting our kids is Julie's top priority and that's why she has passed bills to add case workers to state family services, help prevent teen suicides, improve daycare safety and fund increased security at our schools.

Julie is a lifelong Lake County resident and has been married to Ron, a union electrician UCFW 1546, for over 30 years.



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