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**2025 Salary Guide**  
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## Lafayette woman found guilty in bribery tied to judge shooting

BY OLIVIA MAPES  
Editor-In-Chief

Amanda Milsap turned around, gave a thumbs up, and mouthed she was OK to her friends and family after the verdict came in during her trial on bribery.

After seven hours of deliberation, the jury declared her guilty as charged for bribery, attempted obstruction of justice, and invasion of privacy.

The three-day jury trial found that she knowingly violated a protective order and bribed her former friend, a woman named Britney Bullis-Carter, to keep her from testifying in a domestic abuse case against Milsap's ex-husband, Thomas Moss.

Moss is connected to a larger conspiracy, alongside four others, that he allegedly planned to kill Judge Steven Meyer and Kim Meyer to avoid trial after the plan to keep Bullis-Carter from testifying failed.

Milsap's trial hinged on one phone call between her and Bullis-Carter on Dec. 11.

Earlier that day, Milsap received a text from Moss saying his lawyer told him that he could receive up to 50 years for the trial, which was scheduled for Jan. 20, according to evidence the Lafayette Police Department had gathered from her phone.

Milsap immediately texted, "Are you fucking serious?!" and tried to call Moss. When he didn't answer, she turned to Bullis-Carter and had a four-minute conversation with her, according to the evidence.

Tippecanoe County Deputy Prosecutor Cassidy Laux argued that Milsap did not want to become a single mother and wanted to do anything to help Moss, so she called the one person she knew who was supposed



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**Defendant Amanda Milsap is escorted out of court by a police officer after her trial on Wednesday to testify — Bullis-Carter.**

Milsap's lawyer Earl McCoy, on the other hand, honed in on the relationship between Milsap and Bullis-Carter during his closing arguments. He said the panicked call Milsap gave to Bullis-Carter after the text from Moss was a "human response" between friends looking for a way to calm down.

"She stated that Vice Lords that she knows recommended (Milsap) offer me \$10,000 to not testify in that case," Bullis-Carter testified Tuesday. "I let her know there would

be no amount of money that would prevent me from testifying in that case.

After hours of deliberation, jurors asked to listen to Bullis-Carter's testimony again.

Laux said that even evidence saying she agreed to convey the offer is bribery, while McCoy argued that Milsap was only informing Bullis-Carter about what the Vice Lords had said.

Laux said Milsap's calls to Bullis-Carter were only a way to "keep tabs on Britney" for Moss. He pointed to

the phone call logs and compared the total number of phone calls between Milsap and Moss, 248, with a "minimal" 24 calls with Bullis-Carter.

McCoy said there was no evidence to prove what was said during the phone calls or even who answered the phone.

During testimony from Nina Matulis, the person who analyzed the phone evidence for LPD, McCoy asked if she was able to know who was on the other line. Matulis said no.

The prosecutors disagreed that

they needed the exact phone call to prove that the message of bribery was conveyed because they also had texts between Milsap and Moss alongside texts between Milsap and Nevaeh Bell, Moss' most current girlfriend.

"It's not just what Britney said," Laux said. "We're not relying solely upon her testimony. And by the way, Britney's testimony, by itself, is sufficient for you to find the defendant guilty as charged. But we have more than that."

In those conversations, Milsap offered to do anything she could to help.

Bell texted Milsap on Dec. 3 about Moss's poor health and her worry for him, to which Amanda then responded, "If I was him I would fucking run. I will try talking to Britney again, but I don't think it will help."

The prosecutors said this was proof that Milsap was not only being asked to do the bribe, but also was offering.

McCoy said this was not proof that she actually did it, but that she was just trying to do her best to deal with him, the leader of the Chicago-connected Vice Lords, until the trial, while co-parenting with him.

McCoy's arguments stayed with the jurors, who had several questions for Judge Lisa Swaim, but they ultimately convicted her as charged.

Milsap is scheduled to be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. on April 27 in the Tippecanoe County Courthouse.

## Milk Monday opens Ag Week with dairy education, free food

### Students get a taste of agriculture at Memorial Mall

BY ANJALI ARUN  
Staff Reporter

The smell of grilled cheese permeated Memorial Mall as the Purdue Dairy Club kicked off Ag Week with its annual Milk Monday event, and there is still plenty more to come.

The club handed out 1,600 grilled cheese sandwiches alongside free plain and chocolate milk, all sourced with help from the American Dairy Association Indiana, which also supplied informational materials and flyers promoting its Winners Drink Milk campaign.

"Our main thing is just planning our side of it, giving back to the Purdue campus, and also educating about the ag industry and specifically dairy," said Gracie Lee, a junior in agricultural education and president of the Purdue Dairy Club.

Educational poster boards and interactive activities were set up throughout the tent, with topics ranging from how dairy products are made to basic facts about cows. Lee said that one misconception the club consistently tries to address is the belief that chocolate milk comes



HUGH KENNEDY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

**An Ag Week sign and a turkey inflatable sit Monday morning on Memorial Mall, kicking agricultural-themed week. Ag week is held annually at Purdue.**

from brown cows.

"That's what we always talk about," Lee said. "Just trying to educate and say 'what do you think you know about dairy and let's have a conversation about it.'"

Danielle Miller, a senior in agribusiness marketing concentration and member relations officer of the dairy club, said the event speaks to something broader than just food. Agriculture touches everyday life in ways most students do not think about, Miller said.

"Even if you haven't been around a farm, it's important to know just how much agriculture impacts you," Miller said. She grew up on a four-generation dairy farm and said joining the Purdue Dairy Club felt like a natural fit when she arrived on campus.

Milk Monday is just the opening act. The Ag Week Task Force, a group of 20 agriculture students, has four more events planned through Friday to connect students across campus to agriculture and where their food comes from.

"You don't have to wear overalls or drive a tractor to be connected to where your food comes from," Kyra Meister, a junior in agricultural eco-

nomics and task force member, said. Meister, who grew up on an alpaca farm, said learning about food production changed how she sees the industry and why she wants to share

that with others.

Lee said Ag Week reflects something special about Purdue's College of Agriculture, which she described as a tight-knit community that uses the week to open its doors wider.

"I think it gives students, no matter where they're from, a taste of what Purdue is about," Lee said. "It meshes really well with our identity."

Tech Tuesday follows Monday's event, with Burger Bash on Wednesday also featuring Ag Expo, where students can connect with industry professionals. Thursday brings Hammer Down Hunger, where participants pack meals to fight food insecurity, as the task force is aiming to pack 70,000 meals this year. The week closes Friday with a tenderloin event.

"Success would be each task force member walking away with a story about an aha moment that they had in a conversation with a student," Caleb Lechlitter, a sophomore in agribusiness and a member of the task force, said.

"There's no restrictions here," Lee said. "Just simply come enjoy."



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**A spotted calf grazes in a pen while people watch during Ag Week on Monday. There were two calves at the event.**



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**Ag Week staff give away shirts to attendees Monday morning. The event began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 3 p.m.**

# LPD investigates alleged shooting, child abduction

## STAFF REPORTS

The Lafayette Police Department responded to a reported shooting about 8:45 a.m. Monday in the 700 block of Olivia Place, according to an LPD news release.

Officers located an alleged victim who suffered from at least one gunshot wound when they arrived at the scene. The person was sent to a hospital for treatment and is currently in critical condition, according to the news release.

Daniel, 37, fled the scene with a 7-year-old, who was then located safe and unharmed, the news release said.

McDaniel was not on scene when LPD arrived and was believed to have fled in a silver 2011 Ford F-150, according to the release.

McDaniel has been named a person of interest in the investigation and is considered armed and dangerous, and the police ask the community not to approach him and instead call 911, the release said.



A Lafayette Police car sits in a parking lot.

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# A deep-dive on Purdue's top earners in 2025

BY JULIA MORRIS  
Asst. City Editor

The Exponent sifted through every single salary for every Purdue employee in order to assess who is the highest-paid faculty member in each college. The data included salaries from the 12 recognized colleges at the university. Here they are from lowest to highest:

## Exploratory Studies

Linda Gregory is the executive director of Purdue's Exploratory Studies program and its top earner. In 2025, she earned \$138,011.88. She's held the executive director position since 2017, before which she served as the associate director of the program, according to her LinkedIn.

## College of Education

Wayne E. Wright was the highest paid in the College of Education, earning \$301,249.46 in 2025. Wright is the associate dean for research, graduate programs, and faculty development, and the chair of literacy and language in the College of Education at Purdue. He is also the editor of several journals, including the "Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism" and the "Journal of Education for Multilingualism."

## Honors College

Felisa Del Carmen Higgins is the associate vice provost and dean of the John Martinson Honors College, and the college's highest-paid position. In 2025, she earned \$354,035.12. She assumed her role in 2025 and works as a clinical professor in the Mitch Daniels School of Business, according to the school's website.

## College of Liberal Arts

In the College of Liberal Arts, Erin Dunn, a professor of sociology, was the highest paid, making \$397,882.06. Dunn is a social and psychiatric epidemiologist, according to the Purdue College of Liberal Arts website. Dunn has a research lab on campus that aims to better understand the factors behind depression and how to lessen the impact of mental illness, according to the lab's website.

## College of Veterinary Medicine

Willie Reed, a professor emeritus of Purdue's College of Veterinary Medicine, was the

college's highest-paid employee in 2025. He earned \$440,963.64. Reed served as the dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine from 2007 to 2024. In June of last year, the Purdue Board of Trustees renamed the Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory after him, according to Purdue News.

## College of Health and Human Sciences

Thomas Berndt was the highest paid in the College of Health and Human Sciences, earning \$442,443.54. Berndt is a professor emeritus in the department of psychological sciences at Purdue. He retired in 2024.

## College of Pharmacy

Eric Barker was the highest paid in the College of Pharmacy, earning a salary of \$473,571.34. Barker is the vice president for health affairs, dean of pharmacy, and a professor of medicinal chemistry and molecular pharmacology, according to the Purdue College of Pharmacy website.

## College of Engineering

Rakesh Agrawal was the top earner in the College of Engineering, making \$570,411.74. Agrawal is the Winthrop E. Stone Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering at Purdue and has been a faculty member since 2004. Agrawal was awarded the National Medal of Technology by Barack Obama in 2011, according to the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

## Polytechnic Institute

Andrew Mesecar, a distinguished professor of biochemistry, a Walther professor of cancer structural biology, and the assistant vice president for research, was the highest paid in Purdue's Polytechnic Institute. In 2025, he earned a salary of \$454,110.24. Mesecar has a lab on campus whose main focus is the structure and function of enzymes of biomedical importance, according to the lab's website.

## College of Science

Michael J. Manfra was the highest paid in the College of Science with a salary of \$512,998.92. Manfra is the director of the Purdue Quantum Science and Engineering Institute as well as a distinguished professor of physics and astronomy. In 2025, Manfra was awarded the

American Physical Society's Condensed Matter Physics Prize, according to the Quantum Semiconductor Systems Group/Microsoft Quantum Purdue website.

## College of Agriculture

The highest-paid faculty member in the College of Agriculture was Jay Akridge. In 2025, he was paid \$588,766.89. Akridge is the trustee chair in teaching and learning excellence and a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue. From 2017-22, he served as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Di-

versity at Purdue, according to the Purdue Center for Food and Agricultural Business' website.

## Mitch Daniels School of Business

James "Jim" Bullard, the dean of the Mitch Daniels School of Business, was the highest paid in that college with a salary of \$674,621.98. Before working at Purdue, Bullard served as the president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. According to the bank's website, Bullard left in 2023 to take his current position as the dean of the Mitch Daniels School of Business.



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Distinguished Professor of Service  
Professor of Economics



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Dean of Pharmacy  
Professor of Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology



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# Religious Directory

## Assembly of God

**River City Church @ Lafayette**  
108 Beck Ln, Lafayette, IN 47909  
765-474-1432  
www.rivercity.info facebook.com/WearRCC  
Lead Pastor: Robby & Tracey Bradford  
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:15 pm - Dinner  
7:00 pm - Worship Starts

## Baptist

**Faith Church**  
One Church - Three Locations  
www.faithlafayette.org  
On Facebook @FaithChurchLafayette  
West Campus: 1920 Northwestern Avenue, WL  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 and 11:00am  
North Campus: 2000 Elmwood Ave., Lafayette  
Sunday Worship: 9:30 and 11:00am  
East Campus: 5526 ST RD 26 E, Lafayette  
Sunday Worship: 8, 9:30, & 11:00am  
Purdue Bible Fellowship & International Student Ministry  
www.faithlafayette.org/pbf  
On Facebook @PurdueBibleFellowship

**Kossuth Street Baptist Church**  
2901 Kossuth Street, Lafayette, IN  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am  
Sunday Connections Hour: 9:15 am  
www.ksbcc.net

## Tippecanoe Bible Church

3990 St. Rd 38 East, Lafayette, IN 47905  
Church times: Sunday 10:30am and Thursday 6pm  
www.tippecanoebible.org

## Bible

**Battle Ground Bible Church**  
2430 W. 600 N., West Lafayette, IN  
Worship Service: 9:00am  
Fellowship Groups: 10:30 am  
Pastor: Kenny Loehle  
www.bgbc.org  
sec@bgbc.org

## Catholic

**St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center**  
535 W. Mitch Daniels Boulevard  
765-743-4652 Daily Mass  
Monday-Saturday: 11:30am  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm\*  
Wednesday: 9pm\*  
Weekend Mass  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 9am, 11:30am, 7pm\* & 9pm\*  
\*when Purdue is in session  
http://www.boilercatholics.org

## Disciples of Christ

**First Christian Church**  
Sunday worship 10:15 am  
Live streaming on FB and YouTube  
Book Study 9 am in the Chapel "Separation of Church and Hate" beginning March 1. Join anytime.  
Children's Church during 10:15 am service.  
We are an open and affirming congregation.  
www.fcclaf.org | 329 N. 6th St. Lafayette, IN 47901

## Episcopal

**Episcopal Campus Ministry**  
**Chapel of the Good Shepherd**  
The Rev. Dr. Hilary Cooke, Chaplain  
610 Meridian Street (near Mackey Arena)  
Online Morning Prayer - Sundays at 9:00 am  
Holy Communion - Sundays at 10:00 am & 7:00 pm  
765-743-1347 \* www.goodshep.org

## Evangelical Covenant Church

**The Grove Covenant Church**  
3600 S. 9th Street, Lafayette  
(765) 474-4842 \* www.thegrovecov.church  
Worship Service: Sundays 10:30 am  
Streaming Online: www.thegrovecov.church/worship

## Evangelical Charismatic

**Calvary Chapel**  
2111 State St, Lafayette IN 47905  
(765) 477-7744 www.cchapel.org  
Sunday Meets: 10:30 am  
Understanding the RAPTURE! Join us as we study the RAPTURE. WHEN will it happen? WHO will it involve? WHY will it occur? IS it in the Bible? (HINT: 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

## Evangelical Presbyterian

**Covenant Church**  
211 Knox Dr., West Lafayette, IN  
Sundays:  
9:00 am - Worship Service  
10:30 am - Worship Service  
CovenantEPC.org or call 765-463-7303

**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
Traditional worship with reverence, awe, and joy  
Sunday 9:30 am  
faithpresbyterian.org/livestream  
IG @faithpreswl  
FB @faithpresbyterianchurchwl  
(765) 743-3683  
office@faithpresbyterian.org

## Interdenominational

**Federated Church of West Lafayette**  
www.federatedchurch.net  
2400 Sycamore Lane 463-5564  
Nursery available  
Sunday School (all ages) 9:30 am  
Worship 10:30 am  
PreK - 1st grade 10:45 am  
Disciples of Christ & American Baptist  
"Traditional with a Twist"

## Islam

**Islamic Educational Center of Lafayette**  
1744 Everett Street, Lafayette, IN 47905  
951-316-4484 | iecol.org  
\*Spiritual gatherings for the love of God and Ahlul-beyt  
\*Fresh ideas and thoughtful remembrances.  
\*Friday congregational prayers.

## Lutheran

**Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
Rev. Elizabeth Lee, Pastor  
1005 N 21st Street, Lafayette  
Sunday Services @ 10:00 AM  
Christian Education @ 9:00 AM  
Wheelchair Accessible  
765-447-4205  
www.holytrinitylafayette.com  
All are welcome!

**Our Saviour Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
Corner of Fowler & Vine, West Lafayette  
(One Block East of Knoy Hall)  
Congregational Pastor: Randy Schroeder  
Sunday 9 AM Worship & 5 PM Dinner Church  
The 9 AM is also streamed on Zoom & Facebook Live  
https://www.facebook.com/osluth/  
Request the Zoom link at randy@osluth.org  
www.plm.org | plm@plm.org  
www.osluth.org | info@osluth.org

## Methodist

**Wesley Campus Ministry**  
(all students welcome)  
Wesley Foundation Student Center @ 200 N Russell St.  
(Sharing Space with the Baptist Student Foundation)  
Open M - F 8 am to 10 pm, Sat-Sun 1 pm to 10 pm  
Worship: Sunday 4:30pm (Dinner afterwards) Spiritual Support Group 3pm Sundays  
Interactive Devotion & Bible Study: Tues 7:30pm  
Global Connections Meal: Friday 6:30pm (intercultural & interfaith discussion with home-cooked meal)  
Recreation, Service, and Travel Opportunities!  
Love Always Wins (GIQ): LGBTQ + Allies group.  
www.WesleyFoundation.org

## Non-Denominational

**The Gathering** with Dr. Will Miller  
(formerly University Church)  
"We do church differently"  
522 Columbia Str. Lafayette, IN 47901  
Held in the TCHS History Center  
at the corner of 6th & Columbia  
Live contemporary service Sundays at 11:00 am  
youtube.com/@thegathering6674/streams  
765-532-0804 | drwillm@mac.com

## Upper Room Christian Fellowship

2234 Indian Trail Dr. West Lafayette  
Sunday Service: 10:30 am  
Call: 765-463-7380  
www.urcfellowship.org  
www.facebook.com/urcfellowship

## Victory Christian Center

Sharing The Love, Acceptance, And Forgiveness of Jesus. Pastors Bill & Pam Mickler  
Sunday Service-10:00am  
Wednesday Service- 6:30pm  
325 Burnett Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906  
765-447-7777 | www.victorylafayette.org

## West Lafayette Christian Church

1980 Lindberg Road West Lafayette, IN 47906  
765-463-7995 | www.wlchristian.com  
Sunday Worship Service: 10:10 a.m.

## Orthodox

**St. Alexis Orthodox Church**  
2115 Indiana 225 East, Battle Ground, IN 47920  
Sunday: 8:15am - Matins | 9:30am - Divine Liturgy  
Tuesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour  
Wednesday: 7:00am - 1st Hour  
Thursday: 7:00am - 1st Hour  
Friday: 7:00am - 1st Hour  
Saturday: 5:30pm - Vespers  
Priest: Father Gregory Allard  
www.saintalexis.org

## Presbyterian USA

**Central Preysbyterian Church**  
Open! Affirming! Come Worship With Us!  
Worship at 10:00 am  
7th & Columbia, Lafayette, Indiana 47901  
www.centralpreschurch.org  
Find Us On Facebook!

## Unitarian Universalist

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Tippecanoe County**  
Currently worshipping in-person and Online  
(http://uuctc.org/sunday) Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Everyone Welcome! 333 Meridian St., West Lafayette, IN 47906  
765-743-8812, Website: uuctc.org

Please join us on **Sunday, March 29th at 10:30 a.m.** for "A Drop in the Bucket" | Worship Leaders: Dianna Poindexter and Kim Harden | Living our values in these tumultuous and historic times requires us to stretch beyond what is comfortable. Come to learn and share ways we have found to make a difference and how we nurture ourselves and each other as we explore effective ways to lift our values.

## United Church of Christ

**Immanuel United Church of Christ**  
9:00 am Christian Ed for all ages  
9:45 am Coffee & Conversation  
10:00 am Worship  
In-Person & Online (Facebook, YouTube, Twitter)  
Facebook.com/uuccimmanuel  
Pastor: Dr. TJ Jenney  
1526 S 18th St. Lafayette, IN 47906  
www.uuc-immanuel.org  
Everyone Welcome!

Please check websites and social media or call your preferred organization to confirm service dates & times.

If you would like your organization to be listed in the Religious Directory, Call 765-743-1111 Ext. 205  
addirector@purdueexponent.org

Find more listings at:  
ExponentHub.org

# City Council raises salary questions, SK hynix concerns

BY BRAETON LAMBRIGHT  
Staff Reporter

Advisory, tax, and assurance firm Baker Tilly opened the City Council meeting Monday evening with a proposal that looked to fix some issues with how much people made in the city of West Lafayette.

If the plan were to pass, jobs would be categorized in grades. The lower the grade, the less it takes to learn a job, and the higher the grade, the harder it is to learn.

Each grade would have a minimum, a midpoint, and a maximum point for the salary ranges. The proposal came with three different options.

The pay plan would move only those under the minimum line to no longer be under that line, a 2% increase in salary across the board for all, or an increase of 1% per year in their position.

Members of Baker Tilly explained why this will be beneficial to West Lafayette and how it can move the city forward.

Next, a resolution concerning local cooperation for the County Road 425 North project was brought up, which caused members of the public to express their confusion. Their questions were left unanswered.

One such member of the public was Christopher DeMarco, a resident of West Lafayette.

"Why is it every time we ask a question, nobody can answer it?" DeMarco said.

After the floor was opened to the members of the public, citizens of West Lafayette voiced their concerns about the SK hynix plant that is to be placed in West Lafayette.

Members of the public explained how important the Teays Aquifer is to not only the state of Indiana, but also to neighboring states, Ohio and Illinois.

Community members said that the U.S. is drier than usual at this time of year and that another data center won't make



BRAETON LAMBRIGHT | STAFF REPORTER

**Baker Tilly, an advisory, tax, and assurance firm, open April's City Council meeting Monday night.**

the water come back.

They brought up the Illinois POWER Act, which has data centers paying for their own electricity without increasing the prices of surrounding residents of the area.

Members asked the council why they have not come up with a plan like Illinois and why they are refusing to do anything about the people's concerns. These questions were not addressed.

As the discussion went on, members of the protest pointed out the possible

repercussions that future citizens may have to face.

Protest members raised the question of what would happen to the waste chemicals and what the city would do to keep the quality of the air in West Lafayette safe. The discussion continued for over an hour without answers.

There is currently no plan in development for what to do if an SK hynix plant were to bring harm to residents of West Lafayette.

# POLICE BEAT

## PURDUE

### Saturday

Purdue student Charles Geheb, 22, was arrested about 3:45 a.m. in the 200 block of Harrison Bridge for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

## WEST LAFAYETTE

### Friday

Pete Sevenhuijsen, 27, was arrested about 1:35 a.m. near the intersection of State and Littleton streets for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

Alexis De Gonzague, 34, was arrested about 9:50 p.m. near the intersection of Neil Armstrong Drive and Northwestern Avenue for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

### Saturday

Felicia Griego, 37, was arrested about 4:40 p.m. at the Walmart on Northwestern Avenue for alleged theft.

Cavon Harrell, 21, was arrested about 7:30 p.m. near the intersection of North 6th and Union streets for alleged trespass and possession of marijuana.

### Sunday

Mercades Linscott, 24, was arrested about 3:45 a.m. in the 400 block of Brown Street for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

### Monday

Abigail Shoaf, 28, was arrested in the 700 block of West Navajo Street for alleged theft from the Walmart on Northwestern Avenue. The theft was reported about 10:20 p.m. Saturday.

John Ramsey, 53, was arrested about 6 a.m. in the 100 block of Chauncy Avenue for alleged trespassing.

*All person(s) charged or preliminarily charged are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.*  
*-Compiled by Addison Walter, asst. campus editor*

## STOLEN BIKE COUNTER

In this edition: 0

Total: 11



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DadsBikeShop.com

# Purdue Hackers' Bento to bring lightning talks, creative projects to campus

BY ALEX KIM  
Staff Reporter

Purdue Hackers is taking a new approach to showcasing student creativity this spring with Bento, a presentation-style event built around short talks, interactive demos, and a wide range of student interests. The event grew out of the club's popular Hack Night lightning talks and offers a new way for students to share projects and ideas without the scale of the organization's larger annual showcase.

Bento was created in response to interest in having another major Purdue Hackers event during the school

year, said Ray Arayilakath, a sophomore in philosophy and president of Purdue Hackers.

While the group's annual fall showcase, "The Show," has become a major event for the organization, Arayilakath said it takes extensive planning and is difficult to replicate midyear.

"People want another show in the middle of the year," Arayilakath said. "But the show is very difficult to run logistically."

Instead, Purdue Hackers built Bento around the shorter presentation format that had already gained traction during weekly club meetings.

"This was a hit," Arayilakath said of the lightning talks introduced at Hack Nights. "We

got a dozen people the first time we did it and then even more the second time."

Jack Hogan, a senior double majoring in computer science and artificial intelligence, helped shape the event into its final form. Hogan, an engineering division lead for Purdue Hackers, said the idea was inspired in part by Apple-style presentations and the concept of a bento box, where many smaller pieces come together in one package.

"We wanted to make it quick and exciting," Hogan said, describing the event as a series of rapid-fire talks from more than a dozen presenters.

The event's lineup reflects the club's unusually broad mix

of interests. According to Arayilakath and Hogan, talks range from machine learning and pixel art to veganism, gift-giving, and ornithomancy. That variety, they said, is central to what Purdue Hackers is trying to build.

"It's not just CS majors," Arayilakath said. "It's people from every walk of life, every major that you can think of."

That mix also shaped the event's name.

"It's a good representation of Purdue Hackers," Arayilakath said. "We all sort of form one community around our passion (for) making new things."

Organizers said Bento also shows how Purdue Hackers

differs from more narrowly focused technical organizations. Hogan said the club emphasizes building in a way that is both ambitious and playful.

"Purdue Hackers is a very special organization in that they are so focused on building, but building in such a fun, whimsical way while still making real stuff that people actually need and care about," Hogan said.

That spirit will carry into the event itself. Organizers said some presentations go beyond a standard slideshow format, including one demonstration built around a student-made DJ deck.

"We're trying to break the mold with this," Hogan said.

The event also serves as a way to bring new people into the Purdue Hackers community. Arayilakath said many of the presenters are not longtime club members, but students who saw posters, became interested, and started attending Hack Nights.

Arayilakath said the organization remains open to students from any major, with weekly Hack Nights held on Fridays at 8 p.m. in the Bechtel Innovation Design Center.

Bento is also scheduled for 7-10 p.m. Saturday in Kranner, Room 140.

"There are no commitments (or) fees. You just show up, and you get to build cool things," Arayilakath said.

# Boiler Fashion Threads to crown 'Diamond of the Season'

BY JENNY LI  
Staff Reporter

It's one thing to binge the new season of a trending show, but it's another to step foot in it entirely.

Boiler Fashion Threads will host its Bridgerton Ball at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Neil Armstrong Atrium. Sara Khandelwal, a junior in business analytics and information management and president of Boiler Fashion Threads, said the Bridgerton Ball is a themed social event based on the recently trending "Bridgerton" TV show.

"We have different elements of the show, like 'Time of Season' where people can sign up as debutantes, and one of them is going to be the 'Time of Season,'" Khandelwal said. "(The 'Time of Season') would be somebody who's best-dressed, or someone who's more socially active."

'Time of Season' is not the only social element being incorporated. Other elements, such as the dance cards from the show, are going to be present at the event.

"Dance cards (are for) when you want to ask somebody for a dance favor. You can simply

go and write your name on the dance card," Khandelwal said. "Then people can reject or accept (the dance card). Other than that, we just have a more organized social where people can talk, engage with each other, and we're going to have food (such as) desserts and finger sandwiches (at the ball)."

The inspiration behind the Bridgerton Ball came during a discussion with other members of the club.

"There's a huge following of the show on campus, too," Khandelwal said. "So we just wanted to bring in together the community to bind to-

gether through one shared interest. That's an easier way to know (others) when you have a shared interest, people can just go in without awkwardness, talk about the show, and then make friends."

But organizing the Bridgerton Ball did not come without challenges.

"I think one of the challenges that we faced is that whenever you mentioned 'ball', Purdue students kind of feel like it would require a lot of effort to attend," Khandelwal said. "You have to dress up and stuff. There were some people that I talked to who were really inter-

ested (in) a British-style event, but a ball wasn't something that they were looking for. We kind of changed our part to a more social night, curated social, rather than a particular ball. If you want to dress up, you can dress up, but if you just want to show up in just regular clothes, (you are more) than welcome."

Boiler Fashion Threads hosts events like the Bridgerton Ball to align with the club's goal to organize curated social events for students who want to express themselves through style.

"We strongly believe that

fashion is an expression of your emotions or your personality and everything," Khandelwal said. "And it's much easier to do it when you have other people, too, who believe in the same thing. So we just created this organization where people believe in the fact that through fashion, you can express yourself."

For students who are interested in attending the Bridgerton Ball, there are flyers around campus with QR codes to sign up, as well as on the Instagram account @boilerfashionthreads.

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THINGS TO DO

## THURSDAY

### Tower of Power

Join Purdue Bands & Orchestras' Earth, Wind, and Wonder concert, featuring the Purdue Tower of Power Band, from 7-9 p.m. at the Purdue Memorial Union, Hail Purdue Stage, located at 101 N. Grant St.

### Beetlejuice

Join Purdue Convocations as it brings Tim Burton's "Beetlejuice" to life in a hilarious musical about the life story of Lydia Deetz. The musical starts at 7:30 p.m. in Elliott Hall of Music, located at 712 Third St. The tickets start at \$42.

## FRIDAY

### Soul Asylum

Purdue Convocations brings in "Soul Asylum", a Grammy award-winning and multi-platinum-selling rock band. The event starts at 8 p.m. in the Stewart Center, Loeb Playhouse, located at 128 Memorial Mall.

### MGMT 331 with Thomas Payne

Join Thomas Payne, attorney and Purdue alumnus, as he discusses global employment law issues in MGMT 331. Everyone is welcome to join. The event takes place from 3:30-4:20 p.m. at Rawls Hall, Room 2058, located at 100 S. Grant St.

## SATURDAY

### Purdue Aviation Day

Join Purdue Aviation Day for a community event celebrating the nation's service members and first responders. There will also be aircraft displays, live music, guest speakers, and more. The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Purdue University Airport, located at 1501 Aviation Dr.

### De-Trash the Wabash

Participate in the Wabash Detrash to clean up parks and trails along the Wabash River. There will be pizza for lunch, but bring your own water. The event is from 9 a.m. to noon at Tapawingo Park, outside the skating rink building, located at 100 Tapawingo Dr.

## SUNDAY

### Honors College Pinning Celebration

Join the John Martinson Honors College as it recognizes and celebrates a group of students who earned level-up distinctions by spring 2026. The event is from 10 a.m. to noon at the Honors College and Residences North, Room 1066, located at 1101 Third St.

### Ives & Dvořák

Gather to experience a snapshot of 1890s America heard by American and Czech composers. The event is from 4-5:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, located at 600 Ferry St. The event is free for all students, and general admission is \$20.

## ONGOING

### Executive Forum with Bevin Maguire

Join Bevin Maguire from Applied Materials, who will talk about issues facing management and business. The event is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on Friday at the Mitch Daniels School of Business, Krannert Auditorium, Room 140, located at 403 Mitch Daniels Blvd.

### Birthday Candles

Join Ernestine Ashworth as she spends her 17th birthday wondering what her place is in the universe, going through her 18th, 41st, 70th, and 101st birthdays in the span of baking a cake. The performance is at 7:30 pm on April 9-11 and April 16-18. The performance will also be available on April 12 and 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, located at 313 N. 5th St. Tickets start at \$17.50.

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## UPCOMING

### Theater Show — Radium Girls

Enjoy a theater show of "Radium Girls", about a group of women who painted watch dials with radium until they began falling ill with mysterious diseases. The show is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and April 17, and at 2:30 p.m. on April 18. All performances are held in the First United Methodist Church, located at 1700 Mitch Daniels Blvd.

### History of American music

Gather for an afternoon of music, history, and community spirit to enjoy early American music and share the spirit and history of fifes and drums. The event is from 2-3 p.m. Sunday at the Delphi Opera House, located at 109 S. Washington St. Tickets cost \$10.

- Compiled by Neha Sajja, staff reporter

# HOROSCOPES

KENNEDI THOMAS | GRAPHICS ARTIST

### ARIES: March 21-April 20



Areas of professional and personal improvement may become clearer. Address them rather than working around them.

### LIBRA: Sept. 23-Oct. 23



Look to experience a variety of events rather than your typical routine. Trying something new can provide inspiration.

### TAURUS: April 21-May 21



Resolving conflict in relationships can seem overwhelming, especially during this busy time. Ignoring it will only make it more distracting.

### SCORPIO: Oct. 24-Nov. 22



Stop yourself from pursuing your overthinking tendencies. Effective planning does not come from reading too much into a situation, but anxiety does.

### GEMINI: May 22-June 21



Helping others with personal projects and relationship conflicts can be more rewarding. They will return your support.

### SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23-Dec. 21



Some sectors of your life may require a fresh start or a mental refresh. Starting with a clean slate may be easier than fixing a broken one.

### CANCER: June 22-July 22



Your time is too important to waste on events and projects that you are not passionate about. Reflect on what you enjoy most.

### CAPRICORN: Dec. 22-Jan. 20



The distance from achieving your goals may weaken your motivation. Consider establishing closer benchmarks.

### LEO: July 23-Aug. 23



Do not let others take away the personality you bring to a dynamic. Portray your most authentic self in all situations.

### AQUARIUS: Jan. 21-Feb. 18



Show others in your support network how much you value them by being there for them the way they were for you.

### VIRGO: Aug. 24-Sept. 22

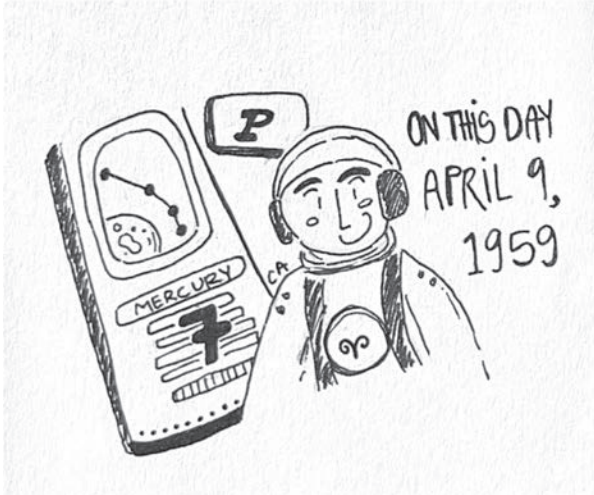


Look for effective ways to recharge your energy. Short and unfulfilling times of rest are unsustainable.

### PISCES: Feb. 19-March 20



Having a clear picture of why you do what you do can provide the best mindset during this time. Think about your goals first and foremost.



SUMUKHI GUPTA | GRAPHICS ARTIST

On this day, April 9, 1959, Purdue alum Virgil "Gus" Grissom was selected to join the Mercury Seven. The Seven were a group of astronauts chosen by NASA for the United States' first manned spaceflight mission, called Project Mercury. It was a revolutionary project for American aeronautical achievement, and Grissom's involvement helped cement Purdue's critical role in the field.



SAWYER REBENACK | GRAPHICS EDITOR

# OPINIONS

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## ‘Why Care?’: Discriminatory Death Penalty

Column



EXONENT FILE PHOTO  
Protesters carry flags from Palestine and Lebanon as they wait to cross the road during an Oct. 11, 2024 protest.

BY MAKAYLA DULL  
Columnist

On March 30, Israel’s parliament passed a new bill, “The Death Penalty for Terrorists Law.” This bill would mandate the execution of convicted terrorists—but not just any terrorists, Palestinian terrorists, in the eyes of Israel.

The death penalty was previously abolished in Israel for murder, and has since been an optional sentence for war crimes and severe acts of terror. Despite the optional sentence, the death penalty has not been carried out since the execution of Adolf Eichmann in 1962.

This bill targets Palestinians by only enacting the death penalty in the “Judea and Samaria” region, more commonly known as the West Bank. This territory is not formally under Israeli sovereignty, but a Palestinian territory under Israeli military occupation and home to over 3 million Palestinians.

The death penalty bill also includes provisions excluding the execution of Israeli settlers in the region. Having a bill that only applies to those who are not Israeli citizens is discriminatory, racist, and illegal.

Since it is not under Israeli sovereignty and discriminates against Palestinians, the bill violates international law. Organizations like the United Nations and Amnesty International have issued statements on the bill, calling for international action.

UN human rights experts stated Thursday that, “A death penalty regime that is discriminatory in purpose, design or effect is incompatible with the rights to life and equality before the law.”

Amnesty International claimed that it violated the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The organization calls for the bill to be repealed and for the European Union to suspend “the trade component of the EU-Israel Association Agreement.”

Another problematic aspect of the bill is the fact that it does not meet the international standard for fair trials. A military court can impose the sentence with only a majority vote, without prosecutorial request, and the sentence cannot be commuted or pardoned.

According to B’Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization, military courts have a 96% conviction rate and largely rely on confessions gained from interrogations, often involving torture.

B’Tselem also reported in December 2025 that the Israel Prison Service has 9,128 Pales-

tinians in detention or prison. Excluding those from the Gaza Strip, the number is closer to 7,651.

This bill is detrimental to the thousands detained by Israel because many were detained without conviction and were given no due process. A significant portion is also women and children.

If Israel insists on ignoring international law and fair legal procedures, how will it be ensured that those convicted as terrorists are truly guilty? Israel even refers to non-violent Palestinian human rights and aid organizations as terror groups. With Israel’s flexible definition of terrorism, nearly all Palestinians are in danger of being labeled as terrorists and consequently hanged.

No matter your opinion on whether the death penalty is a humane form of punishment, you should see the flaws of this bill and recognize that it could end the lives of innocent people. I commend the implementation and hope others see that this is not merely a security matter for Israel.

If Israel were solely concerned for its national security, the bill would not be exclusionary, and other measures would be incorporated instead. The death penalty has never been proven to deter crime and is hardly justice without a fair trial.

I argue that the bill is more symbolic than anything. Israel is making a clear statement against Palestinians, and the far-right leadership is hoping to gain public favor ahead of the upcoming elections.

It is important to remember that two things can be true at once: terrorists can deserve proper punishment, and judicial fairness should be a priority no matter the crime.

Judicial fairness is something I urge the United States to keep its attention on as well. The death penalty has been widely debated across the country, and in states like Indiana, it has recently been put into practice again.

Although the situations contrast greatly, discriminatory use of the death penalty is seen here, too. When you look at who receives death penalty sentences, you’ll find that they are often racially motivated.

Whether it is in the United States, Israel, or any other place, people have the right to a fair trial and fair punishment. As an individual, it is your duty to know those rights and help uphold them.

## ‘Ask Aditi’: Couple of problems

Column



BY ADITI KAPADIA  
Managing Editor & Columnist

*Hello! I’m Aditi, and I have absolutely no qualifications whatsoever to give advice. I’ve been at The Exponent for the last two years, and felt it was time to add some spice to our pages. If you want to be featured, send in your dilemmas, confessions, or just about anything using our submission form — it’s all anonymous.*

**“I see all these couples on campus, and I think I want to put myself out there again. But I’m having trouble finding someone as awesome as I am. Are my standards too high, or is everyone else just super boring?”**

Your standards are absolutely not too high, and I commend you for sticking to them. They can act as a filter to keep away what you don’t want — and for what you do. It’s totally okay to put yourself out there, and you should if you feel like you’re ready to do so. This campus is huge, and staying positive that you’ll find someone who measures up to your level of awesome will definitely help.

**“A lot of guys complain of the gender ratio not being in their favor, but it’s arguably more difficult to date as a woman at Purdue. While frat guys are typical frat guys, and predictably non-committal past hooking up, the engineers are the complete opposite ... most of them have barely any experience with women, thus don’t know how to talk to women, and treat us as a different species. Not to mention, they also have zero to few female friends. There is so little middle ground of “normal” men here ... how and where do I find a relationship with? Help!”**

I agree that it’s very difficult to date here as

a woman. Finding a “sane” guy is like looking for Kim’s diamond earring in the ocean. Figure out what you want. If you’d never go for a frat guy, don’t look for “the one” at this weekend’s function. I’m also going to be fully honest — lots of guys don’t know how to talk to women, and will act as if they’ve never been in a social situation before, because they probably haven’t. There’s also nothing wrong with exploring a little to see what you like and dislike. One of the best ways to find a guy you want to be in a relationship with is to put yourself out there and meet up with them. Go to events for things YOU like, find people where you would want to be. It takes a lot of toads to find your prince.

**“HELP!! I broke up with my boyfriend a couple months ago just because things weren’t working (no beef), but you know, ex means I don’t really want to see him, nor do I enjoy spending time with him. In that time we were dating, he became super tight with all of my guy friends, so now things feel super weird with all of them because they, for some reason, show a lot more loyalty to him than me (even tho we’ve been friends since freshman year). Idk if I’m being over dramatic, but I’m just not sure what to do bc im hurt by my guy friends treating me like I’m not their friend just because they recently befriended my ex ... if that makes any sense lol.”**

Right off the bat, this doesn’t sound like those guys are the best people to have as friends. If they are so willing to switch up on you, would you want to continue that friendship? It’s also normal for you and others to grow apart in college. I’m not very close with some of the people I met in BGR, and even later in my freshman year. You’re not being overdramatic, as I’d be hurt too. Communicate to them how you feel, and see how they respond. If they get defensive or don’t really see anything wrong, it may be time to reconsider if you guys are just growing apart — and that’s totally okay.



WYLIE COURSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The development team of Couples Therapy, a two-player local cooperative game, presents its game on March 30 at the GQT Wabash Landing 9.



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# PUZZLES

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## SLEUTH SQUARES

By Sawyer Rebennack

NAME				
FAVORITE TRIGGER				
TOOL				
SUBSCRIBERS				
CHANNEL THEME				

## Happy International ASMR Day!

### INSTRUCTIONS

Using the word bank below and the clues on the right, deduce how to fill out the grid completely. Each column corresponds to a different name, and each row corresponds to a different category. Each word will be used once, and there is only one solution.

### WORD BANK

Names: Carlie, Ha-Yeon, Minh, Lennox  
 Favorite Triggers: Crinkles, tapping, water, whispers  
 Tools: Feather, fidget toy, glass jar, pen  
 Subscribers: 100,000, 500,000, 1 million, 2 million  
 Themes: Fantasy, none, school, space

### HELPFUL NOTE

If a clue says "left," "right," or "ends," it is referring to placements on the grid.

### CLUES

- The ASMRtist who likes water is at one of the ends.
- The ASMRtist who likes whispers doesn't have a theme.
- Minh is somewhere between the ASMRtist who likes tapping and the one who uses a pen, in that order.
- The ASMRtist with a school-themed channel likes crinkles.
- Ha-yeon has 2 million subscribers.
- The space-themed channel has 500,000 subscribers.
- The ASMRtist who uses a fidget toy is directly to Lennox's left.
- The ASMRtist with 1 million subscribers is somewhere to the left of the one who uses a pen.
- Carlie's channel doesn't have a theme.
- Ha-yeon is somewhere to the right of the ASMRtist who uses a feather.
- The ASMRtist with 1 million subscribers is somewhere to the right of the one with a fantasy-themed channel.
- The ASMRtist with 500,000 subscribers uses a pen.
- The ASMRtist who likes whispers is in the first position.

## SUDOKU

By Skyler Mofle

Top: Easy

Bottom: Hard

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Fill in the blanks with the numbers 1 through 9 so that every row, column and bold 3x3 box holds every number only once. The diagonals do not count.

## CRYPTO CODE

By Sawyer Rebennack

Each letter stands in for another. If A = B, every given A is truly a B. Solve through trial and error, recognizing short words and guessing the phrase.

OLL S FJZ WC CKKCMHXJE JK OPCE  
 OLY HDC WLSZ, WPH RLLS OLLS XK  
 OPCE OLY HDC KLPE.

Quote by FJEALEF OLYWCK. Helpful clues: O = F, L = O, Z = Y

## NEWS QUIZ

By Sawyer Rebennack

Answers can be found within the edition previous to this one.

What is the name of the test kitchen project operated by Molly Bomann?

- Boilermaker Bowls
- The Salty Sous Life
- Purdue Pastries
- Spice Up Your Life

## MIX 'EM UP

By Sawyer Rebennack

Rearrange the letters in each line to form a phrase matching the theme.

- UTECMIOR \_\_\_\_\_
- VIOBLEN O \_\_\_\_\_
- ITLUEJ \_\_\_\_\_
- MEORO \_\_\_\_\_
- ANITATI \_\_\_\_\_
- LHTEOLO \_\_\_\_\_
- CATERPLAO \_\_\_\_\_
- LEHIOPA \_\_\_\_\_
- TMEAHL \_\_\_\_\_
- MECBHAT \_\_\_\_\_

Theme: SHAKESPEARE CHARACTERS

## BALANCED BORDERS

By Anna Crowel

Divide the grid into the same number of sections as there are labeled squares, using the labels as a guide for either the shape of the section or the number of squares in the section. For example, if a square is labeled with a 3, there will be three squares in its section. If a square is labeled with a horizontal rectangle, its section will be in the shape of a horizontal rectangle.

Each square must be filled. There may be more than one solution.

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## BIG OL' WORD SEARCH

By Skyler Mofle

- ### MUSICIANS
- ARIANA GRANDE
  - BAD BUNNY
  - BEYONCE
  - CHARLI XCX
  - DON TOLIVER
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By Sawyer Rebennack

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**Crypto Code:** Of course duct tape works in a near-vacuum. Duct tape works anywhere. Duct tape is magic and should be worshipped. (Andy Weir)

**News Quiz:** D  
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# Keeping up with the Boilers

BY AVANEESH SANKAR  
Sports Editor

## Thursday

### All Day – Track & Field at Georgia

The Boilers lace up in Atlanta, where they'll be competing against the Georgia Bulldogs at the Spec Towns Invitational. The event runs from Thursday to Saturday.

## Friday

### 4:00 p.m. – Baseball at Northwestern

After closing out their series against Illinois 2-1 and a solid 13-6 victory over Bradley, the Boilers head over to Evanston for a 3-game series against the Wildcats.

### 6:00 p.m. – Men's Tennis vs. Nebraska

The Boilermakers will be tested at home by a Cornhusker squad ranked No. 58 in the country.

### 6:00 p.m. – Softball at Indiana

Purdue softball dropped the Wisconsin series 2-1 and will look to bounce back against their archrivals out in Bloomington for a three-game series.

### All Day – Track & Field at Georgia (Day 2)

## Saturday

### All Day – Men's Golf at Calusa Cup

Purdue will compete in a three-day tournament where it will face Iowa with eyes set on the Calusa Cup. The tournament will take place in Naples, Florida, at the Calusa Pines Golf Club, with the time to be determined.

### 12:00 p.m. – Women's Tennis vs. Ohio State

The Boilermakers host the No. 3 Ohio State Buckeyes in West Lafayette, Ind.

### 2:00 p.m. – Baseball vs. Northwestern (Game 2)

### 2:00 p.m. – Softball vs. Indiana (Game 2)

### 2:00 p.m. – Soccer vs. Northwestern

The Boilermakers will extend their weekend stay in Illinois with a match against No. 14 Illinois to close the weekend in Champaign, Illinois.

### 12:00 p.m. – Football

### All Day – Track & Field at Georgia (Day 2)

## Sunday

### All Day – Women's Golf at Calusa Cup

The Boilermaker Spring Classic lasts from Sunday to Monday.

### 10:00 a.m. – Women's Tennis vs. Penn State

Facing another ranked opponent, the Boilermakers square off with the Nittany Lions.

### 2:00 p.m. – Men's Tennis vs. Wisconsin

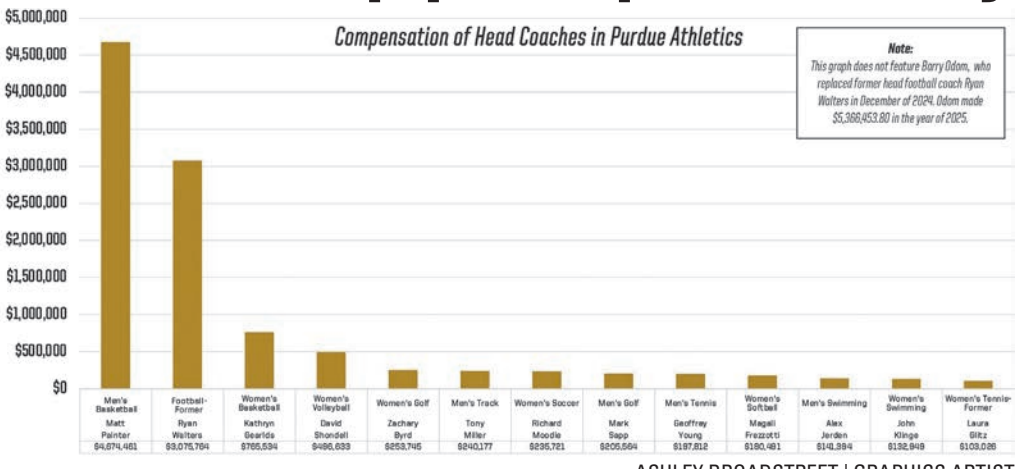
The Badgers roll into West Lafayette ranked No. 35 in the country, and the Boilers will try to knock them out.

### 2:00 p.m. – Baseball vs. Northwestern (Game 3)

### 5:00 p.m. – Softball vs. Indiana (Game 3)

– Compiled by Avaneesh Sankar, asst. sports editor

# Purdue's top paid sports faculty



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BY KYLEE KLEVEN  
Sports Editor

Purdue sports have seen both highs and lows throughout the course of 2025. Despite this, Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Mike Bobinski made minor changes to sports faculty in relevance to 2026.

As of the 2025 Purdue salary guide, here are the top five paid sports faculty members:

### 1. Barry Odom — \$5,366,453.80

One of the biggest changes to Purdue Athletics was the addition of new football head coach Barry Odom.

Odom was hired at the end of the 2024 after former head coach Ryan Walters' 1-11 season run. He was selected for the position after bringing UNLV to its most winningest season in 40 years.

As of the fall 2025 season, Odom led the team to a 2-10 record. The Boilers were still unable to defeat a Big Ten conference competitor, as their last time was against IU in 2023.

He currently stands as the highest-paid coach in Purdue sports.

### 2. Matt Painter — \$4,674,461.07

In second place sits Purdue men's basketball head coach Matt Painter. He stands as one of the most successful coaches in Purdue sports history, with over 500 wins as of 2025.

Painter has been the 18th Purdue men's basketball coach, holding the job since 2005, and currently claimed a new title as the 2025 John Wooden award recipient.

After the spring 2026 season, Painter led the team to a Big Ten Tournament Championship title and to an appearance in the Elite Eight. He currently stands at five Big Ten regular-season championships, two Big Ten Tournament titles, six Sweet 16 appearances, 16 NCAA Tournament berths, and an NCAA Champion-

ship game.

### 3. Ryan Walters — \$3,075,764.11

Despite being let go by Purdue Athletics at the end of 2024, Walters' contract still allowed him to receive financial compensation in 2025.

Walters began his career at Purdue in 2023 and was the 37th head coach in Purdue football history. During his time as head coach, Walters experienced the era of Tyler Trent and coached iconic figures such as former wide receiver Rondale Moore.

Walters is currently the defensive coordinator for the Washington Huskies.

### 4. Joshua Henson — \$1,223,133.19

Henson currently sits as the offensive coordinator and tight ends coach for Purdue football. He joined the coaching staff alongside Odom in 2024.

He has coached collegiate football for 26 years with experience in conferences such as the Big Ten, SEC, Big 12, and Pac-12. In terms of his personal record, he has only missed bowl eligibility three times since 2007.

After Odom, he stands as the current second-most-paid Purdue football faculty member.

### 5. Michael Scherer — \$1,086,811.50

Next to Henson stands Scherer, Purdue football's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. When Odom made the transfer from UNLV to Purdue, he brought Scherer with him.

He served two seasons at UNLV before making the switch. His recognition goes straight to helping lead the Rebels to a top 25 defense in several categories.

He stands as the fifth-most-paid sports faculty member at Purdue. Most importantly, he seals Purdue's dominance for the most paid athletic faculty, claiming four out of the top five slots.

# Purdue football leapfrogs basketball for highest paid head coach

BY AVANEESH SANKAR  
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After a year where men's basketball head coach Matt Painter was the highest paid employee, Purdue has returned to the status quo, where the football head coach had the highest salary, where Barry Odom was compensated \$5,366,453.8 for his work over the 2025 calendar year.

Odom was dealt the staggering challenge of rebuilding Boilermaker football after previous coach Ryan Walters' disappointing tenure from 2023-24, where Purdue went 5-19 overall in that stretch. The program only logged three conference wins in that span of time.

Despite being fired, Walter's contract still has him paid by Purdue until 2027, with his paycheck of \$3,075,764.11 being right behind Painter's, good for the third greatest on Purdue's books.

While Odom started 2-0 this

season, the best start for a first-year Purdue head coach since 1916, the Boilermakers endured an eight-game skid for the rest of the season, finishing 2-10.

The record itself does not encapsulate the fight the Boilers gave each game, giving top programs like the Michigan Wolverines and the USC Trojans a run for their money, but inexplicably left games on the table against teams like Rutgers and Minnesota. In both games, a win was in the reach of the Boilermakers, but Odom's team succumbed to self-inflicted wounds, including undisci-

plined penalties and turnovers.

Purdue has not seen a conference win in two seasons at this point, and frustration has more than festered within the Black-and-Gold faithful.

Throughout his time so far, Odom has shown plenty of promise in recruiting and bringing resolve out of the team against higher-tier opponents. While he has been handsomely compensated for his work so far, West Lafayette's hunger to see more wins for its football program has not been satiated yet.

# Mayer announces return for 2026-27 season

## STAFF REPORTS

Despite today's ever-changing landscape of the transfer portal and NIL, freshman guard Omer Mayer has announced he will return to Purdue for his sophomore season.

Part of the pitch during Mayer's recruitment was for him to spend his freshman year learning the offense behind former senior guard Braden Smith, with the expectation that he would take over a leading role in year two.

Mayer is expected to pair with returning teammate sophomore guard C.J. Cox as part of Purdue's projected backcourt for the 2026-27 season. While projections this far out remain speculative, the two are early favorites to start at the point and shooting guard positions.

With Mayer poised for a breakout season and expected to take on a leading scoring role, his return is a significant boost for Purdue men's basketball.

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## OPINION:

# President Trump isn't really saving college sports

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President Donald Trump speaks with a hand out.

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Senior guard Braden Smith dribbles during a March 26 Sweet 16 matchup against Texas at The SAP Center in San Jose, California.

LEFT: SHYAM SIVASUBRAMANIAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Purdue football players give high fives to students after their 31-0 win against Ball State on Aug 30, 2025.

DOWN: MEGHAN ROTTER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Purdue softball team huddle together before the start of the sixth inning during Saturday's game against Wisconsin.

BY JOEY ARROYO  
Staff Reporter

The news that came out of Washington, D.C., may revolutionize the current landscape of college sports as we know it.

President Donald Trump's yet to be numbered executive order titled "Urgent National Action to Save College Sports" is meant to reignite fair competition under a set of rules and regulations that will finally bring a sense of order to a college athletics' current state, which in recent years has looked more like something out of a Sergio Leone movie than the old NCAA.

The main fuss surrounding the order is the parts detailing player eligibility. Athletes would be subject to a five-year playing period, in which they would only be allowed to transfer one time with immediate eligibility, and an additional time if the player were to obtain a degree.

Looking at eligibility, I'm in awe of players like former Miami FL and Oregon tight end Cam McCormick, who managed to have a nine-year college career spanning from 2016-24, or former five-star quarterback recruit JT Daniels, who managed to put together a six-year college career where he transferred four times.

I think Trump's order at least provides some sort of guideline for these almost outlandish eligibility cases that have caught the eye of many in recent years.

Since the signing of the order, many for-

mer coaches and senior officials in the college sports landscape have come out, including Big Ten Commissioner Tony Petitti.

"The Big Ten Conference would like to thank President Trump for his leadership and continuing efforts to protect college athletics and joins him in urging Congress to quickly pass legislation in addressing the critical issues undermining its long-term stability," Petitti said.

His message highlights the main flaw in Trump's executive order – it is only an executive order. Any of Trump's predecessors or the court system could overturn the action quite easily, making the staying power of legislation passed by Congress the only way lasting action can be done.

Combined with not coming into effect until August, in its current state, the executive order doesn't really mean anything yet.

What many, including myself to some extent, are hoping for is for this order to push that pivotal piece of legislation that will actually save the college sports landscape for good.

In Petitti's release, he promoted one of these potential pieces of legislation in the bipartisan SCORE Act that is meant to protect the NIL rights of student-athletes while also pushing for guidelines – like those found in Trump's order – surrounding transfers, eligibility, and all of the intricacies of the NIL era.

The point of Petitti dumping all of this info is to make clear that President Trump is not the savior of college sports.

Is he giving the legislation process a bit of

grease to enact meaningful change? Most certainly.

However, be wary of any sort of parading by the President himself or his administration that tells you it was by his good graces and willpower that the NCAA and Congress were able to finally provide some structure to college sports.

Let's be real, I would have a hard time trusting any president – maybe with the exception of Gerald Ford – to helm a mission to

save college sports. I have an especially hard time trusting the voice of President Trump to do anything sports-related after he probably killed the USFL, and has a litany of his own sports-related controversies to polarize people even further.

All of this to say, don't get swept up in the media whirlwind about this executive order. It is just a small step in actually bringing about meaningful change to the college sports that we all love.



ANDREW COLEMAN | PHOTO & VIDEO EDITOR

Then-junior setter Taylor Anderson bumps the ball during the fourth and final set of a Nov. 29, 2025 match against Indiana.

## Started with 13; now at 6

### Purdue women's basketball continues to face detrimental program changes

BY KYLEE KLEVEN  
Sports Editor

Head coach Katie Gearlds' Boilermakers concluded the 2026 season with a less satisfying feeling, having lost to Oregon in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament and not being eligible for the NCAA Tournament. Despite these challenges, which have already left detrimental impacts on the program, and more changes are set within the horizon that will leave permanent scars.

On April 1, the first wave of collegiate players dipped into the transfer portal. For Purdue fans, this struck a little closer to home as top point guard and current junior Tara Daye made her announcement to dive back into the portal one last time.

"I would like to emphasize that every player's journey is different. And while mine is very unique and unordinary, staying true to the game, and staying true to myself is the foundation of my career, and doing so has brought me to saying another tough goodbye," Daye said in her transfer statement posted on Instagram.

But it didn't stop there, as each day following came other Boilers that released the same sought-after plan going into the 2026-27 season. By Sunday, it was confirmed that Purdue lost current sophomore guard Nya Smith, senior guard Taylor Feldman, sophomore forward Kendall Puryear, junior guard Kiki Smith, and sophomore forward Lana McCarthy – shrinking the team to six total players for next season, just enough to make one starting lineup. Some of Purdue's current roster have yet to make statements, but currently do not sit

on the 2026-27 roster page on purduesports.com.

The Boilers finished last season with a 13-17 record, 5-13 in Big Ten play. The team was led under Daye's shadow, who stands as the only Boiler who started in all 30 games. She finished her time at Purdue averaging 12.4 points per game and with a total of 371 points to close her junior season. Alongside Daye stood Kiki Smith, averaging 10.7 points per game and finishing her junior season with 322 points. Losing these two alongside the dominant force of the senior class, Purdue's last hope lay in the hands of the returning players. Now, that hope is almost entirely gone as only four players have confirmed their return to the team.

Purdue's last of its returning roster includes upcoming senior guard McKenna Layden, senior forward Saige Stahl, junior guard Taylor Henderson, and sophomore forward Avery Gordon, along with two new international freshman guards, Maya Zilbershlag and Keona Douwstra.

Despite the drought, Gearlds continues to reroute the program with the newest hiring of Emily Ben-Jumbo to the coaching staff. Ben-Jumbo will join as both an assistant coach and recruiting strategist to help rebuild the roster. She was also hired for her talent to recruit through the transfer portal.

As more Boilers leave while others join as new recruits, there's no predicting what this team will look like in the fall, given that this team will have a complete rebirth. Even then, hopes still run thin for Gearlds to turn the program back into a National Title team it once was 27 years ago.



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Then-junior guard Tara Daye shoots a reverse layup during the second quarter of the March 3, Big Ten Tournament game against Oregon at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

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