



August 2025 Updates

Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Annual Events

PURDUE FALL SEMESTER CLASSES begin on August 25, 2025.

The **2025 PURA ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON** is scheduled for September 8, 2025 at the Courtyard Marriott at 150 Fairington Avenue in Lafayette. See registration information below.

RETIREE FLU SHOTS are scheduled for September 26 and October 3 and 17, 2025. See information below.

PURA WESTWOOD LECTURE (a new PURA program in cooperation with the President's Office) is scheduled for September 30, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. The speaker will be Matthew S. Waninger, Ph.D. Capacity is limited, and reservations will be required. More information and registration details are coming soon.

UNIVERSITY HALL TOUR (the first offering of the reestablished PURA Campus and Community Committee) is scheduled for October 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Space is limited, and reservations will be required. More information and registration details are coming soon.

PURDUE HOMECOMING 2025 is scheduled for October 25, 2025.

HAAN MANSION TOUR is scheduled for December 9, 2025. Space is limited, and reservations will be required. More information and registration details are coming soon.

A PURA EVENING AT CIVIC THEATRE is scheduled for December 10, 2025 at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette located at 313 N. 5th Street in Lafayette. Attend a free performance of the play "A Christmas Carol – Radio Play." Reservations will be required. Registration details to follow.

The **2026 PURA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE** is scheduled for April 22, 2026 at the Beck Agricultural Center located at 4550 US 52 West in West Lafayette.

Upcoming PURA Monthly (First Monday) Meeting Schedule

Location: IN-PERSON at Lafayette VFW, Duncan Road, Lafayette, Indiana. Also, via ZOOM broadcast from our studio at the VFW.

Time: 10:00 a.m. ET to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET.

Monday, September 1, 2025 – No PURA Monthly Meeting, see you at the Kickoff Luncheon.

Monday, October 6, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Jay Gephart, Al G. Wright Chair of Bands
- Topic: The Purdue All American Band: Experiences of the Director

Monday, November 3, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Scott Ksander, Retired, Exec. Director IT Network & Security – Purdue
- Topic: Tech Toys & Other Computer Topics

PURA Annual Kickoff Luncheon – Registration Open Until August 22

The 2025 PURA Kickoff Luncheon will be held September 8, 2025 at the Courtyard Marriott (150 Fairington Avenue, Lafayette). The doors will open at 11:30 a.m. that day with lunch beginning at 12:00 Noon. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mark Lundstrom from Purdue. He will speak on "Chips and Semiconductors in Indiana". There will be door prizes again this year. Online registration will run from July 14 to August 22. The registration link is: <https://cvent.me/vylzao>

Purdue Retiree Flu Shots – Flu Season Ahead

Stay Healthy, Get Vaccinated! Purdue University is again offering flu shots to Purdue University Retirees Association (PURA) members. Flu shots will be available at the William H. Daniel Turfgrass Research and Diagnostic Center located at 1340 Cherry Lane, West Lafayette, as follows:

- Friday, September 26 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 3 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 17 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No-cost wellness screenings will be available on all three dates. A 6-hour fast is recommended.

The Adult Flu Shot Consent Form may be completed in advance: ([Consent Form](#))

IU Health to Offer Free Fall Prevention Classes for Seniors

More than one third of people aged 65 or older fall each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, often becoming less active afterward. IU Health Arnett Hospital in Lafayette would like to do something about it, starting with a free, seven-week workshop endorsed by the CDC and proven to lessen the risk of falling for seniors. For more information visit: https://lafayettejournal-in.newsmemory.com/?publink=07bb69065_134fada

The August Monthly Meeting Program – Purdue’s Research Farms

Our PURA program for August featured Jon Leuck, Director of the Purdue Agricultural Centers. He described the location and focus of the eight Purdue Agricultural Centers located across the state of Indiana. Their location is based primarily on Indiana's different soils and climate regions. Researchers use the eight Purdue Agricultural Centers (PACs) to conduct applied field crop and animal research and demonstrate cutting edge production practices and agricultural technology. There are currently over 400

“experiments” being conducted on these farms. The nearly 60 PURA retirees listening (16 via zoom) were impressed with, among other things, how technology is being widely incorporated into everyday use including drones for surveying, spraying and seeding fields and AI (artificial intelligence) incorporated for data collection on a wide range of growth, production and farm management dynamics.

Summary provided by John Sautter, Chair of the PURA Program Committee.

REMINDER - Purdue Retiree Parking Permit Renewals

Current Purdue retiree parking permits will expire on Aug. 15, 2025. Renewals for the 2025-2026 academic year are available now. Parking Services recently sent emails to retirees that held permits during 2024-2025 with instructions on how to renew their permits.

Information about Retiree permits is available on the [**Parking Operations website**](#).

Parking Operations staff are available until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 765-494-9497 or parking@purdue.edu, and the lobby in Stewart Center G054 is open until 4 p.m.

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