



June 2026 Update

Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Events

PURA LAWRENCE RESTAURANT DINING OPPORTUNITY is scheduled for June 17, 2026. Seats are limited, so registration is required. See details below.

PURDUE FALL SEMESTER CLASSES begin on August 24, 2026.

PURA EVENING AT CIVIC THEATRE is scheduled for September 9, 2026 at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette located at 313 N. 5th Street in Lafayette. Attend the opening play of Civic's 2026-27 season free of charge. Reservations will be required. See more information below.

The **2026 PURA ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON** is scheduled for September 14, 2026 at the Courtyard Marriott at 150 Fairington Avenue in Lafayette. Details for online registration that opens in mid-July are coming soon.

PURDUE HOMECOMING 2026 is scheduled for November 7, 2026.

The **2027 PURA ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE** is scheduled for April 21, 2027 at the Beck Agricultural Center located at 4550 US 52 West in West Lafayette.

Upcoming PURA Monthly (First Monday) Meeting Schedule

Location: IN-PERSON Large Meeting Rooms A & B Near the Railyard at the Kurz Purdue Technology Center, 1281 Win Hentschel Boulevard, West Lafayette, Indiana. Also, via ZOOM broadcast.

Parking in the lots around Kurz does not require a permit.

Time: 10:00 am ET to approximately 11:30 am ET.

Monday, July 6, 2026 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Sarah Kennedy, Outpatient Pharmacy Manager - Indiana University Health Arnett
- Sarah is a 2009 graduate of the Purdue University College of Pharmacy. She lives in West Lafayette with her husband and two sons. With 17 years of experience, she has served the local community through a variety of roles in pharmacy, including retail practice, education, and community outreach initiatives.
- Topic: Navigating Pharmacy for Adults

- Managing home medications can be challenging. Sarah Kennedy will share her perspectives on medication safety, over the counter medications and supplements, medication organization and adherence, medication disposal, vaccines, and myths vs reality of medications.

Monday, August 3, 2026 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Jenna Parks Freeman, Interpretive Naturalist, IN Dept. of Natural Resources
- Topic: Prophetstown State Park

Monday, September 7, 2026 – No PURA Monthly (First Monday) Meeting.

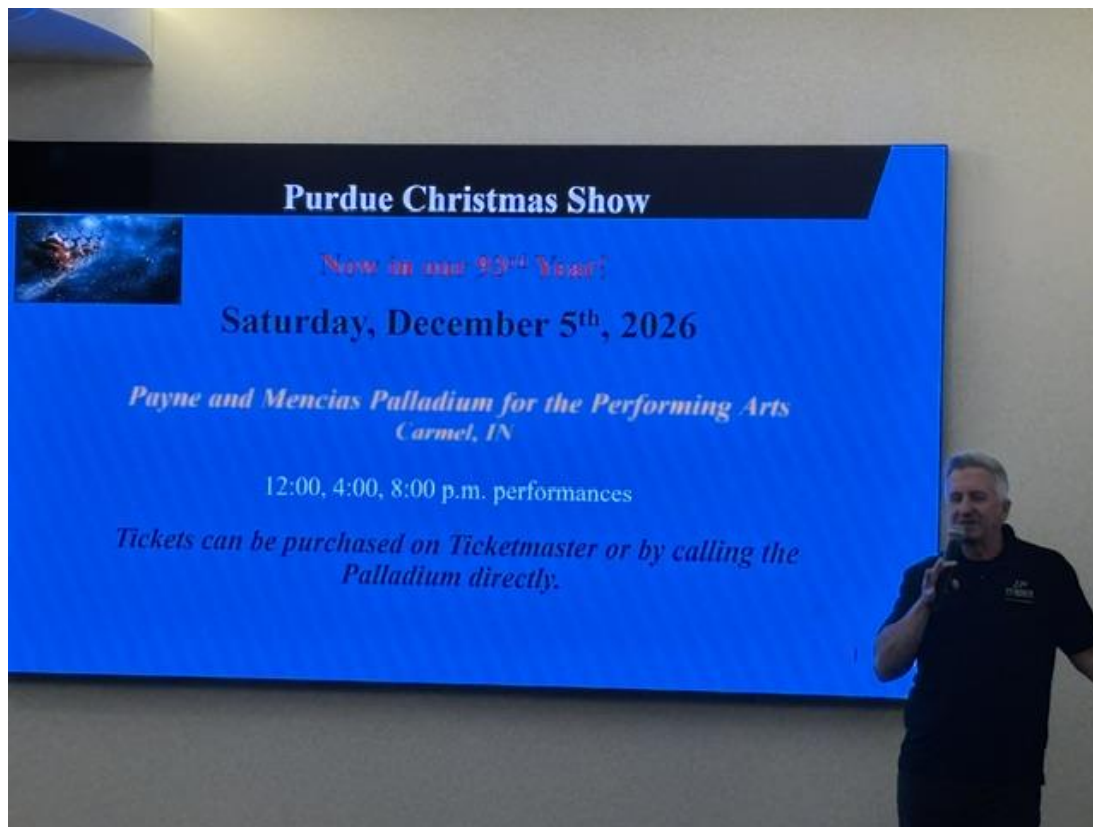
The June Monthly Meeting Program
All About Purdue Musical Organizations (PMO)



Bill Griffel speaking to PURA members at the monthly meeting on June 1, 2026

Our PURA Program in June featured Bill Griffel, the Albert P. Stewart Senior Director of Purdue Musical Organizations and the Jack Calhoun Senior Director of the Purdue Varsity Glee Club. 41 in-person attendees and 20 "Zoomers" were reminded of the storied history of PMO, started in 1933, and how it has evolved into today's beloved, diverse, and extremely popular campus offering that has performed, literally, around the world. Housed in Bailey Hall, PMO continues to be one of Purdue's best ambassadors with around 75 performances annually by its 300 talented "singers and ringers" in six different ensembles all volunteering their time and not receiving any class credit. One modern-day change is the use of iPads where each student has their own for the duration of their involvement...no sheet music! And auditions

are done via videos, not in-person anymore, and are highly selective. Their financial support comes from the university 21%, performances 17%, and donors 21%. This year's Christmas Show (the 93rd) will be in the Carmel Palladium on December 5th due to Hall of Music renovations underway...forcing a highly unusual practice schedule including using Lambert Fieldhouse for practices. The complete presentation can be found on the PURA website: purdue.edu/retirees.



Bill Griffel sharing information about the 2026 Purdue Christmas Show

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

PURA Annual Transition and Planning Meeting

On Wednesday morning, June 3rd PURA officers, committee chairs, and committee members gathered at St. Andrew United Methodist Church for their annual transition and planning meeting. The agenda included year-end-review remarks by President Charlene Sullivan, committee breakout meetings for planning the coming year, report sharing from each of the committee chairs, a delicious lunch, recognition of those leaving and joining committees, passing the gavel and key to new President Tim Luzader, and finally Tim's vision for his presidency.



PURA President Charlene Sullivan passing the gavel to incoming President Tim Luzader

PURA Lawrence Restaurant Dining Opportunity

Two spots remain open for a PURA visit to the Lawrence Restaurant on the Purdue campus at noon, Wednesday, June 17. Members will order off the menu and pay for their own meal.

The farm-to-table restaurant features a nearly 100-year-old barn donated by Purdue alumnus and Trustee Lawrence “Sonny” Beck, CEO of Beck’s Superior Hybrids. The restaurant is named for Sonny’s grandfather, Lawrence Beck. More than a dozen members of the Beck family have attended Purdue since 1929.

“The Lawrence was born from a deep love for community, and a commitment to honoring legacy,” its website says. “The beautifully restored barn lies at the heart of the restaurant. Originally built in the 1930s, it stands as a symbol of Indiana’s rich agricultural heritage.”

A member of the Lawrence staff will come to the PURA table to talk about the barn, its history, and the new restaurant, which has immediately become very popular.

To register for June 17 contact Chris Ladisch, ladischc@purdue.edu

The Lawrence visit is the last 2025-26 academic year event sponsored by the PURA Campus and Community Activities Committee which is now shifting to plans for late summer and fall. Among the highlights will be an evening reserved for PURA members at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette.

PURA Evening at Civic Theatre – September 9

PURA is excited to be sponsoring an evening at Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette on Wednesday, September 9 for its first performance of the Agatha Christie play *Mousetrap*. The show is directed by Purdue retiree John Collier who is also designing the set. It is the opening show of Civic's new season.

Mousetrap is one of Christie's most loved plays. It opened in London's West End in 1952 and has run continuously since, with one interruption from the Covid pandemic. The murder mystery filled with surprises is a classic of the theater.

Up to 155 people will be able to see the play free of charge. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase at the Monon Theater on North 5th Street in downtown Lafayette. The PURA evening at Civic last year was a tremendous success and another large number of retirees are expected to attend this year.

Reservations are required and will be made by email later this summer. Watch for further announcements about the play and additional PURA activities.

Update – PURA Student Scholarships and Endowments

Pictured are two of the seven Indiana students who benefited from PURA Scholarships awarded in 2025-2026



Luke Geiger, Daniels School of Business,
General Management
PURA Student Scholarship Recipient



Suingun Par, Health and Human Sciences,
Brain and Behavioral Sciences,
Jischke Scholarship Recipient

Thanks to the continuing generosity of PURA members we added seven new scholarship recipients this year, raising the total over the last 10 years to 92 Indiana students. They have shared in the investment income of the two PURA scholarship endowments in the amount of \$90,000. The scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$3,000. The Division of Financial Aid makes the selection of students, and the scholarships are part of the complete financial aid package for each student.

This year the five students receiving scholarships from the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment shared \$12,490. The students are:

- Jayla Collazo, College of Health and Human Sciences, majoring in Nursing, from Newburgh, IN

- Luke Geiger, Daniels School of Business, majoring in General Management, from Monticello, IN
- Noah Powlen, Exploratory Studies, majoring in Explorers, from Zionsville, IN
- Ephriam Stoner, College of Engineering, majoring in First Year Engineering, from Williamsport, IN
- Tobias Tillett, College of Engineering, majoring in First Year Engineering, from Battle Ground, IN

This year the two students receiving scholarships from the PURA Purdue Opportunity Award in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke Endowment shared \$3,200. The students are:

- Suingun Par, College of Health and Human Sciences, majoring in Brain and Behavioral Sciences, from Indianapolis, IN
- Camille Smith, College of Education, majoring in Special Education, from West Lafayette, IN

Donations to these endowments are welcome at any time. You may contribute online using this link -- [Giving to Purdue](#). When the website opens click on West Lafayette, then type in PURA in the search funds box and that will direct you to the two PURA endowments.

You may also send a check payable to Purdue Foundation, designating on the memo line the PURA Student Scholarship Endowment or the PURA POA in Honor of Martin C. and Patty Jischke. Mail the check to: Purdue Foundation, Gift Processing, P.O. Box 772401, Detroit, MI 48377-2401.

We are helping Indiana students realize their dreams of becoming a Boilermaker. Thank you for giving to help these students. They are our future.

Purdue Retiree Parking Permit Renewal Information

Current Purdue retiree parking permits will expire on Aug. 15, 2026. Renewals for the 2026-2027 academic year are available in June. Parking Services will send emails to retirees that held permits during 2025-2026 with instructions on how to renew their permits.

Additional Information about Retiree permits is available on the PURA website [Benefits Available to Retirees](#) and on the [Retiree Permits webpage](#).

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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Stay Connected to Purdue as an EPICS Design Reviewer

EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service) gives Purdue students the chance to design real-world solutions for community partners. Community members from all backgrounds are invited to serve as design reviewers, offering feedback on student presentations twice each semester (October 5–9 and November 30–December 4, 2026). Each review requires as little as two hours and can be done in person or online. It's a flexible, meaningful way to stay involved, share your expertise, and support the next generation of Boilermakers.

For more information—or to be added to the invitation list—please contact Robyn Jakes, Lead Outreach Program Manager for EPICS, at rjakes@purdue.edu or by phone at 765-714-1380.

DESIGN REVIEWS



Overview

EPICS Design Reviews engage professionals and community partners in reviewing student-led projects that address real community needs. Reviews help ensure projects are technically sound, stakeholder-aligned, and grounded in EPICS values.

Why Serve as a Reviewer?

- Support student learning and professional growth
- Strengthen real-world, community-based solutions
- Share expertise with minimal time commitment

Your insight helps turn student ideas into impactful, sustainable designs.

Contact

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engineering.purdue.edu/EPICS

What Reviewers Look For

Problem & Requirements

- Clear understanding of community partner needs
- Realistic, measurable, and justified requirements

Quality of Design or Concept

- Rate the overall quality of the design or concept given its stage in the design process.

EPICS Design Process

- Market benchmarks; multiple concepts explored
- Analysis and decision rationale

Implementation & Impact

- Progress in prototyping and testing
- Consideration of desirability, feasibility, viability, and ethics

Teamwork & Communication

- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Organization, preparation, and documentation



What to do if you are having problems receiving PURA emails

If you are not receiving PURA emails, send an email to gifts@purdue.edu explaining that you are a Purdue retiree and are not receiving emails from PURA (Purdue University Retirees Association) sent out through Purdue for Life. Purdue for Life maintains the Purdue retiree information including email addresses in its Salesforce CRM software. Please pass this information along to any retiree friends who are not receiving our emails.

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Questions about PURA may be sent to pura@purdue.edu.