



## October 2025 Update

### **Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Annual Events**

**RETIREE FLU SHOTS** are scheduled for October 17, 2025. See information below.

**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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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, November 3, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.**

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

#### **Monday, December 1, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.**

- Speaker: Jay Akridge, Professor – Ag Econ, Former Provost – Purdue
- Topic: Update for Higher Education

### **The October Monthly Meeting Program – The Purdue All-American Band**

Our PURA program on October 6<sup>th</sup> featured Jay Gephart, Director of the University Bands Department. The All-American Marching Band (AAMB) has been a part of Purdue for over 155 years, bringing Purdue Pride

to a worldwide audience. Over that period, they have accomplished a dozen “firsts” including the first band to break military ranks to form our Block P to the first to march in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade. Other facts shared included the cumulative grade point average of the AAMB is 3.44, 61% of the members are engineering majors and students receive 2 hours of academic credit per semester. This year 540 students tried out for the AAMB and 395 were selected. Those not selected could elect to be in other bands, bringing this year’s total university band department student membership to 1315. All halftime shows are available on YouTube. This year’s football schedule had three home games in a row meaning the AAMB created, choreographed, and memorized three shows in three weeks...aided by GPS technology (each members knows their position via iPhone). Our retiree audience, 59 in-person and 16 on Zoom, was fully engaged with questions and stories as we thoroughly enjoyed Jay Gephart’s passion for and dedication to our University Bands.

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



### **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, October 17      9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

No-cost wellness screenings will be available. A 6-hour fast is recommended.

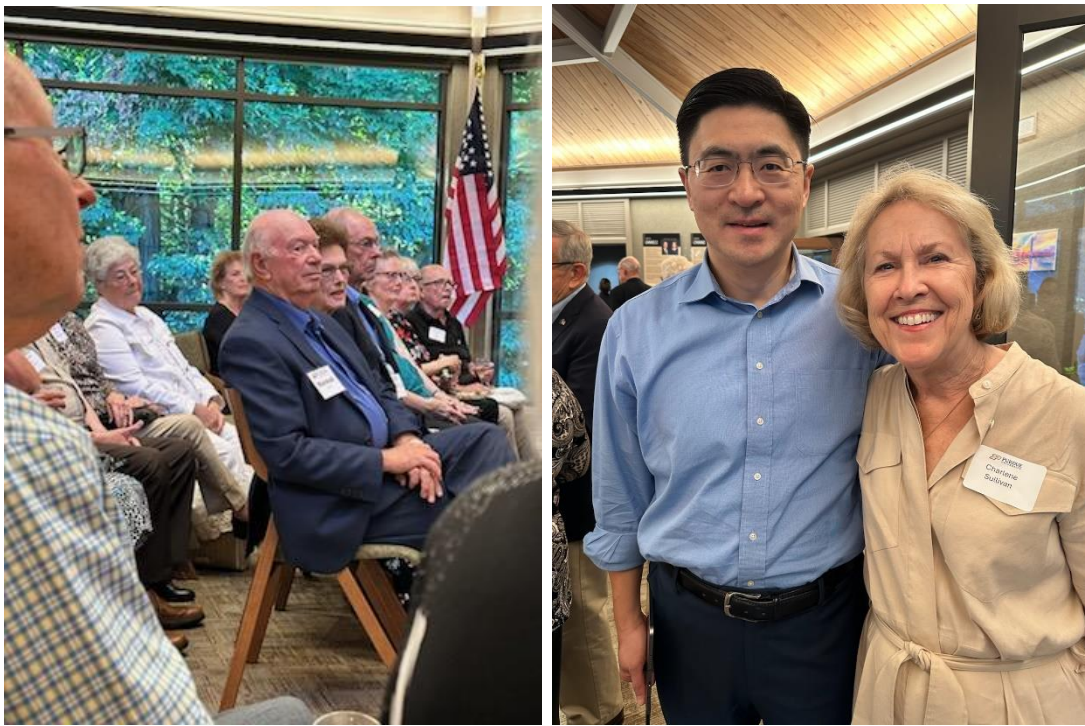
The Adult Flu Shot Consent Form may be completed in advance: ([Consent Form](#))

Over 400 PURA members were vaccinated and over 60 members received a wellness screening during the first two clinics. We would like to give a special shoutout to all the Purdue School of Nursing students who staff these flu shot and wellness clinics.

## **PURA Westwood Lecture**

The Westwood Lecture on September 30<sup>th</sup>, part of the President's regular series, was dedicated to PURA attendees. The event was well attended by over 50 PURA members. The featured speaker was Matthew Waninger, managing director of the Crossroads Pediatric Device Consortium. Mathew shared insights into the consortium, which is dedicated to accelerating the development, approval, and availability of innovative medical devices for children. Several members commented afterward that they enjoyed the lecture and supported holding more in the future. Another member commented that she had not been to Westwood since her senior year as an undergraduate.

The PURA dedicated Westwood Lecture reflects Purdue's commitment to offering meaningful educational and social opportunities for retirees who remain closely connected to the university. We wish to extend appreciation and thanks to President Chiang and his staff for this opportunity.



## **Parking Update for Events at the Elliott Hall of Music**

Effective October 2, 2025, paid event parking at campus parking garages and lots that support evening and weekend events at the Elliott Hall of Music will be required. A paid event parking pass through ParkMobile will need to be purchased for the following parking locations starting two hours before each weeknight or weekend event:

- Northwestern Avenue Parking Garage
- University Street Parking Garage
- The parking lot directly north of Lawson Computer Science Building

- Accessible parking spaces in the Armory lot

Eligible Purdue parking permit holders, including retirees with an “A” parking permit, who are parked in one of the locations above prior to the two hours that the event parking rates take effect will be able to remain parked with no event parking pass required.

When arriving for an Elliott Hall of Music event after the time the event parking begins at the four event designated locations, individuals will either need to pay for the event parking rate or seek alternative, free parking in one of the following lots:

- On Russell Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets
- On Waldron Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets
- South of Duhme Residence Hall

Event parking passes cost \$11.50 and may be purchased in advance through ParkMobile: <https://app.parkmobile.io>. Event questions may be sent to Purdue Convocations at [convos@purdue.edu](mailto:convos@purdue.edu), and event parking or the use of ParkMobile questions may be directed to Parking Operations at [parking@purdue.edu](mailto:parking@purdue.edu) or 765-494-9497.

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