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Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is a premier metropolitan university dedicated to empowering transformational change in our students and in our community. Located in Northwest Indiana, near Chicago, PNW values academic excellence, supports growth, and celebrates diversity.

### History

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) traces its roots to 1946, when Purdue University in cooperation with the federal government offered technical classes to Northwest Indiana production workers, and veterans returning from World War II eager to advance their futures. The Purdue system introduced degree credit courses in a variety of facilities in and around Hammond in 1946 and in Michigan City and La Porte as early as 1949.

Subsequently, land Purdue acquired through the Ross-Ade Foundation paved the way for development of two campuses—one south of Michigan City near Westville and the other in Hammond's Woodmar neighborhood. The first building on the Hammond location opened in late 1951. A permanent Westville location introduced classes in fall of 1967.

Both campuses grew and developed into the premier metropolitan university PNW is today, offering a wide range of degree programs at the bachelor's, master's and applied doctoral levels, while responding to the professional, cultural and economic needs of Northwest Indiana and beyond.

## Purdue Northwest Senior Leadership

A single Board of Trustees governs the entire Purdue University system through the President of the University.

The Chancellor of Purdue University Northwest is the senior administrative officer on campus and reports to the President of Purdue University. Serving the Chancellor as senior administrators are:

- Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost – responsible for all academic programs, faculty development, and the Center for Learning and Academic Success.
- Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration – responsible for all business affairs including budget and finance, human resources, facilities and grounds, risk management and public safety.
- Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement – responsible for advancing the university and overseeing alumni relations, communications, fund raising, university and community relations, and marketing.
- Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs – oversees the many services and functions the university offers to advance student success and nurture student life and community on campus, including enrollment related services.
- Vice Chancellor for Information Services – responsible for connecting the changing, emerging needs of technology with the knowledge generated through library resources.

- Director of Athletics – responsible for administering all aspects of the university’s intercollegiate athletics, fitness and recreational programs.

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## Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

Purdue University views, evaluates, and treats all persons in any University related activity or circumstance in which they may be involved, solely as individuals on the basis of their own personal abilities, qualifications, and other relevant characteristics.

Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran. The University will conduct its programs, services and activities consistent with applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and orders and in conformance with the procedures and limitations as set forth in Purdue's Equal Opportunity, Equal Access and Affirmative Action policy which provides specific contractual rights and remedies. Additionally, the University promotes the full realization of equal employment opportunity for women, minorities, persons with disabilities and veterans through its affirmative action program.

Any question of interpretation regarding this Nondiscrimination Policy Statement shall be referred to the Vice President for Ethics and Compliance for final determination.

## **Title IX**

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." - Title IX

Title IX is part of the Education Amendments of 1972 to the 1964 Civil Rights Act and is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education. This federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance. Title IX applies to all participants of such programs, including students, parents and faculty/staff members. The purpose of Title IX is to help foster safe and respectful University environments that better protect students, faculty and staff from incidents of sex-based discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.

Purdue University Northwest's Title IX Coordinator, Laura Odom, Executive Director of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, is responsible for the implementation of the University's Title IX Harassment Policy. Questions or concerns may be directed as follows:

Laura Odom, Executive Director  
Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

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1401 S. U.S. Hwy 421  
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<https://www.pnw.edu/edi>

Indiana law requires each person 18 years and older to report child abuse or neglect to the police or Child Protective Services. In the event of an emergency, call 911. If it is not an emergency, immediately alert the police or Child Protective Services (1-800-800-5556).

## **Your Campus, Your Safety**

Your Campus, Your Safety - Purdue University Northwest's annual security and fire safety reports are available online. This report is required by federal law and contains policy statements and crime statistics for Purdue University Northwest. The policy statements address Purdue University Northwest's policies, procedures and programs concerning safety and security (i.e., policies for responding to emergency situations and sexual offenses). Three years' worth of statistics are included for certain types of crimes that were reported to have occurred on campus, in or on off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the school and on public property within or immediately adjacent to the campus. The reports are available online by campus location:

[Click here for the Campus Safety Report](#)

You may also request a paper copy from the Purdue Northwest Hammond Police Department Office located at the east entrance of the Schneider Avenue Building. Located at the corner of 169th St. and Osborne, or the Purdue Northwest Westville Police Department Office located in Dworkin Student Services and Activities Center (DSAC) Room 1115.

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