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Mayor Thomas McDermott, Jr. was pleased to accept this donation after discussions about the basketball courts' closure. "I want to thank the firefighters' union for this generous offer. I understand the importance of these courts and park to the community. I also know that we cannot continue to allow vandalism and disrespect for this park, named after Dr. King. The police department is continuing to investigate the vandalism and when the persons responsible are caught,



they will be fully prosecuted," said the mayor.

The courts at this park are well used and well loved by the entire neighborhood around City Hall. "Hammond is fortunate to have great parks. It's a team effort to treat them respectfully and protect them. We're happy we are able to help the community and get the courts back open hopefully soon," said Mike Hull, president of Local 556.

If all goes well, the city's goal is to have the courts and park fully opened by Monday afternoon once the work is completed. The City of Hammond thanks Firefighters Local 556 and President Mike Hull for this generous donation.

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The Food Bank of NWI raised \$46,000 with The Soirée 2024

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana honored their healthcare partners and raised \$46,000 with The Soirée 2024 event.

The Food Bank hosted The Soirée 2024 event to honor their healthcare partners, raise donations and bring the community together. To date, the event has raised \$46,000 of the \$100,000 goal set.

"We're always looking for ways to partner and collaborate so that we can expand the impact we have on our community," said Food Bank President Victor Garcia. "We really wanted to focus this evening on our Food is Medicine programs."

Healthcare partners honored were Franciscan Health, Methodist Hospital, HealthLinc, Regional Health Systems, St. Mary Medical Center, Community HealthNet, and Northwest Indiana Community Action.

"One of the reasons the Food Bank chose to engage in Food is Medicine work primarily, was due to the very challenging information we had about the infant mortality rate," Victor said.

"Unfortunately, Indiana is one of the worst states in the country for infinite mortality, 49.1% of all life births in the state of Indiana are born to women who are on medicaid."

"Those are our friends and neighbors at their most vulnerable, and that's why the Food Bank decided we needed to find a way that we can help those neighbors, so we can get to those folks who

need nutrition, not calories, nutrition, to make sure their babies have a chance at a healthy, successful life," he said. All donations collected will help the Food Bank bring more programs to their Food is Medicine initiative and fight hunger in Porter and Lake counties. They used a silent auction, champagne raffle, wine barrel raffle, and a heads or tails game to raise donations at the event

"Our friends and neighbors are struggling to get by and they need us today more than ever," Victor said. "Note that \$1 can supply 3 meals, \$100 can provide 11 children with healthy nutritious snacks for the weekend, \$500 can provide 20 medically tailored boxes of groceries, \$1,000 can buy a truck load of rice, \$2,500 can fund over 8000 servings of leafy grains."

Sponsors at the event included Hard Rock Casino, NIPSCO and NiSource Charitable Foundation, Strack & Van Til, Albert's Diamond Jewelers, People Bank, Chase Bank, First Financial Bank, Midwest Refrigeration, Wintrust Indiana, and more.

"Strack & Van Til has been a proud supporter of the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana since its inception, and we just believe in giving back and helping solve the food insecurity that is so rapid here in Indiana," said Jeff Strack, President and CEO of Indiana Grocery Group.

"We're really invested and engaged in the success of the food bank because it matters in Northwest Indiana and helps

our community be a better place," Strack said.

Food and Drinks were provided by Sue & Kim's Pies, American Culinary Federation, Asparagus, Frank's Backyard Barbecue, Indiana Beverage, Ivy Tech, Meals on Wheels, Montego Bay Grille, NWI Food Council Region Roots, St Mary's Medical Center, Strack & Van Til, Tandoori Cafe, Saturday Sangria Bakery & Cafe, and Windy City Mushrooms.

"It's partnerships like this that make our community special," Garcia said. "Their willingness to be innovative and collaborative really makes my job so much easier ... such amazing individuals, volunteering their time."

The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana was founded in 1982. The nonprofit organization distributes food for about 6 million meals annually to kids, adults and seniors in Lake



and Porter counties. The Food Bank of Northwest Indiana is a member of Feeding America, a nationwide domestic hunger-relief organization and network of 200 food banks across the country.

"When you have fresh produce it changes your health," said Jennifer Trowbridge, President and CEO of Northwest Indiana Community Action.

"Great things happen when there are great people in great organizations working together," she said.

To learn more about the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana and how to get involved in the fight against hunger, go to foodbanknwi.org.

Source: Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

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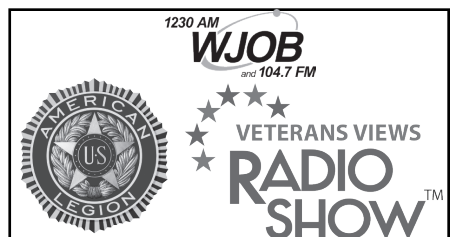
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Legislation creating the Women's Army Corps becomes law



On May 15, 1942, a bill establishing a women's corps in the U.S. Army becomes law, creating the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAACs) and granting women official military status.

In May 1941, Representative Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts, the first congresswoman ever from New England, introduced legislation that would enable women to serve in the Army in noncombat positions. Rogers was well suited for such a task; during her husband John J. Rogers' term as congressman, Rogers was active as a volunteer for the Red Cross, the Women's Overseas League, and military hospitals. Because of her work inspecting field and base hospitals, President Warren G. Harding, in 1922, appointed her as his personal representative for inspections and visits to veterans' hospitals throughout the country. She was eventually appointed to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, as chairwoman in the 80th and 83rd Congresses.

The bill to create a Women's Auxiliary Army Corps would not be passed into law for a year after it was introduced (the

bombing of Pearl Harbor was a great incentive). But finally, the WAACs gained official status and salary—but still not all the benefits accorded to men. Thousands of women enlisted in light of this new legislation, and in July 1943, the “auxiliary” was dropped from the name, and the Women's Army Corps, or WACs, received full Army benefits in keeping with their male counterparts.

The WACs performed a wide variety of jobs, “releasing a man for combat,” as the Army, sensitive to public misgivings about women in the military, touted. But those jobs ranged from clerk to radio operator, electrician to air-traffic controller. Women served in virtually every theater of engagement, from North Africa to Asia.

It would take until 1978 before the Army would become sexually integrated, and women participating as merely an “auxiliary arm” in the military would be history. And it would not be until 1980 that 16,000 women who had joined the earlier WAACs would receive veterans' benefits.

Source: History.com Staff

Purdue University Northwest announces faculty member promotions



Five PNW faculty members were approved for academic promotions effective the beginning of the 2024-25 academic year.

Five Purdue University Northwest (PNW) faculty members received approval today (April 5) by the Purdue University Board of Trustees for academic promotions starting in the 2024-25 academic year. The faculty members' promotions are effective Aug. 12.

Academic tenure is acquired on promotion to the rank of associate professor. Candidates promoted to this level have demonstrated a record of accomplishment as a faculty member and show promise of continued professional growth and recognition.

Faculty members promoted to the rank of professor have achieved a significant record in learning, discovery and engagement.

PNW faculty members promoted to the rank of professor:

- Ricardo A. Calix, professor of Computer Information Technology
- Mohammed Errihani, professor of English
- Meden F. Isaac-Lam, professor of Chemistry

PNW faculty members promoted to the rank of associate professor:

- Amanda L. Kratovil-Mailhiot, associate professor of Nursing
- Julia L. Rogers, associate professor of Nursing

Source: Purdue University Northwest

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Malott Family Foundation gives \$5 million to support Red Cross climate crisis work

Funding will help build community resilience in the face of more frequent and intense disasters

The American Red Cross recognizes the Malott Family Foundation for its generous donation of \$5 million to support urgent humanitarian needs driven by the worsening climate crisis. This crucial funding will help the Red Cross adapt its disaster response and recovery services to better support families, as well as growing its capacity to help frontline communities.

Last year, the U.S. experienced an all-time high of 28 billion-dollar disasters that ravaged communities and forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee from severe storms, floods and wildfires. The Red Cross is often one of the first on the ground during a crisis, providing emergency shelter, comfort and financial support for those in need, especially families who face more vulnerabilities during disasters. The Red Cross also plays a critical role in helping communities recover and become more resilient.

The Malott Family Foundation's gift will help expand the innovative Red Cross Community Adaptation Program, which is focused on strengthening local partner networks in disaster-prone counties across the country where families are already struggling with chronic social issues. "Our family recognizes that the devastating impacts of increasing major disasters are disproportionately being felt by the most vulnerable

among us," said Barbara Malott Kizziah. "We are proud to support the new Red Cross Community Adaptation Program in empowering communities across the United States under threat of extreme weather."

"We're profoundly grateful for the Malott Family Foundation's overwhelmingly generous support of our humanitarian work in the face of an intensifying climate crisis," said Gail McGovern, president and CEO of the American Red Cross. "Their remarkable donation will enable us to grow hyperlocal partnerships in disaster-prone areas to ensure we continue to be there for families and communities in their darkest hours."

The Red Cross launched the Community Adaptation Program in 2022 and currently has field teams in 15 counties spread across 12 states. Through the program, the Red Cross is forging new partnerships with local nonprofits that provide services related to health, hunger and housing with the goal of building more resilient communities that are better equipped to face disasters stemming from the climate crisis. The climate crisis is taking a heavier toll on frontline communities — especially low-income families, older adults, communities of color and people with disabilities in disaster-prone locations — many of which face other systemic challenges. The Red Cross is dedicated to working one-on-one with people to help them recover after disasters, understanding firsthand



American Red Cross

how struggles with long-term health conditions, food insecurity, and the availability of safe and affordable housing are worsened by disasters.

"This generous and important leadership investment from the Malott family to the Red Cross Community Adaptation Program will help families and whole communities grow more resilient in the face of escalating major disasters," said Jack Dangermond, CEO of Esri, and member of the Red Cross Climate Crisis Task Force.

As part of an ambitious climate crisis plan, the Red Cross is also focused on increasing climate programming through its international work, and minimizing its impact on the

planet by slashing emissions, cutting waste and lowering water usage. To learn more, visit redcross.org/climate.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or CruzRojAmerica.org, or follow us on social media.

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Munster High School's Scent Seal Wins Inaugural Uthiverse StartUp Madness Pitch Tournament at Purdue Northwest



A team of Munster High School students took first place in the 2024 Uthiverse StartUp Madness Business Pitch Tournament hosted at Purdue University Northwest. Pictured from left to right: Uthiverse co-founder Nicole Barry, Munster High School students Nabeel Rabie and Josephine "Fifi" Pirok and Uthiverse co-founder Ken Barry.

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest hosted the inaugural Uthiverse StartUp Madness Business Pitch Tournament at the Purdue University Northwest (PNW)

minimum viable product (MVP), implement a marketing strategy or fund some other activity that helps them launch their venture.

Hammond campus on March 30.

Student teams from Hammond Central, Lowell and Munster high schools pitched their businesses for an opportunity to win \$2,500 in seed money from Uthiverse. This seed funding can be used to improve their business idea, develop a prototype, create a

"It is always exciting to see students participate in events like this," said Ken Patrick Barry, a Gary native and co-founder of Uthiverse. "Some of our participants had never pitched in front of an audience before. They had their first taste. That means the next time they get to do something like this, they'll be even better."

Scent Seal, a team from Munster High School, was named winner of the event. Team members include Josephine "Fifi" Pirok, Nabeel Rabie and Brooke Weatherly. Scent Seal aims to "shake up the cosmetics and fragrance industry." The company's unique applicator prevents fragrances such as perfumes and body sprays from fading by "sealing your scents."

"It means everything for us to win," said Rabie, one of the co-founders of Scent Seal. "We're seeing all of our hard work come to fruition. This gives us a push to keep going and we're really excited about the next steps for our business."

"Our whole team is passionate about this business so it's really good to be seen and heard," said Pirok. "We feel like we can actually make a difference in an industry that's so vast."

Faith Spencer, CEO of IronWorkz Corporation, served as one of the judges for the event. "This was really impressive," she said. "Providing a space for

students who don't advance in other pitch competitions is important. It gives even more local students that opportunity to present in front of a group of judges."

Uthiverse StartUp Madness is an innovative, pitch competition designed to give high school students participating in a diversity of entrepreneurship programs an opportunity to win seed money.

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest

The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest (PNW) aims to contribute to economic and community development throughout the region as the champion of innovation in Northwest Indiana. For more information about the Society of Innovators, visit www.pnw.edu/soi.

The Uthiverse

Founded by husband-and-wife team Ken Patrick and Nicole Barry, The Uthiverse provides space for young people to explore infinite opportunities as the prepare to transition into adulthood. Five key priorities for the organization include: Teen Mental Health, College and Career Readiness, Workforce Development, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and Transition to Adulthood. For more information about The Uthiverse, visit www.uthiverse.com

Source: The Society of Innovators at Purdue Northwest

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