



March 2025 Updates

2025 - PURA Annual Spring Conference - Registration Opened March 1

Ready, set, GO to www.purdue.edu/conferences/pura to register for the PURA Spring Conference! The online registration portal opened on March 1, and attendance is first-come-first-served and limited to the first 200 people, so do not delay.

Preferred registration this year is online, although you may also register by phone at 866-515-0023.

The PURA Spring Conference is Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Beck Agricultural Center, easily accessible on U.S. 52 West just minutes from the Purdue campus. The building is spacious and comfortable, with plenty of close, free parking and it is handicap accessible!

The day, which begins at 8 a.m., will include four presentations on topics of interest (and suggested by last year's conference attendees.) ([Click here](#) to view 2025 Program)

Hold the Date for these PURA and Purdue Annual Events

PURDUE DAY OF GIVING 2025 is scheduled for April 30, 2025.

PURDUE SPRING FLING 2025 is scheduled for May 22, 2025.

The **2025 PURA ANNUAL KICKOFF LUNCHEON** is scheduled for September 8, 2025 at the Courtyard Marriott at 150 Fairington Avenue in Lafayette. Registration details to follow.

Upcoming 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, April 7, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting

- Speakers: Jay and Tamara House, Co-Founders of Grant's House
- Topic: Grant's House - What is it, where is it, and what programs does it offer?

- *Wabash Industries Workshop has had programs (work and social) for youth and adults with disabilities for over 50 years, but the question arose “What about evenings and weekends?” Enter Grant’s House!! Join us to learn more about this new resource in our community.*

Monday, May 5, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting

- Speaker: Dr. Fred Whitford, Professor Botany and Plant Pathology
- Topic: Through The Lens of J. C. Allen; Early Agriculture

Monday, June 2, 2025 - PURA Monthly Meeting.

- Speaker: Audrey Johnson
- Topic: Of Thee I Sing (American Heritage Through Song)

Invitation to Attend and Participate in the Purdue Spring Undergraduate Research Conference April 8 & 10

Good afternoon, PURA colleagues:

As in the past, the Purdue Office of Undergraduate Research and college representatives invite Purdue retirees to join us during our semesterly research conference. This semester’s [Spring Undergraduate Research Conference](#) will be April 8 & 10. We will host five poster sessions on April 8 from 9-10am, 10:30-11:30am, 12-1pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm, and 3-4pm in the PMU Ballrooms and research talks/projects throughout the day on April 10 from 9am-5pm in Stewart 214. We would like to invite Purdue retirees to join us based on their interests and availability.

Informally, we invite Purdue retirees to engage with students as they talk about their research projects by attending various presentations. We will have a full schedule of presenters closer to the event.

- Formally, we recognize the expertise that Purdue retirees bring and include retirees as potential judges and evaluators for the presentations as we determine awards and send feedback to the student presenters. Individuals who are interested in judging can complete the [online form](#) or email me (jjsadler@purdue.edu). As an incentive, any judge who submits at least six completed evaluations will receive a \$20 gift card if they are registered through our form.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in engaging with the Office of Undergraduate Research in other capacities, please let me know!

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