

Big Ten tests await Boilers

P No. 1 Purdue set to open conference slate at Rutgers



Top teams in SAC reloading

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Study: Foreign students enrich area

2,000 in 3rd District credited with bringing in \$43.4 million

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Two northeast Indiana universities remained among the Top 10 statewide for economic impact by international students – a population that contributed more than \$997 million and supported about 8,350 jobs, according to a recent report.

Research released last month by NAFSA: Associ-

ation of International Educators showed the flagship campuses for Purdue and Indiana universities topped the state in financial impact last academic year. Together, those institutions represented about \$616 million, or 62%, of the dollars statewide.

Of the 31,000 international students statewide, about 2,000 contributed \$43.4 million in the 3rd Congressional District, which generally cov-

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS		
Institution	Fall 2025	Fall 2024
Purdue University West Lafayette	9,368	9,962
Indiana University Bloomington	4,428	4,984
Indiana University Indianapolis	1,028	1,389
Purdue University Northwest	513	585
Ball State University	458	401
Purdue University Fort Wayne	280	442
Indiana State University	252	272
University of Southern Indiana	121	128
Ivy Tech Fort Wayne	34	30

Source: Indiana Commission for Higher Education

ers northeast Indiana. About 170 jobs were supported.

Last year's report from the international education and

exchange group found about 1,750 international students contributed \$44.1 million to the region.

Indiana Tech and Purdue University Fort Wayne were the only local colleges to make the state's Top 10. There, the contributions totaled about \$24 million and \$16 million, respectively.

One U.S. job is created or supported for every three international students, the research found. Higher education, dining, retail, transportation and health insurance were among the industries affected.

Krissy Surface of Purdue Fort Wayne in a statement described international students as a critical component

to the growth and success of the city, region and state. The university ranked eighth statewide, down from seventh the previous year.

"We have been incredibly fortunate to have international students who want to earn their prestigious Purdue degrees from PFW and contribute significantly to



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Feast for the eyes at Festival of Gingerbread



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Kirk Heyde, right, along with his mother, Sheila Heyde, center, and wife, Kim, check out a Penguin Point Restaurant replica on Monday at the Festival of Gingerbread at The History Center. This was their first time attending the event.



A replica of the Allen County Courthouse, left, and a cake marking the festival's 40th year are among this year's record 183 entries. The event runs through Dec. 21.

New map unveiled as House starts work

Aim is to redraw districts to carve out more GOP seats

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Indiana Capital Chronicle

Millions of Hoosiers would have different representation in the U.S. House under a proposed redrawing of Indiana's congressional maps that aims to produce a 9-0 GOP delegation.

Indiana House Republicans released their redistricting plan Monday, just hours before the start of a one-week fast-track process toward that chamber granting President Donald Trump's demand to create more GOP-friendly districts ahead of the 2026 elections.

A court challenge is anticipated if a redistricting plan is adopted. But provisions in the redistricting legislation, House Bill 1032, also would prevent county-level judges from blocking new congressional maps and direct any appeals immediately to the Indiana Supreme Court.

The House Elections and Apportionment

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White House insists drug boat attack lawful

Says admiral ordered fatal follow-up strike

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WASHINGTON - The White House said Monday that a Navy admiral acted "within his authority and the law" when he ordered a second, follow-up strike on an alleged drug boat in the Caribbean Sea in a September U.S. military operation that has come under bipartisan scrutiny.

White House press secretary

Karoline Leavitt offered the justification for the Sept. 2 strike after lawmakers from both parties on Sunday announced support for congressional reviews of U.S. military strikes against vessels suspected of smuggling drugs in the Caribbean and the eastern Pacific Ocean. The lawmakers cited a published report that Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth issued a verbal order for a second strike that killed survivors on the boat in that September incident.

Leavitt in her comments to reporters did not dispute a

Washington Post report that there were survivors after the initial strike. Her explanation came after President Donald Trump a day earlier said that he "wouldn't have wanted that – not a second strike" when asked about the incident.

"Secretary Hegseth authorized Admiral Bradley to conduct these kinetic strikes," said Leavitt, referring to U.S. Navy Vice Admiral Frank Bradley, who at the time was the commander of Joint Special Operations Command. "Admiral Bradley worked well within his

authority and the law, directing the engagement to ensure the boat was destroyed and the threat to the United States of America was eliminated."

The lawmakers said they did not know whether last week's Post report was true, and some Republicans were skeptical. Still, they said the reports of attacking survivors of an initial missile strike posed serious legal concerns and merited further scrutiny.

The White House weighed in after Trump on Sunday vigorously defended Hegseth.