

Fall 2019 'Jacket Fest

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The Yellowjacket Union was buzzing with activity Sept. 10 during 'Jacket Fest! This year the University of Wisconsin-Superior hosted the most off campus employers for 'Jacket Fest than ever!

Emma Duchrow, a UWS student, appreciated there were more off-campus job opportunities in the Superior and Twin Ports area. A booth that stood out to Duchrow was the Students of Science's table. They displayed a live experiment such as submerging an egg in vinegar to display the reaction between the acetic acid

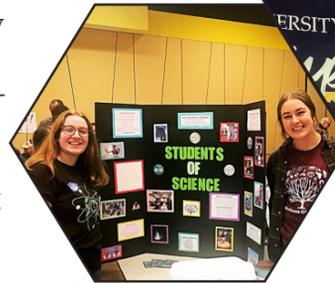
in the vinegar and the calcium carbonate in the eggshell.

Also, incoming UWS students have inquired about creating clubs of their own. Allison Garver, Assistant Director of Student Involvement, has had students approach her about creating a Jazz club, and a volleyball club. Different from the intramural sport, Volleyball Club will compete with other college volleyball clubs and travel. It will be a hybrid between intramurals and the athletic department.

Garver is excited about these emerging club prospects and "hearing new ideas". Garver also said she "liked collaborating with Career Services because it lets students experience more of campus outside of student organizations". There was also good recruitment by student organizations, most having 10-20 signatures. Garver stated, "I think it went well despite weather and having to move [Jacket Fest] inside".



Jenna Erickson
Photo by Rachel Hanson



Laura Beres (left) and Emily Hendrickson
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Choudhury steps down as president; vice president takes over

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Sudarshan Choudhury, who was elected president of the Student Government Association (SGA) on April 25, 2019, has stepped down from his role due to a personal familial emergency.

According to the SGA Constitution, the president pro tempore ascends to the roles of presidency if the president is unable to fulfill their duties or must step down for any reason. The president pro tempore position is filled by an elected senator who is then nominated by the president and requires a 2/3 majority vote of the senate to be selected.

In the case of Zack Abt, he was elected as the senator for the departments of Justice, Social Inquiry, and Human Behavior and Diversity.

Thursday, Sept. 19, will be when Abt is sworn in as president. His choice for president pro tempore is Sam Moscatelli, currently a senator for the departments of Communicating Arts, Music, Visual Arts, English, and World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Moscatelli previously ran for president in spring 2018.

"I plan to get committees up and running within SGA, and as an organization we are planning on

preparing for fall election and the UW-Systems meeting that will be held in Superior for the first time ever this October," said Abt when asked what his main goals are after assuming the role of president. These committees include the Student Judicial Committee, Student Affairs Committee, and the Segregated University Fees Allocation Committee.

Choudhury had many goals after winning the election last spring including "finding out why online tuition rates are so high, fixing SUFAC bylaws, and finding better solutions to make the campus

more sustainable." When asked about his predecessor's goals, Abt said "I plan, to the best of my ability, to pursue those goals and achieve what he set the ground work for."

"As of late, the student body and the SGA have been better about communicating issues on campus, and we plan to keep this line of communication going," said Abt.

He continued, "We hope that with the addition of Jacket Hub and other tools the campus has added we can discover and address issues sooner and more often, as well."

Per SGA bylaws, Abt will remain the president for the 2019-2020 school year, regardless if Choudhury returns to campus. However, Choudhury can

choose to re-run for the presidency in the 2020-2021 school year during the spring elections.

If you are interested in more information about SGA, they meet every other Thursday, starting Sept. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Yellowjacket Union. Meetings are free and open to the public.



Zack Abt
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Suicide Awareness Week

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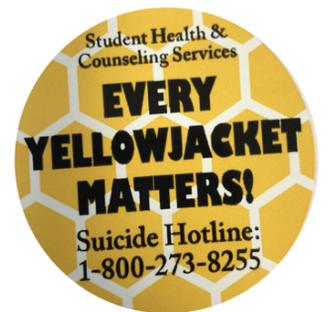
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Student Health and Counseling Services (SHCS) hosted events from Sep. 9, 2019 until Sep. 13, 2019 in order to commemorate Suicide Prevention Awareness Week. National Suicide Prevention Week, which has been held since 1975, is centered around World Suicide Prevention Day, annually held on Sept. 10 since 2003.

Some of the events hosted by SHCS included tabling from Sept. 9-11 in order to share educational programming about suicide prevention awareness. According to Randy Barker, the interim director of Health, Counseling, and Well-Being, information and resources were given out, such as "How to spot the warning signs of someone that may be feeling suicidal, How to assist someone in asking if they may be feeling suicidal, Risk factors, and teal and purple awareness ribbons."

Additionally, SHCS had custom made "Every Yellowjacket Matters" stickers created that included the suicide hotline number.

"Our hope is that if someone sees a sticker on a friend's water bottle, laptop, etc. that they will know that Student Health and Counseling Services



is a place that they can come get connected with a counselor to talk about their struggles," said Barker.

Suicide prevention awareness training was also put on by licensed counselor Stacy Desmond. Barker said, "we [SCHS] especially want students to know that every one of them matters and that we can get them connected if they are feeling hopeless."

Regarding future events, SHCS is committed to continuing suicide awareness, providing resources, and accommodating any future suicide prevention training requests.

"Suicide is a deep topic which many individuals still feel uncomfortable talking about," said Barker. "Yet we did have many students stop by and grab resources."

Some warning signs of suicide include statements indicating suicidal thinking, withdrawal from friends, family, and society, and feeling trapped and hopeless. Risk factors include

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