

# FEATURES

## Student profiles

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Jeremy Reed  
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Jeremy Reed is a sophomore at UWS. Aside from working two jobs, Reed visited Irvine Park in Chippewa Falls, WI, Action City in Eau Claire, WI, and some Twins Games!



Cerysa Leisses  
Photo by Rachel Hanson

Cerysa Leisses is a junior at UWS. Over the summer she worked at Cemex in Columbus, WI. She also got to vacation in Marquette, WI.



Kendra Rohman  
Photo by Rachel Hanson

Kendra Rohman had a fun-filled summer, vacationing at her cabin in Barnes, WI.



Abby Voss  
Photo by Rachel Hanson

Abby Voss is a freshman at UWS. Over the summer, Voss trained for soccer and worked at Kwik Trip in Mauston, WI.



Derek Weinfurter  
Photo by Rachel Hanson

Derek Weinfurter is a junior at UWS. Over the summer he worked at Cenek in Pittsville, WI. He also enjoyed boating on Chain Lakes in Eagle River, WI.

## Taylor Walkky-Byington — adviser of the year

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Taylor Walkky-Byington was thrown to the wolves as the new adviser for the Future Teachers Association (FTA) in fall 2018. However, that year she won the award for Adviser of the Year. Then, Walkky-Byington finished strong in spring 2019 as she accepted her second Adviser of the Year award as the advisor of two student organizations: FTA and Student Government Association (SGA).

A Virginia, Minn. native, Walkky-Byington attended its local high school, while simultaneously earning an Associate's Degree from Mesabi Range College through the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program. After her graduation from high school, Walkky-Byington attended the University of North Dakota to pursue her Bachelor's Degree in psychology, then her

Master's Degree in experimental psychology. Her next move was to pursue a PhD, but discovered that wasn't the path she wanted to take. Instead, Walkky-Byington was told of an open position at the University of Wisconsin-Superior (UWS) by a friend.

In Jan. of 2015, Walkky-Byington became an adviser in the Education Department.

During her first semester working at UWS, Walkky-Byington became the faculty supervisor of FTA. The former president of FTA, Allison Paske, said, "[Taylor] is knowledgeable, kind, and willing to help at a moment's notice."

The former president of SGA, Scott Homes, also noticed those qualities in Walkky-Byington and approached her about advising for SGA. After sitting down with Holmes to discuss responsibilities, Walkky-Byington accepted Holmes's offer.

"The patience she had in that regard was amazing. She immediately set up

weekly meetings to make sure that I had all the information I needed to be successful in my first year as president. She was a calming force in a new position for both of us," said Holmes.

The dedication that Walkky-Byington put forth led Holmes to nominate her for the Adviser of the Year Award, an award which she previously had won during her first full year as the FTA advisor. It followed that Walkky-Byington won through her nomination for her second year working at UWS.

Walkky-Byington said that one of her favorite parts of working with her advisees is "seeing how [they] change throughout the year. It happens every single semester. Students start out as untalkative, just feeling each other out, then by the end of the year, everyone is voicing their opinions and are all friends." Walkky-Byington looks forward to the future of not only the two student organizations that she advises on campus, but for the future of the campus as well.

## The man, the myth, the legend — Jayson Iwen

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Photo by Kayless Chalmers

A campus student will see Jayson Iwen teaching multiple English and Writing classes at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, including Key American Modernists — a class given to him only a week before the spring 2019 semester began. For the fall 2019 semester, Iwen is teaching Advanced Creative Writing (online and campus), Independent Study, and Directed Studies in Writing.

Regarding Key American Modernists, Iwen took on the class after another English professor had to take an emergency semester off due to familial complications. "I needed to turn the class into something else," Iwen said. "I had to invent the class... I feel as though for me, as the instructor, I made it really manageable and it worked much better than it could have."

Iwen's career began after he graduated from UW-Green Bay with his Bachelor's Degree in 1996. Two years later, Iwen received his Master's Degree from UW-Milwaukee. Then, he received his PhD in English with an emphasis in creative writing, in 2002. After seven years of post-secondary education, Iwen moved to be a professor in English and Writing.

"I love writing and literature. I wanted to keep studying it as long as I could. I like college a lot, as it was one of the most enjoyable times of my life," said Iwen. "It was the kind of place I wanted to work."

Before coming to UWS as a professor, Iwen taught at

the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, Asia for four years. Unfortunately, he had to leave due to political instability when the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafic Hariri, was assassinated. For a time, Iwen practiced other professions, but eventually, he regained his love for teaching and was offered a position at UWS.

Iwen was excited about the job, "It made sense for a lot of reasons: I'm from Wisc. originally, I have a brother who is living in Duluth, I'd been visiting a bunch of times, and I have family in the area."

Iwen's time at UWS has had many students taking his classes. Emma Kimball, a student of Iwen's, said, "[He] is a professor that is often well loved by his students, and for good reason. He's relaxed [and] isn't afraid to be real with his students... He encourages student creativity and is not judgmental."

Iwen's tip when taking one of his classes, or any other class at UWS, is "Manage your time, make deadlines for yourself. College is fun, you want to socialize, you want to be involved...but you [need] to know how much time you have to meet those deadlines."

In July, Iwen attended the National Endowment for the Humanities conference. He also received the Miller Williams Poetry Prize of \$5,000.

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