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## Stephone Myricks - Health Communications Major

**Plans after Graduating:** Going back to Atlanta and checking out my options

**What is one memory that sticks out to you from UWS:** “The people are all very nice, it’s a nice environment and a good learning environment”

**Why did you choose UWS:** “I was trying to get away and find a place to

focus”

**Favorite Professor:** Christina Kline



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## Shaquille Coleman - Interactive Media Major

**Plans after Graduating:** Find a job and travel the United States



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**What is one memory that sticks out to you from UWS:** “Being on the basketball team”

**Why did you choose UWS:** “It was a small school and I had the opportunity to play basketball”

**Favorite Professors:** Thomas Notton  
Tom Hansen

## Ana Reyes Lam - Communications Major

**Plans after Graduating:** Going to graduate school at American University in Washington DC to study strategic communications

**What is one memory that sticks out to you from UWS:** “Being a part of student involvement and being able to attend so many events and programs. Also working on a SURF project and getting to go to Madison, Wisconsin and Atlanta, Georgia to present research.”

**Why did you choose UWS:** “I’m from Guatemala so obviously the weather is much different

here. I chose UWS because it was a small campus with an open community and gave me a chance to practice and perfect my second language. I also really like the small class sizes, they’re similar to my high school.”

**Favorite Professors:** Allison Garver  
Ephraim Nikoi



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## Alex Trewatha - Art Therapy Major

**Plans after Graduation:** “I’m going back [to Mankato] for graduate school. I’ll be working in the community engagement office” and majoring in “counseling student personal program with an emphasis in student



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affairs.”

**What is one memory that sticks out to you from UWS:** Volunteering for ResHalloween and getting to see community members dressed up, have pretend sword fights, “and seeing the RAs dressed up.”

**Why did you choose UWS:** He began at Mankato, but got academically suspended, then spent a year at Minneapolis community college, then attended UWS for three years. “UWS was one of the few undergraduate schools that had the art therapy program.”

## Time to relax

**Spencer Hartley**  
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As finals week draws near, students’ anxiety levels begin to rise. However, the University of Wisconsin-Superior’s Mental Health Services (MHS) combatted finals fever.

UWS MHS asked local masseuse, Wendy Miller, to visit campus Tuesdays

and Thursdays to provide massages for students. During the spring 2019 semester, Miller has visited campus five times in the hours of 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

After receiving a massage, UWS student Nicole Koski said, “I feel

very relaxed. She does an excellent job. I didn’t even realize my back was so tight until she started the massage.”

Her last visit will be May 9, 2019 in the gathering area of Swenson first floor, of the same hours.

## Motivation to teach

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Dr. Maria Stalzer Wyant Cuzzo is the professor of legal studies and criminal justice here at the University of Wisconsin – Superior. She has worked here since 1993, starting out as Academic Instructional Staff in the political science program. In 1998, she was hired as an assistant professor in the then new legal studies program and has since become the professor of Legal Studies and Criminal Justice.

She went to school at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, North Dakota. From there she went to the University of Minnesota Law School where she graduated with Honors and got her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree (JD). After that she practiced law for a while in northern Wisconsin then went back to the UMN graduate school to complete her PhD.

In addition to being the professor of legal studies and criminal justice within the department of Human Behavior, Justice, and Diversity she is also the head coach of Mock Trial, the UW-Superior Faculty Senate Secretary, the LSTU & CJUS Program Coordinator, and the Academic Advisor for CCE Paralegal and Mediation/Conflict Resolution Certificates.

Her first impressions of UWS was a good one. She loves the class sizes, the commitment to quality, and the personal touch with students. “I like the culture of Superior, I think it’s a wonderful contrast to live in the Duluth/Superior region. And I immediately saw that many of our students had to fight and struggle in order to complete their degrees and I was attracted to the possibility of helping people to achieve their dreams.” Her motivation is very internally driven. She has a passion for teaching that you can hear in her voice and see in her demeanor.

Something she wished

more students knew about legal studies was that its more than just becoming lawyers/going to law school. People studying legal studies also go into Human Resource Professions, Bank, and Industry, Business compliance areas. For Criminal Justice, there is much more to that field than just becoming a police officer, those students become court support staff, corrections, probation, patrol officers and much

and writing one of [her] own.”

When Dr. Cuzzo speaks, she speaks with a passion about her job, its rare and its highly admirable when someone finds their perfect profession. “Every student should, consider a calling. What do they call to?” Combining that passion with her high internally driven motivation, one can see why so is so respected by students.



Dr. Cuzzo

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more. “I would hope students and others understand that we are talking about a very diverse field of professional and academic opportunity.”

Something students might not know about her is she is an “aspiring piano player that takes a piano lesson every Monday night. And [she looks] forward to that very much. It’s a wonderful release for [her] to play music.” She is also a huge fan of fantasy and science fiction. “I love the genre’s that are about futurism and escape and alternative realities. You can go into a completely different universe and never leave your home. That’s the power of books.” If she wasn’t a professor, which she couldn’t really imagine, she would be in a spiritual retreat/haven, reading fabulous books

The best quote, in the entire interview was a note to one thinking about entering: “I always like to encourage people to examine why they want to go into that system. And I hope there is students who aspire, that have a vision of a life of duty and service and making a difference in their communities as opposed to just having a job that makes money.” It really speaks volumes about her. The last interview question for her, she answered well before it was even asked. Do you love your job? Just a few questions into interviewing her and anyone would have known the answer was a resounding yes.

If a student hasn’t worked with her - that student is missing out on knowing their next favorite professor.