

## College Student Listening Session

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UW-Superior April 17th - Students at UWS gathered in the yellow jacket union to participate in a program called Embracing and Envisioning Superior. The event that was put on by the Academic Learning Center (ALC) at UWS gave students the opportunity to discuss topics about the current state of Superior and give input on what the city needs to face challenges in the future.

Mayor Jim Paine was there to give an opening statement and to encourage students to be honest and to embrace the opportunity. Mayor Paine said “We want to know what is important to you... We owe you services like this as you are members of the community.”

After Paine’s welcome the participants were split up into two groups who gathered around tables to begin the process of asking and listening. Each table had facilitators from the ALC who guided the sessions and surveyed the participants by asking three questions:

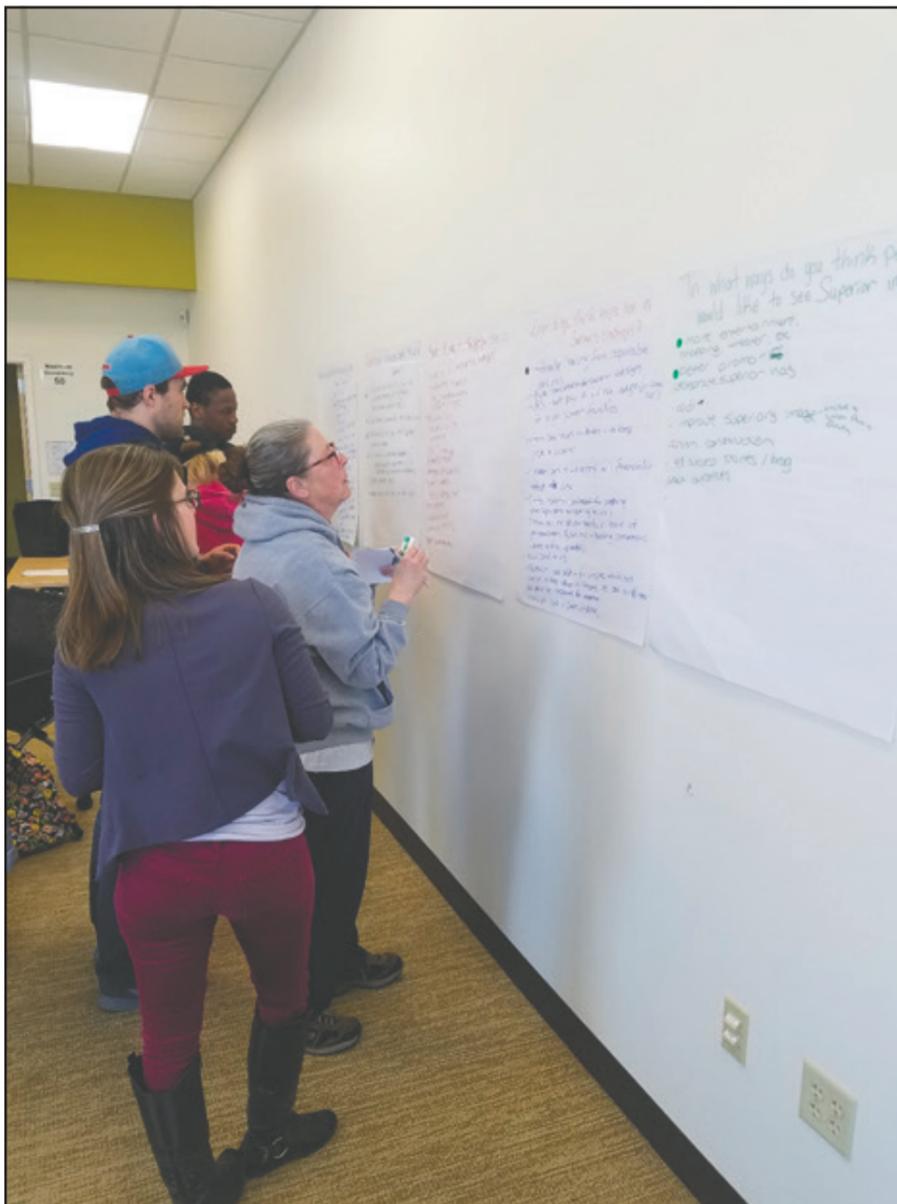
What do you think people really like about Superior?

What do you think people see as Superior’s challenges?

In what ways do you think people would like to see Superior improve?

There were a variety of answers from each table but all in all most of the participants had the same opinions about the city. Most participants what to see more economic development in the city to create more jobs and also want to see the city clean up its image as a drinking town that is in the shadow of Duluth. People also commented on how they enjoy the small town feel that Superior provides along with its close proximity to Lake Superior and the potential for lake front development.

Once the surveys were completed the larger



Participants at the Embracing & Envisioning: College Student Listening Session vote on what they think are the most important issues and qualities of the city of Superior.

Photo by Jack Nikko

posters that held the questions and answers were pinned on a wall. Once all of the participants were completed with the survey they were asked to vote on each of the three questions for what they believed were the most important ideas. Votes were made by placing a sticky dot next to the desired answer. After the session was over participants were offered pizza and refreshments

provided by the ALC.

The event was part of a series of programs that happened in April on both the UWS and WITC campuses. These events are conducted for the purpose of taking community input on issues in the city.

## The Science of Success

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“Jessica and I met each other in our first biology class and we’ve been friends ever since,” said Wells. “Yep, she was my very first friend on campus,” Buelow recalled.

Each of them is busy with senior capstone research projects, both involving bees. Buelow is studying the potential of using bees to detect cancer in humans.

“We know bees have been trained to detect tuberculosis,” she said. “I want to see if I can train them to detect cancer cells.”

As for Wells, she’s studying the health of honeybees.

“I’m collecting data on a parasite that lives harmlessly in bees to see if it may be a ‘red flag’ indicator of diseases or environmental issues that are causing bees to die,” she said.

Both young women have lofty goals after graduation. Wells has been accepted to the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities School of Public Health, which she will attend for two years and then plans to apply to medical school to become a neurosurgeon.

Buelow is currently waiting to hear back from several graduate schools she has applied to, and hopes to be accepted into a graduate research program to study animal behavior and physiology and how it can be used to positively influence human health.

“This year’s Science Fest is like a culmination of our campus experience,” said Buelow. “The science department here is outstanding and I’m so grateful to my professors, advisors, and fellow students for making my four years here the very best.”

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Samantha Wells and Jessica Buelow, Science Fest co-presidents. Photo from UWS Marketing and Communications

## MWC Maintenance Notice

UWS Campus Rec

The MWC will have the following spaces CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE:

Dance Studio will be closed from May 18 through June 10, 2018

Mertz Mortorelli Gym will be closed May 14 through June 10, 2018

Racquetball Courts will be closed from May 14 through June 10, 2018

Hedrick Swimming Pool will be closed from June 7 through July 16, 2018

\*Steam plant shutdown is scheduled for June 29 through July 16, 2018 and may impact showers and water pressure

Please plan your recreational needs accordingly for the scheduled maintenance.