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## Indigenous Day Forum Enlightens UWS Students and Staff on American History

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On Thursday, October 12th, UW Superior students and staff had the opportunity to attend the yearly Indigenous Day Forum. This year, speaker Gary Johnson discussed the brutal reality of the Discovery Doctrine made by the European Explorers of the 15th and 16th century on American lands, and the history of the harsh treatment the United States Government has constantly placed on the First Nations People.

Gary Johnson is the director of the Native Nations Student Organization on campus, and spoke on what he hopes students and staff would take out of the forum. Johnson said, "Just (for students and staff) to learn more about what actually happened when Columbus came here [America], and why he came, and what the results of that are. The tribal, federal kind of relationship."

Columbus' voyages to America in his presentation. He also had visual aid with through a video of Native Americans speaking their opinions on Columbus and what his day represents to them. The words spoken by the First Nations People in the video were all similar and relevant to the theme in their opinions. Celebrating Indigenous Day, as Columbus Day is a "status quo" form to embrace racism and hatred in our culture as Americans.

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### Greg Polkowski Named Interim Men's Basketball Coach

UWS Athletics

The University of Wisconsin-Superior and Yellowjacket Athletics have announced that Greg Polkowski has been named the interim head coach of the Yellowjacket men's basketball program. Polkowski replaces Paul Eberhardt, who resigned the position last week.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Coach Polkowski back to UW-Superior to lead our men's basketball program. Greg has a wealth of knowledge and coaching experiences that will help elevate our program to the next level. His passion and enthusiasm for the game and development of student-athletes is second to none," said UW-Superior Athletics Director Nick Bursik. "He is highly respected in the basketball community and within our own Superior community. He is going to be a great fit for our program, department, and university."

Polkowski, who was a finalist for the position when Eberhardt was hired in 2012, comes to UW-Superior after spending the last two seasons as an assistant coach at UW-Eau Claire under the tutelage of former Yellowjacket head coach Matt Siverling.

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### Professor, Mentor, and Mom

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Dr. Jamie White-Farnham is an Associate Professor in the Writing and Library Science department and Writing Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

White-Farnham lived in Massachusetts before she moved to Wisconsin as she said, "I'm from the Boston area originally and grew up in Massachusetts and Rhode Island." She has lived in Superior for six years.

White-Farnham earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English from Bridgewater State College and PhD from the University of Rhode Island.

Her area of research focuses on the effect of writing on women as she said, "One of my recent studies is on how domestic violence survivors use writing for coping and healing."

She has loved writing since she was in college and eventually wanted to teach as she said, "I always wanted to be something like a professor."

White-Farnham began pursuing her passion in writing when she was a tutor as she said she "was an undergraduate tutor in the writing center at my college and that's when I realized I liked helping people do writing and that I was good at it."

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## Superior picked to place fifth in the WIAC

UWS Athletics

The Superior men's ice hockey team ranks fifth in the WIAC according to the preseason coaches' poll released Thursday. The Yellowjackets return 11 letterwinners to the 2017-18 campaign.

Among the returners is All-WIAC senior forward Ian Ecklund (Twig, Minn./Proctor H.S.), who ranked fourth on the team with 17 points – producing two goals and 15 assists. His 15 assists were second on the squad. Junior forward Daniel Litchke (Superior, Wis./Superior H.S.) also returns and was second on the team with 15 goals and third with 20 points

Superior won eight games last season under first year head coach Richard McKenna, facing a ranked opponent in eight of their 29 games, including four bouts with UW-Stevens Point, who was in the top-10 during all four matchups.

An early win came last season against St. Thomas, as the 'Jackets scored an early first period goal behind Jared Dedenbach (Warren, Mich./Fargo South H.S.), assisted by Nik Kosman (Calgary, Alta./Centennial H.S.). Superior would then add a goal of five minutes later and hold on to win 2-1.

The Yellowjackets also found key wins in the playoffs last year against UW-Stout, winning one game 4-2, and then winning the deciding mini game 1-0 to move on to the second round where they were ousted by Stevens Point.

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## Eberhardt Resigns Men's Basketball Post

UWS Athletics

The University of Wisconsin-Superior and Yellowjacket Athletics have announced that head men's basketball coach Paul Eberhardt has resigned. Eberhardt, who was about to enter his sixth season at the helm of the Yellowjackets, will leave his men's basketball position for employment in the private sector.

Eberhardt will remain on staff, however, maintaining his position as the head men's golf coach.

"I want to thank everyone at UW-Superior for the opportunities that I have been given. It was a very difficult decision to resign from coaching men's basketball, as I truly love my players, but ultimately spending more time with my family is just too important," Eberhardt said. "I want to thank all of the players and assistant coaches that I have had the opportunity to coach and work with. Also, thank you to the many alumni that I have been able to build relationships with. Your spirit and pride in UW-Superior are a huge asset to the long-term success of the program."

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## Study Away Fair at UWS

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Students at UW-Superior visited the Yellowjacket Union on Tuesday, October 3rd, to explore the diverse opportunities displayed at the Study Away Fair.

Study Away Coordinator Callie Ronstrom presented general information at one of the tables set up in the YU Atrium. The destinations aren't limited to places overseas, she explained; students also have the chance to explore regions of the United States and Canada through the National Student Exchange. With this option, students can attend a different college for a semester or an academic year. There are about 190 colleges to choose from, and tuition is matched with the rates at UWS.

"At first, you might be scared to be away from home," said Stefanie Abheiden, a student who traveled from Germany to study at UWS. At her table, she provided information about the Study Away program partnered with a university in Oldenburg, Germany. She assured that individuals who take part in the programs become too busy to miss friends and family all the time, and meeting people and living within a new society is worth being a little homesick.

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