

Study Away Fair at UWS

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Alper Demir, also a student from Germany, added that it can be fascinating to "...explore where your ancestors are from." As a representative of the Hessen, Germany, program, he said students with German heritage may find the experience to be especially interesting.

Other Study Away destinations include Scotland, Costa Rica, and South Korea. Short-term programs are two to four weeks long and sometimes take place during the summer. Additionally, students have the option of going on faculty led trips that occur every year. Financial aid can be used to help cover the cost of the programs, and other scholarships and grants may be available.

UWS student Evan Hohnstadt attended the fair to learn more about the opportunity to study in Scotland. His mother, who had taken courses in London when she was in college, originally brought the idea of studying abroad to his attention. He plans on spending a semester in Scotland because "...it's one of those experiences," and he hopes to have fun.

Study Away allows individuals to "...have adventures outside of their comfort zone," according to Ronstrom. While each program provides students with credit towards their degrees, they also lead to growth beyond academics. Some of the benefits she emphasized are language acquisition, cultural immersion, personal growth, and experimental learning outside of the classroom. Additionally, students can increase their critical and analytical thinking abilities, expand their world views, and stand out to employers and graduate schools, she said.

Abheiden appreciates her decision to become involved in Study Away because she has met friends and learned about a new culture. It has also been exciting for her to see how college life and college courses vary between universities in separate places. Abheiden was apprehensive at first at the idea of being far from home. "Now that I'm here," she said, "it's really cool."

To learn more about the Study Away programs at UWS, contact the Office of International Programs or visit www.uwsuper.edu/studyaway.

New boat will enhance Lake Superior Reserve's research capabilities

UWS Marketing and Communications

SUPERIOR, Wis. – The Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve is now home to a vessel that will greatly enhance its scientific research, monitoring and educational missions.

The 25-foot vessel is assigned under an agreement with from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is the Reserve's federal partner and funding agency. Owned by NOAA's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, the vessel will dock at the Reserve's Barkers Island headquarters and ferry Reserve staff, visiting scientists, student groups and scientific equipment around the St. Louis River Estuary and Lake Superior.

The vessel is intended for operation in protected waters and near-shore environments, making it an ideal boat to navigate the St. Louis River Estuary and coastal Lake Superior. It comes outfitted with a high-resolution sidescan sonar that produces detailed images of lakebeds and river bottoms. Additionally, an onboard side crane allows loading and unloading of bulky scientific equipment needed for other research endeavors, meaning the vessel will be a versatile workhorse for the reserve, its research partners and visiting scientists.

"Reserve staff, the Friends of Lake Superior Reserve and our community partners are very excited about this boat," says Reserve Manager Erika Washburn. "This first-in-the-nation arrangement was developed over the last two years with different parts of NOAA, in cooperation with UW-Extension and UW-Superior. Having access to this boat will significantly enhance our ability to grow our research and education programs and meet our overall mission. In that way, our Lake Superior coastal community partners will all benefit."

The vessel will also help NOAA and the National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERR) system determine which NOAA boats might be most useful to other NERR reserves as NOAA considers expanding its working relationship with the system.

"This is the first time there's been this very direct partnership between a NERR and NOAA in terms of research vessel support," says Dennis Donahue, Marine Superintendent for NOAA's Lake Michigan Field Station. "A number of reserves are looking into how this type of partnership might translate to them. This boat will help the Lake Superior Reserve explore and better understand what type of vessel would best support NERR's mission and long-term plan."

New Womens Basketball Coach

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I had the time to talk to UWS student and also an athlete from UWS Hailey Kontny. I ask her a few questions about her basketball team and them getting a new coach and there old couch leaving the team.

She is a part of the girls team that has been having some really good seasons in the past years with Couch Don who will no longer be with the team.

Here is what Hailey had to say about Coach Don when ask her reaction to Don no longer been the coach.

"Honestly happy for don because he loves his family so much and he has been wanting to move back by them for a long time."

The way she looks at it is that he sacrificed so much for our team and the program, now it's time for us to sacrifice something for him. As for other players she can't speak on the opinions of the other players.

When ask how they felt, she did say Don will be miss dearly but we can take the lesson he has taught all of us and continue to grow as a individuals on the court and off the court.

Then I had ask her about the new coach Zach and if anything has change since he was name the new Girls coach.

"So far nothing has changed with Zach as the new head coach. We are unsure of the direction he is going to take the program but obviously we have hope that it's going to be in the right direction."

As a team they all been affected by a loss of a great coach but now they look at it as a new journey ahead of them. When ask about the new comers and how this affected them Hailey said that "a lot of the new freshmen were shocked and kind of confused about what happens next" but there up-classmen that have been supportive of them and reassured them about Zach's capabilities.

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UWS Student Research Finds Positive Impacts of Local Airport

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Dakota Salavat Rice, an Economics major at UWS, conducted research over the summer where he discovered that Range Regional Airport (RRA), which serves the Hibbing/Chisolm area in northern Minnesota, is a significant contributor to the betterment of the Iron Range. Using three main areas of study including impacts on the environment, economy, and society, Dakota was able to determine why the airport is such an important aspect of the area.

"After interviewing some significant business representatives and local authorities, I found that the airport provides for a higher quality of life and that people have access to Minneapolis/St. Paul and then the whole world." According to Dakota's research, RRA has been at the center of Hibbing's growth, facilitating local businesses, and providing safe, easy transportation to the MSP Airport. "The impact economically has been positive and RRA experienced a 4-6% increase in passengers between 2013 and 2016." To accommodate this growth RRA had to expand their facility and build a larger terminal. As of 2017 there are nine employers at the airport supporting around 200 jobs. These employers gross between \$1 and \$50 million and among these are DMR Electronics and Midwest Aircraft Refinishing.

The airport not only impacts the economy but it also impacts the environment. "The overall impact on the health of surrounding residents and the environment is positive" Although there are emissions on site, tax revenue generated through the airport by way of eco-tourism can be used by being put back into sustaining a positive environmental impact. Being in northern Minnesota near pristine wilderness and lake country the airport can serve individuals who enjoy their lifestyle as northern Minnesotans but also want to feel connected to the world. "If you want great land to explore and hike but still want to be connected to the world, you can do that through Range Regional Airport."