

Kashkari's Visit to Twin Ports Educates Students and Community on Federal Reserve Bank

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factor to the United States current unemployment rate. Kashkari commented on that question by stating that the opioid epidemic is just one of many factors to the unemployment rates current status. Kashkari stated to this that a smaller percentage of workers in the prime age demographic of the labor force from the ages of 25-55 has declined over the past decade since the happening of the 2008 financial crisis. This lead into Kashkari describing how America has not recovered from before the financial crisis of 2008, unlike Europe, Canada, and Japan which have recovered and again, one possible reason to why this could be is opioids.

For the next hour, the floor was open for students to ask questions regarding various topics in the economy from the role of the Federal Reserve, Kashkari's own experience in the workforce, his occupations through the years, his experience dealing with the 2008 Recession, and his future goals moving forward from what he would learn at the forum.



Kashkari listening to students questions at Montague Hall

Photo by Theodore Tollefson

The conclusion of the forum was applauded with praise, as many students felt they were more educated not only on the role of the Federal Reserve Bank, but also the outlook on America's economic future. For students who were unable to attend the forum at

UMD on Monday, April 2nd, you can learn more about the Federal Reserve Bank, and the 9th District by going online to minneapolisfed.org.

A Safe Space on Campus for Students to Be Themselves

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The Gender Equity Resource Center (GERC) in Swenson Hall is more than just a place for students to take a break and grab a free cup of coffee in between classes. It is also the gathering place for UW-Superior's Alliance Group, the student organization dedicated to providing support and awareness to students and members of the general community who identify as LGBTQ+.

During the most recent group meeting, members reviewed their trip to Omaha, Nebraska for this year's M.B.L.G.T.A.C.C. (Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender Ally College Conference), the nation's largest student lead LGBTQ+ event that takes place every year in a different city.

During discussions members shared what they enjoyed about the conference the most. "It was nice to catch up with people and look out for each other," according to one female student member. She also said she really liked the seminars and workshops that took place at this year's conference. When asked if there was anything she did not like, she replied "I wasn't huge on rooms not being big enough and not knowing where some of the rooms were." Other highlights students said they enjoyed included a dance that took place, merchandise, and the community being very open and accepting. "Alliance provides inclusion, education and

acceptance. We want to provide a space for our LGBTQ+ students to feel safe and call home," says Alliance President and UW-Superior student Sam Yeskis-West, describing the importance of having a group for LGBTQ+ students on campus.

Alliance also works to provide the general campus and public with greater visibility of the LGBTQ+ communities in Superior and Duluth, as well as other areas in the U.S. This visibility is accomplished through social/educational programs and services, advocacy, and activism.

The group is not exclusive to LGBTQ+ students and is open to students who are curious and want to become better educated about the LGBTQ+ community. Sam Yeskis-West states "Yes, non-LGBTQ+ allies are encouraged to join Alliance and are welcome. Queer space is expanding to become an inclusive space to all genders and sexualities, including straight allies."

All students present at the meeting expressed different reasons why they enjoy being part of Alliance and what the group means to them. There was an overall agreement that the sense of community, being able to talk with others, and being an ally are why Alliance means so much to its members. "I would like a bigger group and for

more people to come," said one male student member, regarding changes or things that could be done to improve the group.

Both the president and student group members agree that the organization's mission and ability to tackle larger issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community on campus, and in general, would be strengthened with new members.

Nevertheless, Alliance is one of many student organizations at UW-Superior that still brings students with common interests and passions together in a safe space where everyone can be themselves.

Alliance meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Gender Equity Resource Center, Swenson Hall room #1031, and is open to all students. For students that have questions about their own identity, the Gender Equity Resource Center also offers Rainbow Talks: weekly confidential LGBTQ+ group therapy every Monday evening from 5:00-6:30 p.m. run in collaboration with Student Health and Counseling Services. Space is limited to ten students per session. For more information on Alliance-syeskisw@uwsuper.edu, Alliance@uwsuper.edu. Rainbow Talks- Stacy Desmond, UWS Counselor sdesmon2@uwsuper.edu.

The Benefits of Utilizing the Summer 2018 Class Registration

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As spring semester comes to a close, most students have their thoughts on plans of using their summer vacation as a time for relaxation and fun. However, the three month period is also used as a way to be educationally productive.

Utilizing summer courses can be beneficial for students who want to progress academically and therefore graduate sooner. The opportunity to take required general courses or any required major and minor courses during the summer, can result in a rather large time difference in any scheduled graduation date.

As well as getting a chance to further your education and possibly graduate a full semester or more early, if you are looking for possibilities of one-on-one time with professors, summer classes may be a chance to receive that.

Most often summer classes aren't as full as regular fall and spring semesters can get. With a smaller group of students, teachers have the ability to facilitate a closer education experience.

To add to the positives of taking summer courses, summer semesters can actually cost

\$1,000 less than spring or fall semesters for undergraduate students. If you're a graduate student or are looking to enroll in online courses over summer, the tuition rates can be found on the UWS website.

Taking advantage of the 3-12 week program has multiple positives and who doesn't want to graduate as quickly as they can? If you're interested in finding more about class schedules, summer tuition, or have any other questions, there is further information on the UWS website or you can use the email summer@uwsuper.edu.