

## UW-Superior to host 16th Annual UW-Superior Student Film and Video Showcase

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University of Wisconsin-Superior will host the 16th annual UW-Superior Student Film and Video Showcase on Friday, May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Manion Theatre.

This event is free and open to the public.

“We created it when I first came here to give students an opportunity to experience what a public showing of their work felt like,” said Brent Notbohm, Professor of Film and Video and Chair of the Communicating Arts Department at UW-Superior. “

A film or video isn’t really complete until it’s witnessed in front of an audience. I tell my students, that’s the final lesson that I can’t teach you.”

The showcase will include a variety of styles from documentaries to fiction films and cover a range of topics.

“On the fiction side of things, I anticipate we will have several personal dramas, as well some fun genre films,” said Notbohm. “For example, we’ll have a horror film – and kind of a smart one at that. We’ll likely have a feminist superhero movie that should be fun.”

“We’ll have an animated film. Our documentaries cover a range of subjects. Some are portraits of artists and one is about the use of opioids and the various impact they have on people and investigation of the use of medication. A real wide-range of videos that reflects the diversity of our students.

There’s going to be a film or two for everybody.”

For students, the event represents the end of the spring semester and the culmination of months of work.

“It’s been a really successful program,” said Notbohm. “It’s something that students really look forward to – especially our juniors and seniors. It’s something they’ve worked very hard toward.

Not every video that gets made in our department ends up in the showcase. It’s really the best work done. It’s a reward. Students know they have to do their very best if they want that experience.”

Throughout the years the showcase has been held, Notbohm has seen his student’s commitment to their projects and dedication increase.

“We’ve had more ambitious students in the last few years,” he said. “Last year’s showcase was one of our best ever – if not our best ever. I think this year’s promises to be much of the same – one of our best ever. Every year our students seem to get better and better at telling a story using film and video.”

The Manion Theatre is located in the Holden Fine and Applied Arts Center, which is near the Catlin Avenue entrance on the UW-Superior campus, 1805 Catlin Ave.

## Huskey Oil Refinery Explosion and How it Shook UW-Superior

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explosion from the 26th of April is still being dealt with across the Twin Ports. Even as people have returned to their homes and the air quality had become clearer, the long term environmental effects in the surrounding soil and water will still be an issue for the Twin Ports over the next year.

According to Wisconsin Public Radio News, residents living in South Superior are extremely worried about the soil this spring and if any of it is safe to work with after the refinery explosion. This cause for concern has brought in University of Wisconsin-Extension officials to come into Superior to conduct multiple soil tests in the outcome of the refinery explosion.

WPR News has also stated that the Douglas County Health Department recommends that all people who live near the oil refinery to wear gloves while doing any yard work until further notice from the soil testing.

Considering that the UWS campus is within three miles of the oil refinery, students who live on campus or near the refinery should take notice to this recommendation from the Douglas County Health Department when outside. For further updates on the soil testing and other environmental effects from the aftermath of the Husky Oil Refinery explosion, you can visit the Douglas County website at, [www.douglascountywi.org](http://www.douglascountywi.org) for more information.

## Bewley Educates Comm Class on the Importance of Journalism in Politics

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Wisconsin State Senator, Janet Bewley, paid a visit to UW-Superior on April 23rd, 2018. Bewley hails from Delta, Wisconsin, located in the middle of Bayfield County, which is apart of the 25th Senate District of Wisconsin. For her visit to UWS, Bewley met with Tom Hansen’s COMM 203 class, News Gathering and Reporting and talked about the importance of journalists covering the world of politics.

Bewley started her conversation with the class by stating the importance of her job as a state senator, “I try to be available with information, ideas, and answers, based on the biggest needs and the makeup of my district.” Bewley then transitioned her introduction to the main topic of her visit that Monday, on journalism coverage of politicians.

“I need reporters, I need journalists. I can communicate through my web page, I can write a newspaper story, I can answer the phone, I can do all of these things from my office. But people want to know about me from a third party,” said Bewley. “They want to know about me from someone else. They don’t want to hear the words from me. They want to hear it from someone reporting on the issue. I need you to put it in context, I need reporters to take what I am doing, saying, working for, and help the public see it in context of other things.”

Bewley continued on by stating she always treats journalists with respect, answers their questions, and available to them when she needs them and vice versa. “If I trust them and they trust me, I believe they will give me a fair shake,” stated Bewley.

There are many politicians who avoid phone calls from journalists and refuse to talk to news outlets they personally dislike. Bewley disagrees with the politicians who act this way with journalists, as she is willing to talk to any journalist who would like to hear from her, until they cross her, misquote her, or bend what she is saying. “I don’t mind if they put a slight spin it, that’s okay,” said Bewley. “But to purposefully change, misquote me, or put my quote out of context, and if they do that. I’ll probably give them one more chance and give them a last warning. I have yet to do that (with a journalist), and this is my eighth year as senator.”

Continuing on, Bewley discussed the set of relationship between the press, politician, and the public. She stated that the only person who gets to ask questions to the politician is the journalist assigned to interview the politician. To Bewley, the ability to ask the question and to be responsible and honest with the answers is essential to political journalism, and it’s more important to hold true to these principals.

This lead Bewley into her concern with the current direction of where political journalism is going by stating, “I personally believe we are losing the on the ground journalist who just simply is beginning from curiosity and the need to inform. I am hoping that you ultimately want to serve in some way by putting out information so that an informed public can make their own choices. This is one of the most essential parts of democracy, what you do as journalists.”

Before arriving on Monday to the class, Bewley shared that she did not want to use her least favorite term that has become a virus in the media right now; fake news. “It is so distracting,” said Bewley. “It’s such a disservice to journalism. It will not exist in here, we’ll create a world that will not give that kind of journalism the oxygen it needs to stay alive. I want to starve it so that ultimately people will have just information that they need, and not fiction.”

After her snippet on fake news, Bewley opened the floor for questions that any of the students may have for her concerning politics and journalism, or anything she had worked on personally in her time as senator. During this time, students asked Bewley a few questions regarding, senatorial session seasons, the midterm elections, how did the state extraordinary session on school safety went, and Bewley’s proposed bills on school safety and mental health accessibilities.

Bewley concluded her visit to COMM 203 with her hopes of what would come out of the midterm elections, the future journalist sitting in class with her on Monday, April 23rd, and a fun fact of the 1,000 miles she drives on a weekly basis to stay in touch with the constituents of the 25th Senate District. For the students in class, Bewley’s visit was not only a learning opportunity to understand the role of a state senator’s relationship to journalism, but gave hope to future journalists that the future of political journalism is becoming stronger from the current crisis that is happening with the term “fake news”.