

## Tornado Drill Halts Classes for a Half Hour

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Superior- Don't worry everyone it was just a drill! The campus of the University of Wisconsin-Superior participated in a tornado drill for Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week this April. Although the risk of tornadoes forming in the Twin Ports area is very low, it is still important to have faculty and students up to date on what to do in case of a tornado.

Many students were just happy to have class end a couple minutes earlier, but saw the purpose behind it as well. Dante Bender who was in his HHP Lecture during the drill said "I'm glad that it happened during this class because if it were to happen for real I wouldn't have known where to go exactly because it is in a lecture hall instead of a classroom." When it comes to tornados every second matters because they are able to travel at a rate of up to seventy miles per hour.

Bender would also state that "it would be nice if every teacher would remind the students of what to do and where to go when a tornado is near for their classrooms as they do it in the beginning of the year, but tend not to remind students". Bryce Meverden who was also in HHP Lecture said, "I'm glad that class got done early, but I haven't been in a tornado drill for a couple years so it was nice to do it and relearn what to do in that situation".

Meverden would then also add, "It made me realize that I need to find a safe place in my home off campus in case of a future tornado happening". The week of April 9th through the 13th is reserved for tornado and severe weather education to inform the people of the hazards and the safety steps that come along with severe weather. Many people do not know that tornadoes can have a travel damage path of up to fifty miles and could reach an excess of a mile wide.

Since tornadoes affect such a large area and are extremely dangerous, it is very important to stay informed on safety for them. For those who are at home it is very important to identify a safe place to take shelter during the tornado. A great place for people to take shelter is a basement or a cellar. It is ideal to find a room in the basement without windows and to stay away from the corners of the rooms as they tend to attract debris.

The Wisconsin Emergency Management team recommends to also take cover protecting your heads and necks with your hands and a blanket to protect from debris. If you have any more questions or want more information you can go to the Storm Prediction Center Website at <http://www.spc.noaa.gov/faq/tornado/safety.html>.

## The 8th Annual St. Louis River Summit

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The 8th Annual St. Louis River Summit was held in the Yellowjacket Union at the University of Wisconsin – Superior, with the theme of reflecting on the blue mind and the blue economy this year.

There were numerous posters in the Summit which provided different solutions for the health of the St. Louis River Watershed. One of those was about using the knowledge and ideas of citizens or communities to enhance the health of Lake Superior.

As the speaker of this poster introduced, giving people information about protecting environment is not sufficient to make them fully understand how to make actions, while making them think about ideas is effective.

There have been several successful activities held to reduce the pollution of Lake Superior, including leading students to cleaning up Wisconsin Point.

They not only helped protect the Lake Superior but also offered an opportunity for people to stay together and have a great time.

There will be more activities and a better development of this plan, making the Lake Superior healthier.

## Memorial Blood Drive at UWS

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The Memorial Blood Center visited the campus of UW-Superior in efforts to receive donations of blood for the people of the Northland in need. The bus was parked outside the Yellowjacket Union for anyone to check out and donate. Among those people were Matthew Little and Logan Crowser, who are both avid blood donors when their athletics aren't getting in the way.

Little is experiencing his first semester at UW-Superior and thought it was pretty cool to have the bus come right to campus. He also mentioned how they would go to Superior High during the school day and he participated in those, as well. He commented about the atmosphere of UWS and said "it's pretty nice that they come here because a lot of people don't actually have the transportation around here."

The details of the blood giving process

include registration, identification, health history, health examining, blood drawn, and then end with a snack and beverage while the donor waits for a few minutes to get their strength back. The whole process takes about an hour or so, "being a busy college student and working all the time makes it hard for me to get to the center so I took advantage of them being here today," said Little after explaining the entire process.

Crowser is in the same boat being a busy student and contemplated whether or not it was worth it to donate in between his busy schedule, "apparently you can save up to three people just from one session of donating, so when I think I'm too busy to sit down for an hour I make myself remember the gift of life. I'm healthy enough to donate so why not?" said Crowser.

Crowser has been on campus for a few years

now and is expected to graduate next fall, he has participated in a couple on campus blood donations and watches for other local events provided by the Memorial Blood Center. During the blood donation process, a pint of blood is collected, tested for blood type and infectious disease, and then separated into its components of red blood cells, plasma, and platelets.

Each component can be saved for up to a certain amount of time before used. A healthy donor can donate blood every 56 days which can save up to 19 lives within a matter of one year. There are two Memorial Blood Centers in the Northland, serving in Superior and Duluth and CSL Plasma in Duluth which also does blood donations. The next blood drive will be Monday, April 23rd in Finlayson, MN – noon-6pm at Peace Lutheran Church. For more information and ways to donate you can visit [www.mbc.org](http://www.mbc.org)

## Swenson Scholars Dinner Honors Scholarship Recipients

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University of Wisconsin-Superior students, staff and faculty gathered Monday, April 23, for a dinner celebration to recognize Swenson Scholarship recipients and pay tribute to Jim and Sue Swenson of the Swenson Family Foundation.

Through the Swenson's tremendous generosity, eight incoming students with outstanding academic merit majoring in biology or chemistry are selected annually to receive scholarships for full-tuition and fees plus a stipend for books. Over the years, more than 864 Swenson Scholarships have been awarded, totaling nearly \$6 million. Currently, there are 36 Swenson Scholars at UW-Superior.

"UW-Superior is so very grateful to Jim and Sue, through the Swenson Family Foundation, for their generosity and friendship. Swenson Family Scholarships, just one of many initiatives they fund at the university, allow us to recruit and retain high-quality students – students who otherwise might not

be able to afford a college education," stated Chancellor Renée Wachter. "It is the gift that lasts forever. Over the years, Swenson Scholars have gone on to do amazing things. I know that the lasting impact means a great deal to Jim and Sue. The role they play in helping to shape the lives of so many deserving students is second to none."

Jim and Sue (Locken) were born and raised in Superior. Sue graduated in 1960 with an Elementary Education degree and Jim attended UW-Superior, transferred to UMD and graduated with a chemistry degree in 1959. Their family connections to the Superior campus have spanned nearly 100 years. Since 1918, more than 20 family members have attended the university.

"I'm not sure who enjoys the scholarship dinner more, Jim and Sue or our Swenson Scholars," said Vice Chancellor for University.

