

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Res-Halloween

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This Halloween the University of Wisconsin-Superior had more attendees than ever before! On Oct. 31, 2019, Residence Halls were open to the community to trick-or-treat and enjoy other entertainment from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Residence Life staff prepared and hosted activities for this exciting night. Crownhart Hall was open to trick-or-treaters to enjoy arts and crafts activities, Curran-McNeil and Ostrander Hall hosted a haunted basement, and Ross-Hawkes Hall had a carnival. It was a night full of costumes and fun throughout campus. Enjoy pictures that provide highlights of the night, submitted by Residence Life staff.



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Though international students did not choose to live in the residence halls, there are several advantages. One of the biggest advantages is the time it takes to get to class. At a minimum, it only takes three minutes to get from the nearest dorms on campus to any academic building; at maximum, only fifteen minutes.

Nhi Nguyen, a Vietnamese student, said, “It allows me to get where I need to go quickly, so I could be in class on time or even early.” By living on campus, international students do not need to buy a vehicle. “It would be hard and expensive for us [international students], especially for a new freshman, to buy a car here. Also, not many of us knew how to drive when we were in our country, so it’s also less work because we don’t have to learn how to drive and get a driver’s license just because we want to go out,” said Nguyen.

Student residences also

help students’ social lives. Residence halls place international students in the middle of a vibrant campus life and within arm’s reach of numerous fellow students. They can meet not only their roommates, but also students from the same country, from different countries, and from the United States to make new friends.

“Living in the dorm is also a way for me to keep a good relationship with my friends. Because we live close to each other, I could always visit them whenever I want,” said Nguyen.

Living in a residence hall does have its drawbacks, however. Space and privacy are often at a premium. While international students enjoy spending time with peers, it can be frustrating when they need their own time. Bathrooms and kitchens are often communal, which means international students might need to fight for shower and cooking space.

When international students are no longer restricted by the residence hall rule, most international students still choose to live on the UW-Superior campus. The biggest reasons for this are time and money. Off-campus housing means arranging and paying for internet services, washing and drying machines, furniture, and utilities like water and heat. Being in a different country can make it difficult for international students to understand how to arrange these services.

Regarding food, international students make different decisions. For those who dine in school, the university’s meal plan offers great convenience. For example, students do not have to worry about cooking or where to eat; they also do not have to shop for groceries, saving time and money.

The cafeteria at UW-Superior also provides various choices for international students.



Photo by Sherry Mei

Jeffrey Spangenberg, Food Service Director at UWS, said “we have a very strong food service program. We have four food stations in our café with a salad bar and deli sandwich bar with dessert options. We are running menus on a four-week cycle in each of the four food stations in our café. This gives the students a variety of choices.”

While some students prefer the school’s café, other international students, like Kurumi Maeta (above) from Japan, stick to their own cooking plan. “I can just cook any food I want every day. Sometimes, when I really crave for a specific kind of food, I can just buy the materials from the market and make it by myself. Cooking is also an enjoyable process for me,” said

Maeta.

Additionally, students do not have to worry about the “money” in the meal plan. At the end of each semester, students try to spend all of the money on their meal plan cards so that it does not go to waste. Maeta said, “I just don’t prefer doing it if I keep my meal plan. I want to spend the exact amount of money I need to. Also, cooking usually saves my money.”

International students may occasionally feel confused, unsure, and uncomfortable in the United States, especially when they have just entered a new environment. Despite difficulties, they still put effort into and will continue to overcome obstacles.

October photo show

Photos by Jean Germano



The butcher, Samuel Zurian, dabbing next to his victim, Neha Jacob in CMO Haunted Basement (Oct. 31)



A spider and its web from Curran-McNeil’s Haunted Basement (Oct. 31)



An abandoned gravestone from Curran-McNeil’s Haunted Basement (Oct. 31)