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These declines in currency value make it more difficult for international students to afford their college tuition and daily life expenses in the United States. Students who thought they were able to cover the funding of their education might suddenly find that they are short due to fluctuations.

One way to help manage expenses is by creating a budget. It is important when creating a budget to think beyond tuition and housing. Students and their families must consider things like books, supplies, health insurance, personal items, travel costs, and much more.

“Being a student, it’s just curbing other expenses as much as possible,” said Dahlvang.

Scholarships can also help international students manage their expenses. Scholarships, unlike loans, do not have to be paid back. Christopher Jerset, the scholarship and stewardship associate at UWS, talked about how much money the UW-Superior Foundation has awarded this year. “For the 2019-20 academic year, the Foundation

awarded about \$940,000 in scholarship. The average award per student is about \$2,500.”

For new UWS students, scholarship applications are accepted all year, but usually have a priority deadline of mid-November. For current students, most applications are accepted only during February. There are also some other opportunity applications, such as for study away programs, which are accepted all year. “We are not the only source of scholarships. For non-foundation scholarships, you can talk to an academic department or the financial aid office. They always maintain links of references to outside scholarships,” said Jerset.

Another outlet for international students is through student employment. “There are approximately 100 student employees on campus that are international student employees, and they hold about 180 positions,” said Brittany Hansen, the student payroll and benefits specialist at UWS. In addition to money, student employees gain work experience and résumé

builders. “That’s important for all of our student employees. I think it’s particularly important for international student employee, because sometimes there are culture differences there. They maybe haven’t had the opportunity to be in the U.S. for very long, so this is a good way for them to safely learn some of those things prior to going out in the real professional world after graduation, so it gives some opportunity to learn a lot of those skills if they intend to stay in the U.S. at any point,” said Dahlvang.

Student employees, such as Jinjoo Kim, from South Korea, also consider working on campus to be a rewarding experience. “I like working on campus. The first and the most important reason is that I can earn money to help with my expenses. My parents still help me with tuition fees, but if I work often, I can afford my daily expenses by myself, and actually working on campus is much more than that. Because of different jobs, I know more new people, new colleagues. I can make new friends, and most of them



Christopher Jerset

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are super good people. I learn a lot of useful things through working and it can enrich my life and make me a better person.”

is not in session, they are allowed to work 40 hours per week.”

Financial issues are one of the most stressful problems students face. While UWS offers financial aid programs, many students do not take advantage of them. “If you end up in a rough situation, like you are running out of funds from family or whatever to attend, talk to the international office, talk to your department advisor. There are funds that exist, that you can apply for, that could potentially help you get out of those situations. Definitely come to them if you are struggling,” said Jerset.

Full-time student and teacher

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Since she was a little girl, Amy LaRue, senior lecturer in the Health and Human Performance department, always dreamed of becoming a teacher. It wasn’t until about five years ago when she decided to take a “roundabout path,” landing her at the University of Wisconsin-Superior (UWS).

LaRue is currently teaching classes while attending graduate school. After student teaching in her undergraduate program, LaRue decided to change direction on her future plans. “I decided I wanted to teach at the college level,” said LaRue. “I like the relationships I build with students at UWS and appreciate the small campus.”

As a student herself, LaRue finds it easy to relate to those around her. “Considering I’m where students are myself, I have empathy and understanding of the



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level of commitment. I understand students’ roles, jobs, relationships, and sports.” said LaRue.

By working full time at UW-Superior, attending graduate school, and maintaining a life outside the classroom, LaRue still makes the time for her students. “I had Amy for the first time this semester. She excels at making sure her students are succeeding in the classroom,” said student Bekah Wyatt.

Teaching at the college level and being close in age to students on campus can be hard sometimes, but LaRue is all smiles. “One of the biggest struggles [she faces] is not having the capability to help

those students who really need it. It’s hard to watch [them] go down the wrong path.”

LaRue continues to make a difference in the lives of her students, even after their graduation. “She has been one of the most impactful connections I’ve made,” said graduate student, Alyssa Lauzon. “The classes I had with her directed me towards my passion for health and wellness. She is always available as a mentor and friend. I am extremely grateful for my relationship for her.”

LaRue is finishing up her Ph.D. in education while studying psychology, hoping to graduate in May.

Upcoming UWS campus events:

Feb. 12 - Feb. 28. 2020

2/12 Students of Science Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Game Night @ jdhlibrary – 6:30 p.m.	YAC Spoken Word Poetry – 7:00 p.m.	2/24 Pre-Law Society Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Street Level Ministries – 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Service – 8:00 p.m.
2/13 Yellowjacket Athletics Beer and Wine Showcase – 5:30 p.m. SGA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.	RHA General Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Superior String Day – 7:00 p.m.	2/25 RHA General Meeting – 5:00 p.m. University Recital Series – 7:30 p.m.
2/14 International Connections – 6:30 p.m. Valentine’s Day Swing Dance – 7:30 p.m.	SGI Buddhist Meeting – 12:00 p.m. Staff Senate Meeting – 1:30 p.m. SAGA Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Students of Science Meeting – 6:00 p.m.	2/26 SAGA Meeting – 5:00 p.m. Students of Science Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2/16 Bowling w/ Campus Rec – 4:00 p.m.	Cru Weekly Meeting – 8:00 p.m.	2/27 SGA Meeting – 6:00 p.m. Newman Catholic Campus Ministry Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Cru Weekly Meeting – 8:00 p.m.
2/17 Street Level Ministries – 6:00 p.m. Chi Alpha Service – 7:00 p.m.	Rec Bash – 6:00 p.m. Soul Food Dinner – 7:00 p.m.	2/28 Release of the 100th anniversary edition of the Promethean

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