

# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## NNSO’s Reaction to Madison’s Tuition Decision

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On Dec. 18, 2023, The University of Wisconsin-Madison announced that starting in the fall of 2024, they will be offering free tuition to indigenous students registered to one of the federally recognized tribes in Wisconsin. This sets a precedent that other UW-system schools may or may not follow in the near future.

Dillion Krisik, president of the Native Nations Student Organization at the UWS, is a member of the Red Cliff tribe in Wisconsin. “Native Nations Student Org, also called NNSO, is a student-led organization that helps promote indigenous cultures on campus,” said Krisik.

With UW-Madison initiating free tuition, the opportunities for indigenous communities could be significantly increased.

“Out of all groups in the United States, taking the example of high school students, as many as 25% of Native American students don’t even graduate high school,” said Krisik. “To see Na-

tive American people pursuing higher ed degrees, associates, bachelors, masters, PhDs, is a really big thing because there are so many barriers working against them.”

UW-Madison is not only campus offering free tuition, but housing and other fees are included as well.

“Doing something like free tuition and free housing to help bring those communities in to right past wrongs will really help,” said Krisik.

As of now, there is no news of future plans of other UW-System schools following in the same footsteps as Madison.

“Superior is surrounded by Native American communities, so I think that would be something to consider. I think making free

tuition, free housing, all that stuff for Native Americans is a great step that needs to be taken. What I’d love to see at the end of the day schooling for higher ed should be free for everybody. It just benefits the entire U.S. all around, getting more people educated,” said Krisik.

“I would leave it on the optimistic note to say that I never thought I would see a UW school or much less any school in Wisconsin make a move like that. I think it’s definitely a step towards the right direction. And I like to see big moves like that,” said Krisik.

UW-Madison has made progress in honoring the indigenous peoples of Wisconsin, and it is possible that this will influence other universities to do the same or enact similar programs.



Medicine Wheel outside of Yellowjacket Union.  
Photo by Mikayla Swanson

## Capstone Provides Insight on Health

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Within the Marcovich Wellness Center stands the exercise physiology lab where senior student-athlete David Collins is making the lab is home for the course of his graduate research project.

Collins provides students and community members aged 18-26 free tests where individuals can find out their resting metabolic rate, maximum metabolic rate, and body composition.

These require about an hour of the individual’s time and provide them with valuable information regarding their health. For the resting metabolic rate test, individuals will be lying down for forty minutes. This is followed by the maximum metabolic rate test (VO2 max).

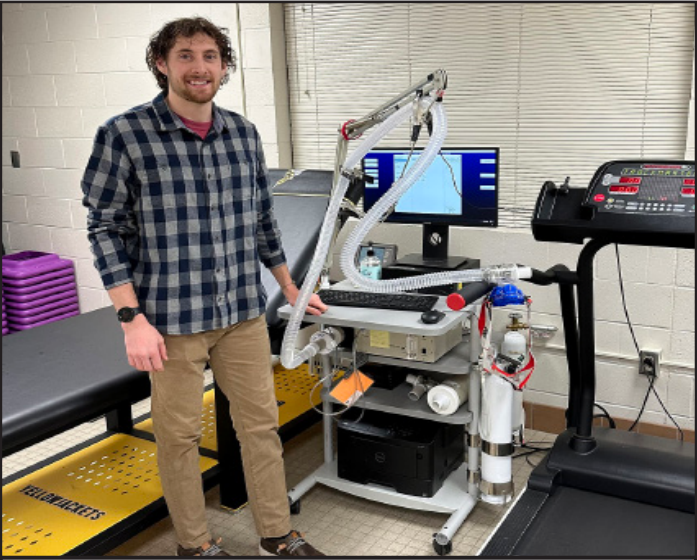
The maximum metabolic rate test is a multistage treadmill evaluation, where the speed

and incline will increase every three minutes. This goes on until the individual reaches complete exhaustion and chooses to step off the treadmill.

“These tests allow you to see the minimum number of calories you need to be able to self-sustain yourself throughout the day. If you exercise, it will also give you an idea of the maximum number of calories you may burn during that time,” said Collins.

Taking part in Collins’ research project not only helps support a fellow student here at the UWS but it can also help the participants get an idea of their health.

Collins is still looking for more students to take part in his graduate research. If anyone is interested, please contact Collins at dcolli13@uwsuper.edu with the subject line “Research Opportunity.” All tests must be concluded by March 1.



Collins standing by test equipment in the MWC’s physiology lab.  
Photo by Daniel Young



Students wait to audition for “Almost Maine” in HFAC.  
Photo by Carter Lansdale

## Porter Becomes Maine Man

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We aren’t close to Maine, but the upcoming show on the University of Wisconsin-Superior campus is called Almost Maine.

The well-known romantic comedy is making its debut on campus during the spring semester, and it’s being directed by a UWS alumni.

Joshua Porter, admissions and recruitment coordinator II at UWS, graduated in the fall of 2023 and is excited to be directing the upcoming show. Although it’s not the first show that he has directed, it will be his first as an alumnus.

This will be his fifth show overall, as he has also done two shows at Cloquet High School.

It’s a special moment for Porter directing his former colleagues as an alumnus.

“It’s really nice to come back and see all the people I’ve worked with before, but in a different setting, and getting an opportunity to help them grow in their careers,” says Porter.

People have different opinions on shows and try to figure out what makes a show stand out. This show is a romantic comedy, and Porter is excited for it to begin.

“It’s kind of like a rom-com TV show, but it’s set to the stage. You have an opportunity to experience live rom-com, and I know a lot of people like to see romcoms,” said Porter.

## Police and Firefighter History Preserved in Superior

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One way to get more knowledge on the history of Superior is by visiting The Old Firehouse and Police Museum.

The museum displays some of the historic equipment used by firefighters and police, as well as other archives and memorabilia, to pay tribute to firefighters and law enforcement. The fire hall was built in 1898 after the original fire hall had burned down.

The museum displays some of the historic rigs and other equipment that was used during the nineteenth century on the first floor, and the second floor displays the State of Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame to honor those who were firefighters and law enforcement, as well as some of the

communications equipment.

“It’s one of the few remaining fire halls in the state of Wisconsin,” said Megan Meyer, the director of Superior Public Museums.

“Preserving history is really important especially now that people can look things up online so much and there is still a way for people to get to places in person and actually experience it,” said Meyer.

The museum offers self-guided tours for anyone who is looking to learn more about the history of The Old Firehouse and Police Museum. The museum is located at 402 23rd. Avenue East. More information can be found on the Superior Public Museum’s website.



COMM 304 class at Old Firehouse and Police Museum  
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