

# SPORTS

## UWS Hosts Volleyball All Star Game

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UW-Superior hosted the annual Wisconsin vs. Minnesota High School volleyball All-Star game, sponsored by Kern and Kompany. The All-Star teams are composed of the top high school girl volleyball athletes from northern Wisconsin and Minnesota.



Wisconsin vs. Minnesota High School volleyball All-Star game sponsored by Kern and Kompany in the Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium in the MWC.

Photo By Iaiah Wiita

Kern and Kompany selected UW-Superior to host this event because of the familiarity of the facilities for team Wisconsin and the proximity to team Minnesota.

This event brings awareness to the accomplishments of these volleyball players from the area while allowing them to play on a collegiate court. Not only does an event like this bring awareness to girls' high school

volleyball, but it also has benefits for the UWS campus as well.

“We get to claim being the home court for this event and the home space. The revenue comes into campus recreation to maintain the facility as well,” said Krisi Patterson director of campus recreation. A few of these facility maintenance items included the equipment, locker rooms, and the gym floor. The intent was for the All-Star game

to be hosted every other year by UWS and the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Since 2016, UWS has been apart of hosting this event and hopes to continue to bring this event to campus. “I am so glad that we get to host it every year and we pretty much have become the site,” said Patterson.

Minnesota trailed 2-1 before coming back for the 3-2 five-set victory.

## Yellowjackets Host Family Fun Days

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The Marcovich Wellness Center has brought a new opportunity for families to the UW-Superior campus.

Starting this past October, once a month from 9 a.m. to Noon, UW-Superior athletics has been hosting a free and open to the public event in the Dr. Lydia C. Thering Fieldhouse. There are countless activities going on throughout the fieldhouse including basketball, volleyball, soccer, crafts, and even some!

Director of Athletics Nick Bursik hopes the event will help, “This event is really about serving our community, we know that in our area there is a need for free family activities, and we are excited to bridge that gap with al-

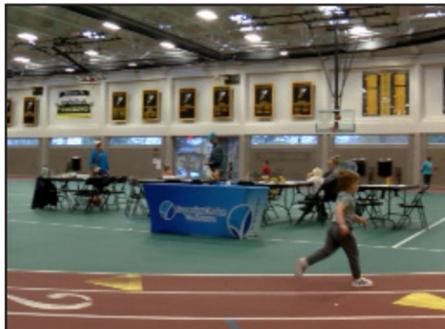
lowing community members to come to campus, play with our athletes and have some fun.”

Bursik added that the new event would not be possible without their partnership with Superior Choice Credit Union. So far the reception has been well received with over a hundred people attending the event. Bursik believes once the winter hits more families will look to take advantage of the indoor activity.

With many of the student athletes volunteering being education majors they not only get a chance to spend time with the com-

munity but use the opportunity to benefit them as they begin to move into their future careers.

Everyone who attends the free event receives an autograph card, a free scoop of custard from Culvers, and a youth ticket to any Yellowjacket sporting event. The next Yellowjacket Family Fun Day is taking place on Saturday, Dec. 9 with the UWS baseball and softball teams.



Kids enjoy Yellowjacket Family Fun Days  
Photo By Jenner Graff

## Esports Team Looks for Spring Start

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A new competitive esports team will be coming to the University of Wisconsin-Superior and preparations are already underway to launch the program forward in the immediate future.

With the team planning to begin play for select titles as early as the Spring 2024 semester, co-head coach Brady Stocker believes that a smaller launch of the team early on will lay the groundwork for future success.

“We feel good about one or two titles already,” said Stocker. “Rocket League, that’s going to be our guinea pig to start and if we can run that right, we really want to expand all the other titles.”

With games like Call of Duty, Valorant, and others on the horizon for the school, the team is not just focused on those with prior talent at each title, as Stocker and company are creating an inclusive space for those of all skill levels looking to try their hand at esports.

“You can be brand new and wanting something new if you’re a beginner at it, you don’t have to be a superstar,” said Stocker.

“That’s the beauty in this thing, whereas other things across campus you know, maybe you have to be really good at it and then you get your opportunity, you can be a beginner and become a

part of this esports family.”

UWS Esports will be moving into an “esports lab” in one of the main buildings on campus.

Students can expect to see changes and developments with the chosen space after winter break, with the university’s first team, Rocket League, beginning play in the Spring semester.



UWS Esports Co-Head Coach Will Taft and Network Administrator Ryan Jahnke.  
Photo By Xavier Walt

## Six Yellowjackets Earn United Soccer Coaches All-Region Honors

### Men’s Soccer

Junior Defender

Josh Bellamy

Senior Mid-

fielder Felipe

Oliveira

Senior Defender

Alex Hanson

### Women’s Soccer

Junior Defender

Brenna Mattson

Senior Forward

Niya Wilson

Senior Midfielder

Lindrey Schendel



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UWS Promethean

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Photo from Promethean TV

## COMMENTARY | Finding the Right Fit

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As the semester wraps up for me this year the feeling is different than any winter semester. With graduation within reach there’s many memories to look back on but the one that sticks out the most is my decision to transfer from UW-Eau Claire to the school close to home that I originally overlooked.

Once at UW-Superior I found help in many forms as the faculty, teachers, and people on the campus we’re so open to assisting me. However, two staff members stick out with the impacts they made in helping me find my potential.

The first blessing came when I was in Swenson Hall and came across “The Promethean” I read a couple stories before I got to the back page and an ad on the back read “Like Sports? Sport writers wanted.” I went to the office a day later and I was apart of the Promethean crew.

There, through the Promethean I met a mentor, teacher, advisor, motivator and most importantly someone who gave me the confidence

that I could attain my dreams.

Tom Hansen not only pushed me to be the best I could be but he gave me the space to trust my own creative instincts when it came to writing for the paper or our latest endeavor with Promethean TV.

Tom also introduced me to Jon Garver, who I would call my “professional blessing”. Working for Jon on the Yellowjacket Athletics gave me someone to watch and learn from on how to work professionally (even though I’m sure Jon would tell you I still have a long way to go, hopefully one of these days I remember to clock out...).

The next three years were spent living my dream of working in sports, whether that was interviewing athletes and coaches, working stats for the teams, or learning what great teams do behind the scenes.

Thanks to Tom, Jon and all the helpful UWS staff, I was able to turn the opportunities they gave me into many different skills and positions outside of school that will help me in all my future endeavors.

Much like the stories in our papers, my stories at UWS will now conclude but will always be a part of my journey.