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eSport Lab Grand Opening Welcomes Casual & Competitive Gaming

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A new era of club athletics has begun on campus, as the University of Wisconsin-Superior's all new gaming lab opened its doors to the public for the first time.

The grand opening of the lab, which is located in room 1019 inside Swenson Hall on the UWS campus, took place on Thursday, March 28, with a large congregation of students and press members who were all curious to view the new space ahead of the full launch of the esports program in the coming fall semester.

"It makes you speechless, honestly," said UWS Esports Co-Head

Coach Brady Stocker on the completion of the lab, which had been under construction for the full Spring semester to this point. "The graphics turned out awesome, everything in the lab is awesome, and it honestly was a pretty quick turn around from when we started it. It's really spectacular."

While the full launch of the esports program will take place in the upcoming Fall with games such as League of Legends, Valorant, and Super Smash Bros, the team has already begun testing the competitive esports waters with its first title: Rocket League.



The computer lab in Swenson has been undergoing renovations since the Fall 2023 semester. This renovated space will be another space for students to relax in between classes.

Photo by Drew Kerner

The UWS Esports Rocket League team is currently 6-1 in the Wisconsin Collegiate Rocket League (WCRL), and according to Club Vice President and Rocket League team member Jasen Bruzek, representing the Yellowjackets on the state and national levels is as cool as it gets.

"It's so surreal, seeing it all come to fruition and how big it is too," said Bruzek. "We have really good computers and it's so extensive, and

it's like a gamer's fever dream to do it."

The program has primarily focused on establishing itself as a welcoming space for all UWS students in its infancy, which makes the team's 6-1 record and 4-0 start to the year that much more astounding.

"It's absolutely incredible," says Club President Martin Jezierski. "To hear the Rocket League team going 6-1 in our first season is just astounding to me. The colleges that UW-Superior was going up against have had an esports organization for some time, and for

us to just kind of go in there and dominate the playing field has been really, really great to see."

The gaming lab will be open to all UW-Superior students in the upcoming weeks, with dates and times to be determined. Aside from the gaming stations, the lab also plans on hosting campus events like Mario Kart tournaments and other video game related activities in the future.

The Rocket League team will round out their WCRL regular season on April 8, with a match against UW-Green Bay Varsity.



On the lab's computers, students play a variety of games like Rocket League, League of Legends, Valorant, ect.

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Yellowjackets' Pomp and Circumstance

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As another semester ends, this school has to say goodbye to wonderful students. Eligible seniors to graduate this spring have already been notified through their UWS email for information about claiming their tickets. Tickets needed to be claimed by Mar. 29, the same day as any RSVP's the event on May 18.

"It's been a long haul, it's a lot of work to get there, but just remembering that you're so close. There is just a few weeks left and they've got this and just being able to celebrate their accomplishments. It's really great

we have this activity at the end of the semester," said Jen Bird, the assistant dean of students. Bird was a UWS graduate and looks forward for all graduates eyeing up their next steps.

Seniors are encouraged to attend the Grad Fairs in the YU Atrium on April 8 & 9, at 11 a.m. At the event, you can pick up tickets, honor cords, confirm your address to receive your diploma, converse with alumni from UWS, and connect with the LINK Center about post-graduation, talking about what's next.

If you're unable to attend, you're able to pick up

your tickets in the Registrars' office in Old Main 139.

UWS' graduation ceremony is taking place May 18 at 2 p.m. Doors at Wessman Arena will open at noon and students should be checked in and lined up by 1:30 p.m. Professional photography will be present at the graduation.

More information about graduation is to follow, graduating seniors are encouraged to check their UWS email and contact Jennifer Bird, at JBIRD@uwsuper.edu, for more questions or information.



Since Jan. 2, 2024, SWEN 1043 sits home to the new 24/7 computer. Inside sits 21 computers and two printers, with white board and table space.

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Graduating students can pick up frames for their diplomas from the UWS bookstore.

Photo by Carter Lansdale



April 2 had the return of the refugee exhibit. Student from Dr. Khalil (Haji) Dokhanchi's class walked campus and community members through the struggles that refugees face while trying to search for a better life.

Photo contributed by Dr. Khalil (Haji) Dokhanchi

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