

# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## Have You Done Your 2023 Taxes Yet?

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Superior students scrambling to file their taxes last minute have some free options in the Duluth-Superior area.

Community Action Duluth is a Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) through the IRS. It offers free tax returns with both walk-ins and appointments available.

Walk-in sessions are available on Sun 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Mon. 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Tue 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Thu 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments are available Tue 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thu 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The appointment phone number is 218-726-1665 and services end on Apr. 8. Community Action Duluth can be found at 2424 W. 5th St., Duluth, MN, 55806.

Sasha Choporov, tax site coordinator at Community Action Duluth, recommends students come prepared with the right forms to maximize their tax returns.

“Students should bring a copy of their social security card, a valid ID, and W2 forms. They should also look for a 1098-T, which is a tuition



Tax season deadline is by April 15, 2024, for all federal tax returns and payments.

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statement they should get from their college, and a 1098-E, which is an interest statement they should get from their loan servicer if they are paying interest on student loans. They can also file previous years with us, as far back as 2020,” Choporov said.

Choporov also advised that students with children can take advantage of the Minn. child tax credit, up to \$1,750 per child. If they have resided in Minn. for a full 12 months, they are eligible for the full tax credit. Parent students who resided in Minn. for part of the year are eligible for a partial tax credit.

Minn. residents also should have received a \$260 rebate last year and a corresponding 1099-MISC form from the Minn. Department of Revenue this tax season, as long as they were not claimed as dependents on anyone else’s return in

2021 and filed their 2021 tax return by the April 15, 2022, deadline.

“People need to take advantage of these credits, or the money goes back to the IRS and the state. It’s great for college students to file,” said Choporov.

Northwest Community Service Agency, Inc. (NWCSA) in Superior, Wis., is another VITA program and offers free tax returns to low and middle-income residents in the Duluth-Superior area. To schedule an appointment at the Superior location, call 715-392-5127. At the time of writing, a representative from NWCSA could not be reached for comment.

For more information about Community Action Duluth, visit their website at communityactionduluth.org. For more information about NWCSA visit northwest-csa.org.

## SGA Elections Nears

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Voting season is among us on campus. As the University of Wisconsin-Superior’s Student Government Association spring election nominations are open from March 25 through April 8 at noon.

The SGA’s goal is to ensure students enrolled at this university are represented by their academic department and interests. The SGA plays a prominent role in giving the students a voice, having their needs met, and to keep UWS in accordance with the students.

As stated in an earlier interview with fellow Promethean reporter, Xavier Walt, Daniela Castiblanco, the current SGA president, “Different backgrounds, different socioeconomic statuses, different religions, everything, but all of us have the same goal. To promote these rights in the university context.”

Nominations for the spring SGA elections are a process in which UWS students can enroll themselves in or nominate someone else, if they are currently enrolled as a student at UWS.

Student nominees should consider mar-

keting and campaigning if they plan to win. If elected, another SGA staff member will assign their roles.

“If you start advocating for others, you don’t need to be a politician. You just need to be a leader for the community and of the community. You just need to be part of the world. That’s what we need in today’s world,” said Castiblanco. “In the 21st century, we need people who just want to advocate for others and not people who want to just have this ambition of power and have this power position now.”

The SGA is an important organization on campus as they allocate money towards every campus organization who then hosts majority of the events for UWS students and community to attend and participate in.

It’s important to nominate and be involved on campus in the annual SGA election. The nomination period will close by April 8 at noon. If interested email the SGA at senate@uwsuper.edu.

The SGA holds meetings every week at varying times in YU 156. Check the campus calendar to stay up to date.

## Need Help With Your Writing?

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Students who are seeking to improve their writing, whether it be academic or creative, can spend thirty minutes of their time with a consultant through the University of Wisconsin-Superior’s Writing Center.

An appointment can be created online, and depending on the consultant, the appointment can be face-to-face, online, or both. Students can choose specifically what they wish to work on, from defining a thesis to documentation and citation.

Taylor Brockmeier, a student who majors in English and Writing, is one of the consultants from the Writing Center. She said that she has pretty much seen everything when it comes to the variety of subjects that students bring in and that many of them come from science and psychology courses and are not ex-

clusive to just writing or English topics.

“When a student comes in, we don’t just see one specific thing,” Brockmeier said further on the variety of work she has helped with before, with most papers hovering around the line of academic vs creative, which Brockmeier said that creative pieces are more common in portfolios.

Eloree Hailu, another consultant, said the same, as academic pieces are more widely encountered by them, especially during the fall classes.

“It can be overwhelming with the amount

of appointments we get, like last semester,” Hailu said.

When asked about what it takes to become a consultant, Hailu said that completion of the Academic Writing course with a grade higher than a B+ would allow them to submit a paper to the writing center’s director, which further submissions and work will determine if they are accepted.

Both Brockmeier and Hailu highly recommended the Writing Center to those who have not yet visited and offer to be an extra pair of eyes for those who need insight.



The Writing Center can be found in Swenson Hall

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## Wisconsin Primaries

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Tuesday, April 2, 2024 was the Wisconsin Spring and Presidential Preference election.

If you don’t know where to start with voting or simply have a question, there’s a resource on the University of Wisconsin-Superior campus that can help.

Jackets Vote is a program through the LINK Center at UWS that helps students with all things voting.

Katelyn Baumann, the outreach program manager for the LINK Center, said that they help students with all kinds of inquiries.

Jackets Vote can help with things like registering to vote, finding out where their polling place is, and what to expect when going to the polls.

Baumann said that international students can utilize the LINK Center and Jackets Vote, too.

While international students may not be able to vote in elections in the United States, there are other ways to get involved and learn about the democratic process.

Other than the Election Day event, the LINK Center office is open and available to assist students Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The LINK Center office is located at Swenson Hall, Room 1061. Jackets Vote is a non-partisan program.

The interns and employees help students find information and resources to educate themselves on topics and candidates before going to vote.