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Walz delivers his remarks in Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium on the UW-Superior campus to a crowd of 1,400 people on Sat. Sept. 14. Photo by Jon Pearson | The Promethean

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers Visits UWS, Part of Back-to-School Tour

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Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers visited UW-Superior on Monday Sept. 16, just two days after Minnesota Governor & Vice President Candidate Tim Walz campaigned at the Markovich Wellness Center.

Gov. Evers' visit was part of his back-to-school tour of all the UW System campus' which highlighted his proposal to increase funding to state colleges and universities by a record \$850 million—the largest increase in for the UW System in the state's history.

Evers started his Back-to-School tour at UW-La Crosse on Monday morning, before arriving to Superior by 3 p.m.

In just the last year, the Universities of Wisconsin has shut down five UW branch campus, carried out numerous layoffs, and restructured operations on a portion of Universities of Wisconsin campuses.

"My goal is to also make sure people understand how important state funds for the smallest camps to our largest campus has to be better right now," said Wisconsin (D) Gov. Tony Evers. "We're 43rd in the nation, I think, in state support for our public universities and that's really close to being last."

According to the State Higher Education Finance Report, Wisconsin ranked 42nd in for public funding for four-year colleges in 2022. According to an April 2023 report, in 2021 Wisconsin ranked 43rd nationally for per-student funding. Despite the low ranking in support of four-year colleges and universities, Wisconsin ranks fifth nationally in support of technical colleges.

During his visit, Gov. Evers met with UWS students to talk about the importance of supporting and funding their education.

In August, the Board of Regents approved an agency budget request that met with the governor's proposed investments for the Universities of Wisconsin. The governor has committed to his request that now awaits final approval by the Board of Regents.

Gov. Evers continued his Back-to-School Tour at other Universities of Wisconsin campuses. Gov. Evers made additional stops at K-12 schools along the way.

Minnesota Governor & VP Candidate Tim Walz Held Rally at UW-Superior, Targeting Swing States

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Governor of Minnesota and Vice Presidential candidate of the Democrat Party Tim Walz visited the UW-Superior campus on Sept. 14 on his campaign tour. The event was held at the Marcovich Wellness Center and inside of Mertz Mortorelli Gymnasium.

Walz talked about the policies that if elected he and Vice President Kamala Harris would enlist to benefit the American people while also disparaging former President and Republican GOP nominee

Donald Trump's plan for America. Walz added in reference to his running mate that, "In her entire professional career, she's had one client: the American people."

Wisconsin is a crucial swing state in the election that is up for grabs by both parties in the election. With polls showing razor thin margins in the state, Walz aimed at grabbing those votes. Especially in Douglas County, which went to President Joe Biden in the 2020 Presidential election.

Other speakers at the event included Superior's

mayor Jim Paine and Walz' wife Gwen, but introducing the governor was Isabella Lyste, a sophomore History major at UW-Superior. Lyste says that it was a total surprise that she would be introducing the Governor. "On Thursday I was asked if I wanted to participate in the rally at all and I thought it would be as a volunteer," said Lyste.

From there, Lyste found out that she would be speaking Friday morning and got her speech later that night. Lyste found out she would actually be introducing the

governor the morning of the event. "It was a huge honor to be up on stage with him as I have so much respect for what he has done for Minnesota," said Lyste.

In the crowd among the estimated 1,400 people in attendance for the rally was Justin Esala. Esala, in his senior year at UWS, says that the visit was important due to the locality of Superior to Minnesota and targeting a younger demographic of voters. "As you're getting younger voters on campus, it is important to reach them

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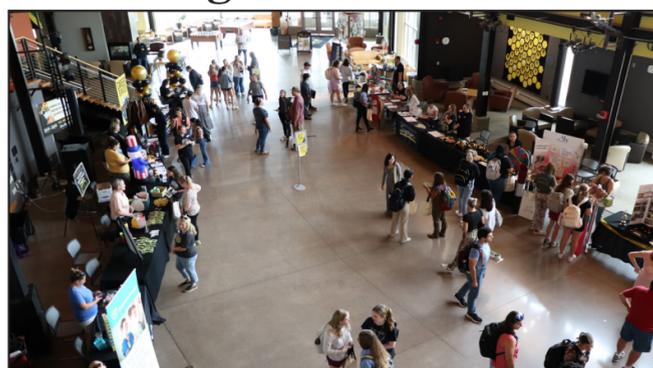
2024 Election Woes Weigh on Students

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As the 2024 presidential election nears, the political strain is shared between students and faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Our campus's atmosphere is expected to change, and as the election inches closer, students share their perspectives.

"Election year provides students with a window into what an election really looks like," said Alisa Von Hagel, professor of political science at UW-Superior. Von Hagel explained the uniqueness of Superior's political climate, saying, "It's a swing state, so there's a lot of attention given to Wisconsin. It's becoming tighter, more evenly divided amongst Democrats and Republicans."

Students are prime exam-



Student Involvement held 'Jacket Fest on Thursday, Sept. 19 inside the Yellowjacket Union. More on the event on page 3. Photo by Evan Ludwig | The Promethean

ples of that political climate. "I've noticed that a lot of people don't want to talk to each other," said Timber Latvala, a sophomore at UWS. Latvala has observed heightened tension among her peers this semester regarding political conversations, noting their hesitancy to have civil discussions.

Election years present

new territory for student organizations, too. Isaac Hopke, president of UWS' chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, shared his perspective. "As [the election] approaches, we definitely ramp up our voice a little bit with what our beliefs are," Hopke said. "We don't endorse anybody, but we

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COMMENTARY | Covering High-Security Events as a First Time Reporter

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For a first time reporter like myself, the Minn. Gov. Tim Walz visit at the UWS on Sat., Sept. 14, was a big moment. The vice president candidate made the visit without the company of his runningmate Kamala Harris, but the turnout of 1,400 people was large none the less. I had never covered anything before the event, so reporting on something as big as a vice president candidate was a big step up from nothing.

When I took the Promethean for 1 credit this semester, I expected to be writing about small events happening on campus. Such as bingo nights and free food, not the governor of Minnesota.

When the team learned that Walz was coming, I was picked to be the reporter that met him at the airport and rode in the motorcade.

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