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Associate Vice Chancellor Harry Anderson presenting Kathy Christiansen a book of signatures and goodbye messages that were collected by students and UWS staff.

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Long-Time Chartwells Staffer Kathy Christiansen Retires

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Kathy Christiansen, or just Kathy to most students, is a beloved figure on the University of Wisconsin-Superior campus. If you've been to the Yellowjacket Union in the last year, you probably know who I'm talking about.

When grabbing food from the Union Cafe, Kathy was the first face you saw, and no matter what kind of day you were having, she was always there to cheer you up. Even when it seemed like there were hundreds of people that she talked to every day, she always seemed to remember everyone's name.

Her retirement party was held in the YU on October 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone was invited to

meet with Kathy, give their goodbyes, and share some cake and other desserts.

As a goodbye gift, Kathy was given a book filled with signatures and notes from hundreds of students and faculty wishing her a farewell. "Thank you so much," Christiansen said. "Even if it was just a hello, I always just tried to make your day better." Kathy proved over the years that even something as simple as a smile or a greeting can be enough to turn someone's day around.

Towards the end of the party, Kathy pointed out that she didn't live too far away and would always be here in the area. Even though UWS is sad to see her go, Kathy, and all that she's done, will not be forgotten.



UWS senior Dillion Krisik wears traditional regalia while showcasing the "Grass Dance." The dance originated from the Great Plains and both blesses and flattens the grass for a ceremony.

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UWS Native Nations Organization Holds Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration

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Communities across the country came together on Oct. 14 to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. The holiday has become a time for reflection, education, and recognition of the rich cultures and histories of our Native American tribes. Students at the University of Wisconsin-Superior celebrated Indigenous People's Day inside the Yellowjacket Union, welcoming cultural dances and practices onto campus.

Traditional native food and treats were provided for attendees. Students, families, and community members showed up to support and learn more about the Indigenous community.

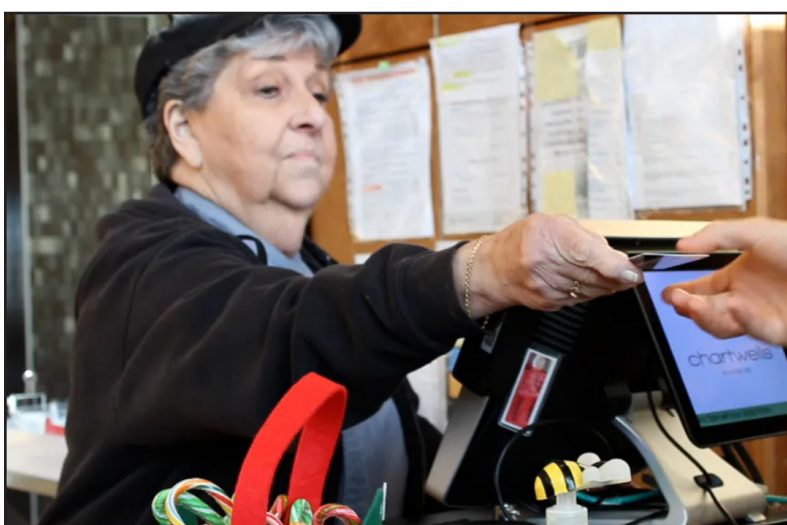
Multiple speakers shared openly about Native American struggles and relicensing at the event. UWS students Sami Keller and Dillion Krisik danced in traditional garments alongside the Native Expression Drum and Dance Troupe.

This year, the Drum and Dance group was a new addition; Indigenous youth performed traditional dances with music. Chills were sent down the audience's spine at each beat of the drum as the drummers sang in Ojibwe.

UWS was founded on land originally a part of the Anishinaabe people. Faculty member Dr. Maria Cuzzo, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at

UWS, recognized the importance of our campus' ancestry. "Often institutions simply read the statement, ask for a moment of silent acknowledgment, and get on with the business at hand. That is often called tokenism," said Cuzzo. "In the past, invisibility was one of the real problems that characterized the relationship; no one said anything, and that

"I feel very fortunate to have the role that I have, even though sometimes I don't feel like I'm the best candidate for it," said Stafford. "The University of Wisconsin-Superior shares in our goal to promote cultural diversity, and as such we are proud to complement their initiative to show respect for diverse cultures and multiple voices through our educa-



For years, Kathy checked students into the YU Cafeteria. Many students will remember Kathy for her generosity and compassion towards student lives and interests.

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Student Government Association Briefs

Resident Life Survey

In the upcoming weeks, the SGA will be conducting a survey to gauge how satisfied students are with things like the new SCCU soccer stadium, classroom sizes, and facilities on campus. Through this survey, SGA wants to know how they can better advocate for students.

'Jackets Connect Update

Student organization officers can now access their student org budgets. New this year, student officers can manage their budgets directly through 'Jackets Connect.

If you're interested in joining the Promethean, members meet every Tuesday & Thursday at noon.

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UWS Student Sami Keller performing the dance called "Fancy Shawl," with live music being played by the Native Expression Drum Troupe. The dance mimics the motions of a butterfly.

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was the real problem. We probably developed our land acknowledgment statement in 2018 to 2019 and use it consistently here at the university," said Cuzzo.

Indigenous Peoples' Day wasn't celebrated on campus until UWS Senior Dillion Krisik brought the idea up to campus faculty. Krisik, at the time, was the president of the Native Nations Student Organization but has since passed along the responsibility to co-presidents Sami Keller and Nathan Stafford.

tional opportunities.

In the interest of diversity of culture, thought, and experience, NNSO should be open to all students interested in joining and shall offer opportunities to all members to become leaders as they learn about, share, and experience areas of Indigenous ways of life," said Stafford. He is "0% Indigenous," but still was able to bring in a crowd as the event continues to grow more and more each year.

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